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and screened in patio. Fort Plain, NY **\$225,000**

202219280: This beautiful Italianate style home is situated on 3.8 acres with in-ground pool! Original details are present including wide plank floors, ornate trim, high ceilings, and unique spiral staircase. Large formal dining room, 2 woodstoves, a fireplace



202220635: A nice little spot for a camper with 250ft of beautiful road frontage. Electric at the road. drilled well and septic on property. Condition unknown. Jefferson, NY **\$14,500**



202221556: Dreaming of a small farm? You will fall in love with this charming farm of 31.4 acres! Perfect for beef, horses, sheep, goats, chickens, etc. It features a historical rustic farmhouse with 2 wood stoves for low heating costs! A 3-car garage with workshop plus an 8 x 10' walk-in cooler. The barn holds 800 bales of hay storage, several stalls and pens, a 40 x 60' quantum hut for storage, a large chicken coop and sheds. An added value with mixed hardwoods in the back for heating fuel and timber value. About 14 acres are currently tillable and pasturable. New septic tank and leach field & newer quality replacement windows. A single wide can be put back on an existing 14 x 70 slab with road frontage, drilled well, septic and power pole. A toll-free 40 min. commute to Albany! Carlisle, NY **\$315,000**



202221975: Home has new paint, flooring. only area not done is the upstairs, large bedrooms with plenty of storage. Laundry room in the basement with a laundry shoot from the 1st floor. yard completely fenced in 2 car garage with deck and back 3 season porch. Not in flood zone. This will be a great starter or forever home. Fort Plain, NY **\$140,000**



202222724: Relax on the front porch or enjoy a backyard view of the Otswago Creek. This 2 to 3 bedroom home features much of the original woodwork, a 7+ year newer metal roof on the main house, a Bosch high efficiency gas boiler unit, and new electric hot water heater (All on the first floor). The large kitchen has plenty of space to enjoy. Make one of the 3 rooms downstairs a spacious office, extra bedroom or family room. The laundry room in the back can be finished, but currently functions as a laundry/storage room. With some renovations and small repairs, it makes an energy efficient and comfortable home with that old style charm. Fort Plain, NY **\$58,000**



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202212470: Private old Farmhouse that was the old Stage coach Stop (Home Sweet Home Traveler's Rest) on a dirt road, property on both sides of the street. Sit on the front porch and watch the wildlife and the view, Ponds on the property one with Koi Fish the others have native fish, old apple orchard can be brought back to life, perennial landscaped yard. Large barn with loft for hay and could easily put stalls in to house horses for the weekend horses or year round gentleman's farm. The house has all original hardwood floors with built in cupboard. Attic is finished to make another bedroom. Just needs a little TLC. Mount Vision, NY **\$350,000**



202219368: Looking for easy first floor living? This home conveniently has everything you need on the main floor, with the option to use the upstairs as additional living space or storage! This home features a beautiful in ground pool, with access from both downstairs bedrooms. Enjoy your back deck with a cup of coffee in the morning or to get some shade after a long day spent in the pool. Great location, being just minutes away from Nathan Littauer Hospital as well as the local golf course! This one won't last long, call Listing Agent 2, to set up your showing today! Gloversville, NY **\$149,900**



20220891: Move in ready 3 bedroom/ one bath home located in the heart of Gloversville. Convenient first floor laundry as well as utility room/ office space. This home features a roof that is less than 5 years old, as well as a new tankless water heater and a new hot air furnace! Easy access to the bike trail and just minutes to Gloversville High School as well as Nathan Littauer Hospital. 101 W 8th Ave is included in the sale, ( 13414-14-3). Call today for your private showing! Gloversville, NY **\$98,500**



202221581: You'll fall in love with the classic details as soon as you enter this 1890's era brick home. Many of the architectural details have been restored or maintained throughout it's history. Ready to move in with a gorgeous wrap around front porch for relaxing or entertaining. The beautiful landscaping was designed for easy maintenance and backyard entertaining as well. The spacious floor plan includes a breakfast nook as well as a formal dining room. Located on a quiet side street in Canajoharie's East Hill. Canajoharie, NY **\$174,900**



20222245: Looking to invest? Come check out this fully rented 4 unit in the city of Gloversville. There is a short walk to shopping and an elementary school. Consists of -4 one bedroom units. 4 stoves. 4 refrigerators. Tenants pay gas & electric. Heat is included in their rental fee. Large basement, attic and garage. Gloversville, NY **\$145,000**



202222736: This home is bigger than it appears from the outside. It features an eat in kitchen, L shaped dining area and living room w/ fireplace, 2 bedrooms and a full bath down, 2 bedrooms and a full bath up, bonus finished room w/ fireplace in basement. Other cool features..pantry off the kitchen, laundry chute and vacant lot giving you plenty of space to enjoy. Fort Plain, NY **\$119,900**

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central a/c. Full basement and attached 1-stall garage. Herkimer, NY **\$158,900**

202220103: A very well maintained ranch home with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Interior freshly painted, and updated carpets. Sliding glass doors off your dining room leading to a back deck, new roof and



20220997: Charming 3br 1.5 bath home in the village of Fort Plain. Hardwood floors through out the home. Beautiful back yard and with a shed and extra storage. Great family home !! Fort Plain, NY **\$152,500**



20221921: A peaceful setting, 2 homes on one parcel on 16 private acres with a country charm. This spacious 2+ bed, 2 bath features a 19 x 22 great room addition that leads out to a sweet back patio area. An extra room upstairs makes a perfect sewing room, office or a 3rd bedroom. Relax with coffees on the front porch, the deck off of the upstairs bedroom, or the wooden porch off the addition. Escape for relaxation to the secluded granite in-ground pool located at the upper back yard. The additional 3 bed & 2 bath mobile home can be a rental of 1,100 a month to help pay the mortgage cost, or use as a 2nd family residence. It has it's own well and septic. It has been nicely remodeled with new baths, new flooring and appliances. There are also 3 garage spaces as an added bonus! Extremely quiet street! Little Falls, NY **\$335,500**



20222463: Move right in to this spacious two family home and let second apartment pay your mortgage. Lovely kitchens and baths. Laundry room in each apartment with washer & dryer included. Separate utilities. No garage but plenty of parking and 2 decent size sheds for individual storage. Nice back deck. Gloversville, NY **\$89,900**



20222786: This charming and beloved 'English Tudor Bungalow', is ready for its new owner. This home has gone through many updates in the past few years, including fresh exterior paint, a side porch & pergola, as well as a new driveway & sidewalk. Although updating has been done, this home has maintained its original touches, including the wood burning fireplace, hardwood floors and the built ins that are located in the living room as well as the walkway into the dining room. This home is truly a special find! Call today for your private showing, as this home will not last very long! Agent is related to seller. Gloversville, NY **\$135,000**



## The Old Forge Stomp comes to View with Martin and Kelly Band

Martin and Kelly Band is the featured performer for the Old Forge Stomp at View, the Center for Arts and Culture, on Aug. 6 starting at 5:30 p.m. with country line dancing lessons hosted and taught by radio personality and CMA Broadcast Award winner Kevin Richards from Big Country Radio 107.1. The Martin and Kelly Band perform at 6:30 p.m. Along with the Country Kickers leading the way, this should be a fun evening of dancing with appetizers from Mountainside Grill and a cash bar.

View will not be set up like a normal theatre performance. Instead, there will be chairs and tables surrounding a dance area in front of the stage.

Martin and Kelly Band's crossover-country sound bridges the gap between traditional

and mainstream country music. Jilly Martin and Ryan Brooks Kelly are rising stars in the country music scene, having recently opened for big names like Willie Nelson, Alabama, Bonnie Raitt and Brad Paisley. Martin and Kelly's compelling songwriting, dynamic vocal harmonies and stunning musicianship have them poised to make a major mark on the country music scene.

Tickets are \$20 for View members or \$30 for non-members and can be purchased by calling 315.369.6411 ext. 201 or online at ViewArts.org. Appetizers, provided by Mountainside Smokehouse and Grill, and a cash bar will be available. View is a dynamic Center for Arts and Culture located in the Adirondack region, located at 3273 State Route 28 in Old Forge.



Martin and Kelly Band is the featured performer for the Old Forge Stomp. Photos courtesy of View Arts



The Old Forge Stomp at View on Aug. 6 will include country line-dancing with radio personality Kevin Richards from Big Country Radio 107.1.

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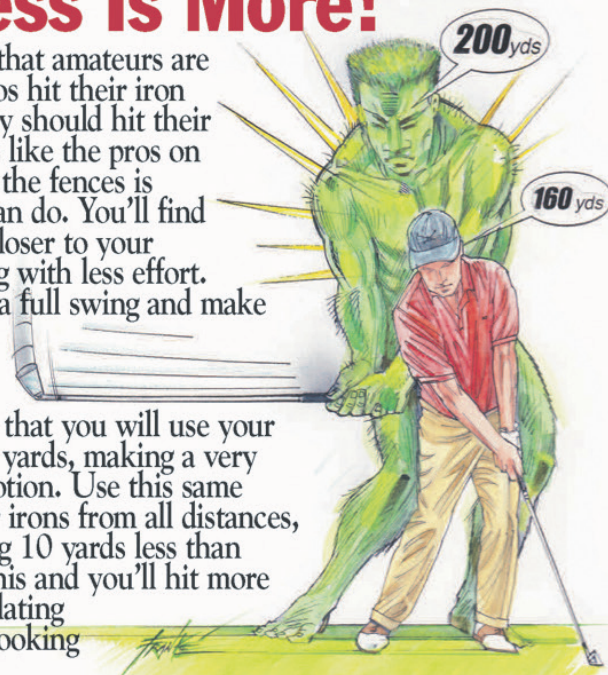
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## Less Is More!

It's understandable that amateurs are wowed by how far pros hit their iron shots. They think they should hit their 5-iron over 200 yards like the pros on TV. But swinging for the fences is the worst thing you can do. You'll find that you get the ball closer to your target when you swing with less effort. Let's say if you make a full swing and make perfect contact, you can hit a 5-iron 170 yards. Out on the course, make it a rule that you will use your 5-iron from only 160 yards, making a very smooth, controlled motion. Use this same swing force with your irons from all distances, with the goal of hitting 10 yards less than your maximum. Do this and you'll hit more greens, translating into a great-looking scorecard.



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 Frankie

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## Canajoharie to update its master plan

The Village of Canajoharie has recently started the process of updating its comprehensive plan (also called a master plan). Over the next several months, local officials will be soliciting feedback from residents using a variety of methods.

"A master plan is a document that provides direction on policy decisions about future land use and development," explained Planning Board Chair Kylie Ferguson. "With input from the community, it will help the Village Board and the Planning Board take a look at where the community has been, how it got to this point, where it wants to go in the future and how it can get there."

According to Mayor Jeff Baker, earlier this year the Village Board appointed a committee of local residents and community stakeholders, including Ferguson, to help guide the planning process. "The committee met for the first time in February and participated in a walking tour with a planning consultant and a team of downtown revitalization experts in early May," explained Baker. "The plan will focus on general issues like housing, transportation and infrastructure but will also include specific recommendations to revitalize the downtown business district and clean up the gateways into the village, which is a big priority."

The committee is working under the

guidance of Helen Budrock, a professional planner with the Albany-based Delaware Engineering, DPC. Delaware Engineering has partnered with Dadrus Architects and marketing consultant Michael J. Berne on the downtown revitalization strategy. "We hope to have a draft of the downtown revitalization strategy completed by the end of the summer so we can take advantage of some upcoming grant opportunities, but we are still very early in the process of updating the overall comprehensive plan," explained Budrock.

To inform the public and start getting community feedback and current issues and opportunities facing Canajoharie, a dedicated website has been created: CanjoTomorrow.com. The website includes information on the planning process, an interactive map, a blog with regular updates and a link to an online survey. Residents are encouraged to fill out the survey, which is also available in paper form at Village Hall for those who don't have access to a computer.

Survey responses will be collected until Aug. 31 and there are plans in the works for a community meeting sometime in late autumn where the results will be shared. Anyone with questions or who would like to be added to an outreach list for future updates should contact planning consultant Helen Budrock at [hbudrock@delawareengineering.com](mailto:hbudrock@delawareengineering.com).

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## Award-winning storytellers to perform at Schoharie Crossing

The Friends of Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site are excited to welcome award-winning storytellers Eileen Mack and Claire Nolan to perform during the 30th Annual Not Just for Kids Storytelling series. Their performance will take place July 31 at 6 p.m. outside the Schoharie Crossing Visitor Center in Fort Hunter.

Mack and Nolan will begin the series 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. Mack grew up in Ballston Lake. She has raised her family in the North Country and was a long-time educator. She has worked as a stringer for the local paper, as a TV weather reporter and is voiceover talent for Mountain Lake PBS in Plattsburgh. She left her public school career to return to the Capital District to be close to her children

and grandchildren. Whatever her role, storytelling has been the cornerstone.

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

The Not Just for Kids Storytelling series continues each Sunday evening as award winning storytellers from the region will perform tales of 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 from July 31 - Aug. 28 outside the Schoharie Crossing Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter.

This free series is rain or shine. Bring a lawn chair or

blanket to enjoy the outdoor performances. If raining, we will host performances inside the Enders House adjacent to the Visitor Center. Donations are always greatly appreciated and gladly accepted.

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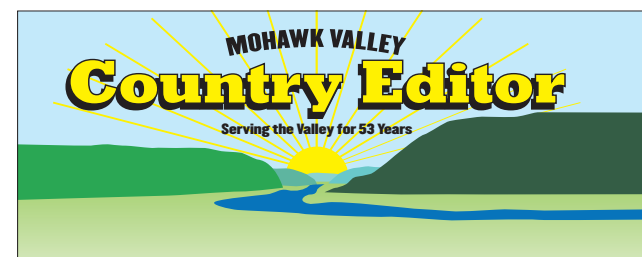
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Thousands of campsites litter the North American landscape, providing an opportunity for campers of all ages and interests to find a place to call home for a few days. Many campsites feature some spectacular scenery and other attractions that make them coveted spots to pitch a tent. Here's a look at a few camping locations that boast incredible views.

- Bartlett Clove Campground, Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska: This remote and stunning campground offers views of crystal blue glacial water with a thick forest that surrounds the shoreline. Visit in the summer when the days are long and warm.
- Hanakoa Campsite, Napali Coast State Wilderness Park, Kauai, Hawaii: The Napali Coast is recognized as one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world and camping here can feel like you're camping in paradise. Cliffs, waterfalls and streams make this location picturesque.
- Garden Key, Tortugas National Park, Florida: Tortugas National Park is a remote series of islands which are accessible after a two-hour ferry ride from Key West. It offers a tropical camping experience under mangrove trees, sitting on the edge of beautiful blue waters. Lighthouses and historic forts are adjacent, while one of the world's largest barrier reef systems can be steps from your tent.
- Jedediah Smith Campground, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, California: If you're intrigued by the opportunity

to camp beneath towering, ancient redwoods, look no further than this campground. Camp among the natural beauty with plenty of solitude and space. It's possible to spot black bear, river otters, bobcats and other indigenous animals while traversing 20 miles of hiking trails.

- Buttle Lake and Ralph River Campgrounds, Strathcona Park, British Columbia, Canada: Visitors can behold the view from Golden Hinde, the highest peak on Vancouver Island, which towers at 7,210 feet. Also worth checking out is Della Falls, the highest cascade in Canada, which requires a multi-day excursion by boat and foot. Soaring mountain peaks, waterfalls and rivers also are accessible within these campgrounds.
- Assateague Island, Maryland National Seashore: The scarcity of tree cover on the island offers nearly unblemished views of miles of ocean. Campers can enjoy herds of wild horses and the siren's call of the beach and ocean. While open year-round, late summer and early autumn are the most comfortable time for camping.
- Watchman Campground, Zion National Park, Utah: This campground is surrounded by rocky peaks, juniper woodlands and massive sandstone cliffs. Bike trails along the Virgin River and other

hiking opportunities help set this campground apart. Breathing sunsets also attract thousands of visitors to this area of the country.

Camping is made even more special when visitors spend time at a stunning campsite with awe-inspiring views.



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## Smullen to co-host third annual Salute to Service Veterans Appreciation Dinner

As a member of the Salute to Service Veterans' Coalition, Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM – Mecos) is inviting veterans, active duty service members and their families to join him at the annual Salute to Service Appreciation Dinner on Aug. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 NY-30, Gloversville. Salute to Service is a local organization which raises money for local veterans' initiatives and aims to empower, honor and connect veterans and their families.

"This is an opportunity for veterans and their families to get

together, share experiences and enjoy a night where they can be appreciated for the sacrifices they made for our country," Smullen said. "Without the bravery of these men and women, we would have no nation to celebrate."

The event is free to veterans, active service members and one guest. Register by Aug. 20 to attend using one of the following: visit [2022VetsDinner.rsvpify.com](https://2022VetsDinner.rsvpify.com); email [SalutetoService518@gmail.com](mailto:SalutetoService518@gmail.com); call Ashley or Michele at 518.762.5382; or visit [salutetoservice518.com](https://salutetoservice518.com).

# AUGUST

### 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> Chili Cauliflower Lima Beans Brownie	<b>2</b> Turkey Tetrazzini over Spaghetti Peas Cookie	<b>3</b> Ham & Cheese Pasta Salad Beet Salad Broccoli Salad Melon	<b>4</b> Chicken & Biscuits Mashed Potatoes Red Cabbage Pudding	<b>5</b> Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Stewed Tomatoes & Zucchini Sherbet
<b>8</b> Beef Tips over Rice Japanese Blend Vegetables Chef's Choice Pie	<b>9</b> Chicken Cacciatore Rotini in Sauce Italian Blend Vegetables Frosted Birthday Cake	<b>10</b> Cheddar Baked Fish Au Gratin Potatoes Spinach Pudding	<b>11</b> Omelet Sausage Patty Hash Browns Muffin • Fruit Cup	<b>12</b> Pulled Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Pears
<b>15</b> Swedish Meatballs Egg Noodles Pacific Blend Vegetables Lemon Cake with Glaze	<b>16</b> Turkey Salad Cold Plate Potato Salad Pickled Red Cabbage Kaiser Roll • Strawberry Shortcake	<b>17</b> Chicken Riggies Broccoli Garlic Roll Mandarin Oranges	<b>18</b> Lasagna Sonoma Blend Vegetables Zucchini Cookie	<b>19</b> Stuffed Pepper Casserole Brussel Sprouts Country Blend Vegetables Fruit Cocktail
<b>22</b> Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Peas Yogurt Whip	<b>23</b> Ham Salad Cold Plate 3-Bean Salad Cucumber Tomato Salad Kaiser Roll • Watermelon	<b>24</b> Pot Roast Potatoes Carrots Ice Cream	<b>25</b> Turkey Divan with Broccoli Sauce over Noodles Brussel Sprouts Fruit Crisp	<b>26</b> Hamburger on a Bun O'Brien Potatoes Corn Chef's Choice Dessert
<b>29</b> Pork Chop Stuffing Spinach Fruited Gelatin	<b>30</b> Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole Green Beans Beets Brownie	<b>31</b> Roast Beef & Cheddar Cold Plate Kaiser Roll Corn Salad Coleslaw • Fresh Fruit	<i>All Meals Served with Milk and Bread Daily.</i> <i>If you are not going to be home for a meal, please call the office at 315-867-1204 at least a day in advance.</i>	



<p><b>AMES</b>  <b>AMES - SPROUT BROOK UMC</b>  613 Latimer Hill Rd., Ames, NY 13317  518-673-3495  Pastor Jan Markle  Sunday Service 9 AM</p>	<p><b>NEW BEGINNINGS BIBLE CHURCH</b>  63 Cliff St., Canajoharie, NY 13317  Pastor Larry Alkinburgh  518-848-4816  pastor@newbeginningsbc.org  Sunday School 9:15 AM  Worship Service 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHNS'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>  <b>CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>  31 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville, NY  Phone 315-823-3410  Sunday Mass 9AM</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>  774 St. Hwy. 163, Fort Plain, NY  518-705-7552  Rev. David A. Johnson, Ph.D.  Sunday Worship 9 AM,  Sunday School 10 AM,  Ladies Aid W.E.L.C.A.  Handicapped Accessible</p>	<p><b>GLEN</b>  <b>GLEN REFORMED CHURCH</b>  State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen  4 miles South of Fultonville  glenreformed@nycap.rr.com  Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School  immediately following Children's Message</p>	<p><b>HERKIMER</b>  <b>HERKIMER REFORMED CHURCH</b>  102 Church St.  Phone 866-1523  Worship 9:30 AM  Shepherd's Table: Tuesday 11:30-12 PM</p>
<p><b>CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH</b>  Pastor Todd Lozier  Sunday AM Service 10 AM  Sunday School/Adult Small Groups 11:15 AM  Sunday Evening 6 PM  Wednesday PM Service 7 PM Via Zoom  email us for the link  Youth Group Sunday Evenings during the  school year.  Family Night - First Sunday Evening of the  month from Oct - May  7274 State Highway 10,  Ames, NY 13317  www.cornerstoneames.com  info@cornerstoneames.com  518-673-3405</p>	<p><b>CHERRY VALLEY</b>  <b>CHERRY VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b>  37 Alden St., Cherry Valley  607-264-3306  Pastor David Carpenter, Jr.  Sundays 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>EAST SCHUYLER</b>  <b>CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER</b>  Pastor Mark Sowersby  3659 Route 5, East Schuyler  Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  Wednesday Night 6:30 PM  Phone 315-895-0926  Christianassemblyofschuyler.com</p>	<p><b>REFORMED CHURCH OF FORT PLAIN</b>  165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339  518-993-4302  fortplainrca@yahoo.com  Rev. Nancy E. Ryan  Worship 11 AM,  AA meetings Mon. &amp; Tues. 7 PM,  Emergency Food Pantry 518-993-4302</p>	<p><b>HERKIMER</b>  <b>SS PETER and PAUL</b>  <b>ORTHODOX CHURCH</b>  Fr Vasil Dubee  &amp; Fr Dn Demetrius Richards  305 Main Rd., Herkimer  Phone 315-866-3272  Saturday Vespers -  5 PM (spring/summer months)  4 PM (fall/winter months)  Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Sundays</p>	<p><b>TRINITY EVANGELICAL</b>  <b>LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>  Corner of West German &amp; Henry Streets  Phone 315-866-6474  Sunday Worship Services  10 AM in person and virtually on Zoom,  YouTube &amp; Facebook  Bible Studies  Thursday mornings 10 AM on Facebook</p>
<p><b>AMSTERDAM</b>  <b>THE TIME FOR TRUTH MINISTRIES</b>  PO Box 351, Amsterdam, NY 12010  Phone 518-843-2121  Cell 518-774-8558</p>	<p><b>ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE</b>  <b>CATHOLIC COMMUNITY</b>  1 Church St., Cherry Valley  607-264-3779  Masses Sunday mornings  at 8:30 AM &amp; 11 AM</p>	<p><b>EPHRATAH</b>  <b>EPHRATAH REFORMED CHURCH</b>  140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY  To live and share Jesus Christ  both locally and globally.  Everyday. Everywhere. Everyone.  Pastor Jeff Hindritter  Sunday School for all ages  10 AM September-June  Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM  Prayer &amp; Praise Thursdays 7 PM</p>	<p><b>VICTORIOUS LIFE CHURCH</b>  <b>RMI FELLOWSHIP</b>  104 Main St. &amp; 431 St. Hwy. 80  Fort Plain, NY  518-993-3102  Sunday School 9 AM,  Morning Worship 10:30 AM,  Youth Group 5 PM,  Evening Worship 7-8 PM</p>	<p><b>TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH</b>  327 N. Prospect St.  Phone 866-4270  Friday 7 PM</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b>  <b>OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS</b>  317 Gros Blvd., East Herkimer  315-866-8095  Sunday Sacrament Meeting 10 AM  Sunday School/Primary 11 AM  - Visitors welcome -  Family History Center,  open by appointment</p>
	<p><b>GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>  24 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley  315-858-4016  Fr. Kyle Grennen, Rector  Holy Eucharist 11 AM  Sunday school 11 AM  Active youth group - call for details  Facebook: Grace Episcopal  Church Cherry Valley</p>				<p><b>ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH</b>  Rev. Mark Cunningham, Pastor  219 N. Bellinger St.  Phone 866-4282  Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM  Sunday Mass 8 AM</p>
				<p><b>FORT PLAIN UNITED</b>  <b>METHODIST CHURCH</b>  39 Center St., Fort Plain  Audie Miller,  Lay Supply Pastor  Church Office 518-993-3863  Kitchen 518-993-3464  ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11AM</p>	
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<p><b>CANAJOHARIE</b>  <b>CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b>  26 Moyer St., Canajoharie  518-673-3440  The Rev. Virginia L. Ogden, Rector  Sunday Worship 9:30 AM  with Communion  Church Email:  churchgoodshep26@gmail.com  Website:  www.churchgoodshepherd.com</p>					<p><b>CHURCH OF SAINTS</b>  <b>ANTHONY and JOSEPH</b>  229 S. Main St.  Phone 866-6373  Sunday Mass 10 AM  No Saturday Vigil</p>
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<p><b>ST. JOHN'S &amp;</b>  <b>ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>  143 Church St., Canajoharie  518-673-2224  Pastor A. Elisabeth Aurand  Remote &amp; In-Person Sunday Worship  11 AM;  email for link stjmc-canajoharie.org  office@stjmc-canajoharie.org</p>					<p><b>REDEEMER CHURCH</b>  Pastor Chris Schumske  838 W. German St.  Worship Service for adults &amp; children  8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM  with Ridgekids for the children  (0-5th grade)  Phone 866-0575</p>
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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 &amp; Community Kid's Bible Club 6:30 PM</p> <p><b>THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> <b>OF RURAL GROVE</b> 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"</p> <p><b>REFORMED CHURCH OF SPRAKERS</b> 112 Sprakers Hill Rd. Rev. Nancy Ryan Worship ~ 9 AM All Welcome!!!</p> <p><b>CURRYTOWN REFORMED CHURCH</b> 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</p> <p><b>RIVER OF JUBILEE CHURCH</b> 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 Visit us on Facebook</p> <p><b>SPRINGFIELD CENTER</b> <b>ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 7690 Rt. 80, Springfield Center 315-858-4016 Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge Sunday Eucharist, 9:30 AM Coffee - Fellowship follows service Holy Days - as announced</p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Springfield Center, NY Rev. Terence Brant 607-264-3035 Sunday School 10 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM</p> <p><b>ST. JOHNSVILLE</b> <b>BETHESDA FELLOWSHIP</b> 34 S. Division St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-2678 Summer Schedule Sunday Worship 10 AM Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 32 W. Main St., St. Johnsville, NY (next to NBT Bank) 518-568-3007 Church 518-568-2405 Parsonage Rev. David Johnson Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Tues. Bible Bungee-Jumping 7 PM, "Bible Study" that actually makes sense! A Vibrant, Welcoming Community of Faith &amp; Vision</p> <p><b>SEEKER'S FELLOWSHIP</b> 14 Park Place, St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-7700 • Pastor Mike Yezierski Sunday Worship 6 PM, Tues. Prayer 7 PM, Bible Study 7 PM (Wed., Thurs. &amp; Fri.) We teach the fullness of God's Word, a life of holiness for the believer, and salvation for all who trust in Christ's sacrifice.</p> <p><b>JOY FELLOWSHIP</b> 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</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH</b> 7 East Main St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Pastor Corey Jones 518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626 Worship Sunday 3 PM</p> <p><b>EVERLASTING JOY</b> <b>BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP</b> 14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fellowship) St. Johnsville, NY 13452 315-858-2112 • Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10 AM</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH</b> 68 W. Main St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7396 Faithfully Following Jesus Christ Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</p> <p><b>GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> Pastor Michael Torres 20 Center St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-775-0366 Email gccpcastor2021@gmail.com</p> <p><b>STRATFORD</b> <b>STRATFORD UNITED</b> <b>METHODIST CHURCH</b> 1511 State Route 29A Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Broadcast on 95.9 FM within 2 miles of church</p> <p><b>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114 Stratford, NY 13470-0114 315-429-8854 • Pastor Martin Smith Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM; Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6 PM; 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday Dinner following Morning Service with Afternoon Service following dinner "Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching"</p> <p><b>TRIBES HILL</b> <b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 111 3rd Ave., Tribes Hill 518-829-7301 Mass Saturday 4 PM</p>
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August 2022						
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Holidays						

## JULY 25-29

**Week 4 of Camping Season for Christian Lake Bible Conference.** Our chapel service time is 7:30 Monday-Friday. Ephraim Stolzhus, 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.

**Arc Herkimer Summer Concert Series** 6 p.m. - Max Scialdone Band. For more information, contact Jackie Lewis at 315.574.7525 or find us on Facebook at @ArcHerkimer.

## JULY 29-30

**Canajoharie-Fort Plain-OESJ Summer Drama Club presents Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn"** on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday 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.

## 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.

**Pierogi and Golumbki Sale** 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 324 Moore Ave., Herkimer. Pierogi sell for \$8 a dozen and Golumbki \$30 a dozen, \$15 a half dozen or three-piece for \$7.50. All fully cooked.

**West Schuyler United Methodist Church Rummage Sale** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 297 Wood Lane, West Schuyler. Food and drink available for purchase, baked goods, prayers & blessings free for all.

## 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.

September 2022						
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Holidays						
5th - Labor Day 11th - Patriot Day 22nd - Fall Begins						

## AUGUST 2

**Trail Tuesdays** event 6 - 8 p.m. Otsego County locations TBD. Are you interested in helping maintain walking trails in the county? Sign up at [tinyurl.com/4r4vnsbm](https://tinyurl.com/4r4vnsbm)

## AUGUST 3

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

**Arc Herkimer Summer Concert Series** 6 p.m. - Scot Raymond. For more information, contact Jackie Lewis at 315.574.7525 or find us on Facebook at @ArcHerkimer.

## AUGUST 4

**Free Child Safety Seat Check** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The County's Public Safety Garage, 200 Clark Drive, Fultonville. For more information you may contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531.

## 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 canceled** due to lack of participation.

**Frankfort Hill Community Day** at the Corner of Higby and Albany Rds., in Frankfort. Hosted by Frankfort Hill Fire Dept., Frankfort Hill Historical Society and Town of Frankfort Highway Dept. Events: \$12 Chicken Barbecue - 11 a.m. until sold out. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, Historic School Tours, and Craft Fair. Fishing Derby (10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Town Garage).

**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](mailto:director@jypcanajoharie.org) or 518.816.9530 or [Facebook.com/JYPCanajoharie](https://facebook.com/JYPCanajoharie)

**Old Forge Stomp** 5:30 p.m. at View, the Center for Arts and Culture at 3273 State Route 28, Old Forge. Martin and Kelly Band is the featured performer. Evening starts at 5 with country line-dancing lessons hosted and taught by radio personality Kevin Richards from Big Country Radio107.1. Tickets are \$20 for View members or \$30 for non-members and can be purchased by calling 315.369.6411 ext. 201 or online at [www.ViewArts.org](http://www.ViewArts.org).

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Holidays						
10th - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day 31st - Halloween						

**Rabies Vaccination Clinic** 9-11 a.m. at Rural Grove Fire Department, 1192 Rt. 162, Rural Grove. For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531 or your veterinarian.

## 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 [smaxon@herkimer-boces.org](mailto:smaxon@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](http://canalcelebration.com) or [facebook.com/canalplacelittlefalls](https://facebook.com/canalplacelittlefalls)

## AUGUST 9

**Stratford Seniors Meeting** 11:30 a.m. at the Stratford Town Hall. All are invited. The meeting starts with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer. We then have our lunch. This month is bring your own lunch with dessert and beverages supplied. Preparations for the September Car Show will be discussed.

**Trail Tuesdays** event 6 - 8 p.m. Otsego County locations TBD. Are you interested in helping maintain walking trails in the county? Sign up at [tinyurl.com/4r4vnsbm](https://tinyurl.com/4r4vnsbm)

## 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.

**Presentation on Our Lady of Knock Shrine and Father Patrick Peyton** 7 p.m. at Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley - Museum, 623 Columbia St., Utica. Presenter is Patty Foley from Old Forge. There is no charge to attend, but sign up via [Eventbrite.com](https://Eventbrite.com) or by calling 315.827.4291.

## 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

**Craft & Indoor Sale** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., Ilion. To reserve a table call 315.894.9041 and leave message.

**Brooks' Chicken BBQ** at Church of Christ Uniting, 22 Church Street, Richfield Springs. Brooks' BBQ chicken halves will \$8 by pre-order only. Proceeds will benefit programming at the Richfield Springs Community Center. Drive through pickup begins at 12 noon. To reserve a time slot call Carla at 315.858.1451 by Aug. 12.

## AUGUST 13-14

**Chicks Along the Canal.** Visit [www.chicksalongthecanal.com](http://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.

**Unity Service** at 6 p.m. in Hazlett Park, Fort Plain. Eight churches sponsor this summer get-together.

## AUGUST 15

**The Mohawk Homestead Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser** at MV Golf and Event Center. 8:30 a.m. registration. 10 a.m. tee off. 18 holes, lunch, dinner, raffles and contests. Teams: \$400. Individuals: \$100. Checks payable to: The Mohawk Homestead Golf Fundraiser, 62 East Main St., Mohawk, NY 13407. Credit Cards accepted day of event. Information: Deb Marley 315.558.9788.

## 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.

**Vacation Bible School "Sheep and the Savior"** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at White Park, Moyer St. Canajoharie for children entering grades 1-7. Free breakfast and lunch will be brought to the park from the elementary school. Six local churches are leading the Bible lessons, music, crafts and games. Teens and adults are welcome to meet together at Good Shepherd Church on Moyer Street during the mornings. Email [fhchurch19@gmail.com](mailto:fhchurch19@gmail.com) or call 516.673.5128 to register.

## AUGUST 16-18

**Herkimer County Fair** at 135 Cemetery Street in Frankfort. For further questions, Complete rules and applications, call 315.895.7464, mail to PO Box 47 Frankfort NY 13340 or email [website@www.HerkimerCountyFair.org](mailto:website@www.HerkimerCountyFair.org).

## AUGUST 17

**Concerts In The Park series** 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. Cincinnati Creek: Featuring Blue Grass.

## AUGUST 19

The Friends of German Flatts Town Park presents **Polish Night** 5-9 p.m. Music by Tony's Polka Band. Polish food will be available. No admission charge. Music will be in the pavilion. Bring lawn chairs. Take-outs available. Further information contact: Carol Vercz at 315.866.6791 or email: [pvercz@twcnyny.rr.com](mailto:pvercz@twcnyny.rr.com)

## AUGUST 20-21

**Lazy 8 Radio Control Club 36th Annual Model Airplane Air Show** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 144 Knoblauch Road, Johnstown. Visit [www.lazy8rcclubjohnstownny.com](http://www.lazy8rcclubjohnstownny.com).

## AUGUST 21

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

## AUGUST 24

**Concerts In The Park series** 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Spring Park U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs. Rylee Lum Band: Keepin' It Country

## AUGUST 25

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

**Third Annual Salute to Service Veterans Appreciation Dinner** 4 p.m. at the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 NY-30, Gloversville. Event is free to veterans, active service members and one guest. Register by Aug. 20 to attend using one of the following: Web: [2022VetsDinner.rsvpify.com](https://2022VetsDinner.rsvpify.com). E-mail: [SalutetoService518@gmail.com](mailto:SalutetoService518@gmail.com) Call: Ashley or Michele at 518. 762.5382. Visit: [www.salutetoservice518.com](http://www.salutetoservice518.com).

## AUGUST 26

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

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## Bassett Healthcare Network and CEO agree to early contract extension

Bassett Healthcare Network and Dr. Tommy Ibrahim have mutually and enthusiastically agreed to an early contract extension on the occasion of the president and CEO's highly productive two-year anniversary leading the pioneering Central New York medical, research and education system.

"I am so grateful for this opportunity to continue our mission-critical efforts to lead Bassett into the future and to continue serving our community with superb healthcare services. This region is my home now and the place where my wife and I want to raise our children and receive our own care," said Ibrahim. "Since coming to Bassett in the summer of 2020, I have been impressed by the quality of the caregivers and practitioners who expertly and caringly serve our patients, day in and day out. There is so much left to accomplish here, but most importantly, I am determined to see our transformation through, to becoming the best employer in the region. Our 5,000 employees deserve no less."

"Dr. Tommy Ibrahim has had a remarkably successful initial run at Bassett at a time when healthcare executives across the nation have been confronted by significant market turmoil and challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic which broke out at about the time of his arrival," said Bassett Healthcare Network Board of Directors Chair Doug Hastings. "Dr. Ibrahim has exceeded our expectations which were already high when he agreed to come to Cooperstown with his family," added Hastings, a national expert in healthcare policy and law who has chaired Bassett since 2019.

"Dr. Ibrahim has championed a number of visionary initiatives that have positioned our network well for growth and financial stability while advancing our mission to improve patient health and community well-being," Hastings said. "Tommy's strategic vision, work ethic and calm resolve have been of immeasurable value."

Ibrahim was named Bassett Healthcare Network's president and CEO on July 13, 2020 after a nationwide search. At the time of his selection by Bassett, Ibrahim was the executive vice president, chief physician executive for Oklahoma-based INTEGRIS. INTEGRIS is ranked as one of the top 25 healthcare systems in the nation.

Jane Forbes Clark, chair of the Bassett Medical Center



Dr. Tommy Ibrahim, Bassett Healthcare Network's president and CEO (l) and Doug Hastings, Bassett Healthcare Network's Board of Directors chair.

Photo courtesy Bassett Healthcare Network

Board of Directors, said she has "enormous respect for Tommy's commitment to Bassett Medical Center and Bassett Healthcare Network," adding she "believes that the mission going forward is well-served under Tommy's leadership."

Originally scheduled to expire in December 2024, Ibrahim's contract has been extended through the end of 2029.

"The past two years were incredibly difficult, as we took important steps to create a sustainable foundation to build upon. I am deeply appreciative of our system and entity boards for their unwavering support. Our leadership teams and each of our caregivers and practitioners have done a masterful job to get us here and we're still only getting started," Ibrahim shared.

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(L - R) The Traugher family: Cody, Carrie, Kristopher and Karen. Cody was the lucky winner of the July 9 Freddy Bear Riddle, winning four tickets for admission to Adirondack Animal Land.

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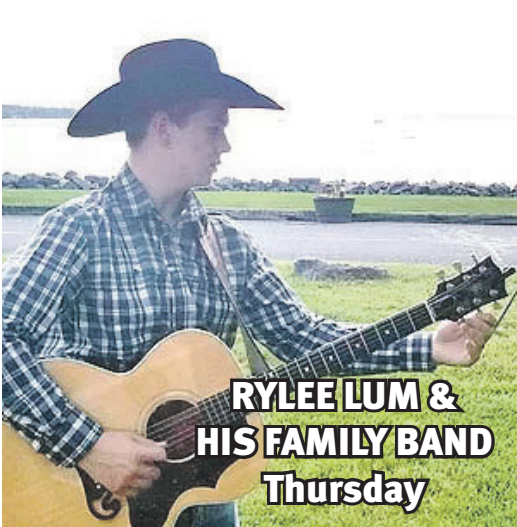


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## Information about the New Horizons Chorus

The next Concerts in the Park series event at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 in Spring Park, U.S. Route 20, Richfield Springs, will feature the New Horizons Barbershop Chorus & Individual Quartets singing a cappella in the barbershop style.

The New Horizons Chorus entertains audiences throughout the Mohawk Valley region with the unique style of a cappella singing known as "barbershop." The chorus represents the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the nationwide

Barbershop Harmony Society. The purposes of the society are to perpetuate and celebrate harmony in the barbershop style; to promote fellowship and friendship among people of good will; to provide the opportunity to experience the joy of four-part a cappella singing; and to introduce and sustain music in the lives of people everywhere. The Mohawk Valley Chapter also features two barbershop quartets that will perform in the upcoming show.

## Family Counseling Center welcomes new staff members

The Family Counseling Center welcomed nine new staff members during the second quarter of 2022. The group joins an organization focused on building a healthy community through support, engagement and empowerment, and includes the following individuals: Dana Collier, LMHC, NCC, CASAC-T, MBA; Blaine Deal; Alexandra Dorsi, MSW; Robin Mendetta; Janet Sargalis-Zilka; Meagan Sweeney, MHC; Gianna Taylor; Brenda Thornhill; and Elizabeth Wright. They join an organization that has worked in Fulton and Montgomery counties and surrounding communities for 46 years.

Each year, the Family Counseling Center works with over 4,500 clients across their Behavioral Health Clinic, Children and Family Services Program and Domestic Violence Program. Clients are at the heart of a collaborative care model – often working with staff across different programs in order to build a healthy life.

"We are excited to welcome our new team members to the Family Counseling Center," said Michael Countryman, executive director of the organization. "Their work is valued by us and by the clients they serve. Each of them is helping to build a healthy community."

For more information about the Family Counseling Center and its services, visit [thefamilycounselingcenter.org](http://thefamilycounselingcenter.org).

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## Presentation on Our Lady of Knock Shrine and Father Peyton

The Irish people are known for their devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother. The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley is hosting a free program on Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. about Our Lady of Knock Shrine in County Mayo, Ireland, and Father Patrick Peyton, founder of the "Family Rosary Crusade."

Patty Foley has researched and will present information on the Shrine at Knock, where, in 1879, 15 persons from the

village witnessed an apparition of Mary on the gable wall of the parish church. Foley will also discuss Father Peyton, an Irish priest from County Mayo, who emigrated to Scranton, PA, and eventually entered the priesthood. After a scare with tuberculosis, he became a fervent believer in praying to the Blessed Virgin Mother and started devotions to her, praying the Holy Rosary and encouraging families to do the same. Fa-

ther Peyton coined the phrase "The family that prays together, stays together."

Come to the ICCMV on Aug. 10 to learn more about Ireland's Knock Shrine to the Blessed Mother, and Father Patrick Peyton, crusader of the Holy Rosary. Sign up via Eventbrite.com or call 315.827.4291. There is no charge to attend.

## Explaining the concept of 'good debt'

Debt is a four-letter word, and in many instances, a high amount of debt is perilous. However, debt isn't always a black mark on individuals' financial résumés.

Consumers may have heard the term "good debt" at some point and wondered just why owing money to certain creditors is more desirable than owing to others. The debt help experts at Debt.org note that there's a simple explanation for this distinction. Debt that increases an individual's net worth or future value is considered "good debt," while debts that do not positively affect net worth are considered "bad debt."

So which types of debt qualify as good debt? The following are three types of debts that generally qualify as good debt.

**1. Student loan debt:** Student loan debt can be tricky, but it's generally considered good debt. That's because education has long been linked to a greater earning potential. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that individuals over 25 who were working full-time and only had a high school diploma had a median weekly income of just under \$800. Individuals who had a bachelor's degree had a median weekly income of more than \$1,400. However, it's important that individuals recognize that certain degrees do more for their earning potential than others. Taking on a high amount of student loan debt to earn a degree in a historically low-earning field could make it harder to make ends meet down the road. That won't necessarily make the debt "bad" in the eyes of lenders, but it could force borrowers to wonder if they made the right decision.

**2. Mortgage debt:** Mortgage debt is perhaps the most undeniable source of good debt. Historically, the appreciation value of real estate has made home ownership a worthwhile goal, even if home buyers have to finance their home purchases with bank loans. Perhaps nothing has more successfully illustrated the value of home ownership in recent years more than the skyrocketing value of real estate during the pandemic. The real estate research firm CoreLogic noted that home prices across the U.S. increased by 18% between July 2020 and July 2021. Individuals who already owned their homes, including those who were a long way from paying off their mortgages, saw their equity rise considerably in that time period, even if they continued to make the same monthly payments they'd been making before the pandemic. Though home prices may never again rise that much in a given year, real estate historically has increased in value on a yearly basis. That certainly qualifies mortgage debt as "good debt."

**3. Business loans:** A business loan may carry more risk than a mortgage loan, but it still can turn out to be very good debt if the business ultimately succeeds. However, that's a big "if." Data from the BLS indicate that 65% of new businesses fail within a decade of opening. Many small business owners use personal guarantees to secure business loans, meaning the debt is theirs should the business ultimately fail. But owning a successful business can be a great way to build personal wealth, which is why business loans can be considered good debt.

## Rabies vaccination clinic correction

The date of the rabies vaccination clinic in Rural Grove was incorrectly listed in a press release published in last week's Country Editor.

The clinic will take place from 9 - 11 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Rural Grove Fire Department, 1192 Rt. 162, Rural Grove.



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## Child safety seat check

On Aug. 4, Montgomery County Public Health will be conducting a free child safety seat check from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. This event will take place at the county's Public Safety Garage, 200 Clark Dr., Fultonville. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to receive education by certified technicians to ensure their child's safety seats are appropriate for their child and properly installed. This is a free service open to anyone.

The New York State Child Restraint Law requires parents to properly restrain children up to age 8 in an appropriate child restraint

system, based upon the child's age, height and weight and vehicle equipment.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately eight out of every 10 child safety seats are not used correctly.

This child safety seat check is made possible through a grant provided by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and Capital Region Safe Kids.

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# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Tips before deciding to do a DIY demolition

Home improvement projects can range from relatively inexpensive undertakings to complex endeavors that cost homeowners thousands of dollars. In an effort to make expensive projects more affordable, homeowners may look for ways to pitch in, and DIY demolition is a common way to cut costs.

Due to geographical fluctuations in price as well as the scale of a project, it's hard to pinpoint just how much homeowners can save by doing demolition work themselves. HomeAdvisor estimates that the average small interior demolition project costs just over \$3,000, though more significant demolition projects can cost considerably more than

that. Given the cost, it's no surprise that so many homeowners volunteer to do demolition on their own. Though it's possible to do so safely, homeowners can take steps to determine if it's in their best interest to take on a DIY demolition or leave it to the professionals.

### • Conduct a cost analysis.

Demolition projects seem simple, but they often require the use of equipment most homeowners don't have on hand. Rentals can be considered in such instances, but the cost of renting equipment can reduce the amount of money homeowners are saving by going it alone. For example, homeowners may be able to pull up vinyl

or tile flooring on their own, but not all floors are installed the same. Some floors may have been glued more effectively than others, making it hard and/or time-consuming to pull them up by hand. A walk-behind floor scraper can make it easier to remove such floors, but that equipment must be rented. A cost analysis comparing the contractors' demolition cost estimate and the cost of DIY, complete with equipment rental projections, can give a more accurate picture of how much money homeowners will save by going it alone. If the savings of DIY are negligible, homeowners should probably let the contractor handle the demo.

### • Speak with your contractor.

Prior to saying they'll do the demo work on their own, homeowners should speak with their contractors to get an accurate idea of what the project will entail. Demolition projects may seem simple enough, but contractors can illustrate the correct way to do things so as to minimize potentially costly damage. Some contractors may offer to help homeowners start the demo project and then leave them to their own devices once they get a knack for what to do. Once homeowners see

what it will take, they can then decide if DIY is best for them.

• **Enlist help.** No DIY demo should ever be done alone. The risk for accident and injury is simply too great for homeowners

to go it alone. Homeowners who can't enlist some volunteers to pitch in should leave the job to the professionals.

DIY demolition can save homeowners a lot of money.

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## Qualities to look for in a post-retirement job

The notion of relaxing on a beach all day in one's golden years is still a retirement dream for millions of adults across the globe. But many individuals also harbor a desire to keep working after retiring. Whether it's a volunteering gig or a part-time job retirees are looking for, certain qualities can make an opportunity uniquely suited to a post-retirement job.

- **Flexibility:** Retirees may be looking to contribute to their communities or simply earn a little spending money, but they will likely still want the freedom to travel or spend time with their families whenever they choose. So flexibility is something to look for in a post-retirement job. This is what makes consultant work so attractive to retirees. In-person hours may

not be required of consultants, who can then offer their input while visiting their grandchildren or traveling the world.

- **Socialization:** Though the ability to work from home can make it easier for retirees to earn some extra money, some seniors aren't concerned about their finances but want to work so they can get out of the house. In that case, look for a job that offers the opportunity to socialize and meet new people. Socializing as an older adult is a great way to fend off loneliness. In addition, one study published in 2007 in the journal of the American Public Health Association found that social support networks have a positive effect on cognition among older adults. So a post-retirement job that enables

retirees to socialize could delay or reduce the severity of age-related cognitive decline.

- **Engagement:** A job seniors find engaging also is more likely to provide the types of benefits seniors are looking for in post-retirement work. For example, researchers at Boston College's Sloan Center on Aging and Work found that seniors who find a job or volunteering opportunity truly engaging are more likely to benefit psychologically from those experiences than those whose post-retirement work is not engaging. If seniors find themselves simply going through the motions with their post-retirement work, they can look for opportunities that they can be more enthusiastic about.

- **Pressure-free:** Regardless of what re-

tirees did for a living prior to calling it a career, chances are they dealt with work-related stress. In fact, the American Stress Institute reports that 83% of workers in the U.S. suffer from work-related stress. After a lifetime of confronting work-related stress, individuals who want to work in retirement should look for pressure-free opportunities. This is an important quality, as the ASI indicates that stress has been linked to increased rates of heart attack, hypertension and other disorders.

The right post-retirement job may differ from what individuals looked for during their careers. Various qualities can combine to make for a post-retirement gig that benefits seniors in myriad ways.

## Rabies clinic set for Aug. 25 in Salisbury Center

A rabies clinic will take place Aug. 25 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Salisbury Fire Department, 2549 State Route 29, Salisbury Center.

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. Ferrets must be vaccinated every year.

Bring the pet's rabies vaccination history to receive a three-year certificate. 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.

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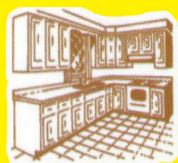
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Georgia, New Mexico and Texas are the leading domestic producers of pecans, but Mexico grows nearly half of the world's pecans. Pecans are heart-healthy and rich in antioxidants, several vitamins and minerals and a good source of healthy fat. In addition, one ounce of pecans provides 10% of the recommended daily fiber intake.

Cookies may never be considered "health food," but there are ways to make them more nutritious. The addition of beneficial ingredients like pecans can do just that. This recipe for "Cowboy Cookies" from "Live Well, Bake Cookies" (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye includes oats, pecans and coconut in the mixture, adding flavor and nutritional appeal.

### Cowboy Cookies

Makes 50 to 52 cookies

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened  
1 cup packed light brown sugar  
2/3 cup granulated sugar  
2 large eggs, at room temperature  
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

3/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut  
1 cup chopped pecans (see baking tip)

Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon and salt until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.

2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.

3. Mix in the eggs, one at a time, then mix in the vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.

4. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans on low speed until fully incorporated.

5. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

6. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.

7. Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly flatten it.

8. Bake for 10 - 13 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 - 10 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

9. Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.

Baking tip: For even more flavor, try toasting the pecans. Just cool them completely before adding them to the cookie dough.



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## Strategies to get kids to exercise

Exercise is an important component of a healthy lifestyle. That's not just true for adults, but for children and teenagers as well.

Parents concerned about their kids living sedentary lives may have more to worry about than they know. According to a 2017 study published in the journal Preventive Medicine that analyzed data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination survey from 2003-04 and 2005-06, 19-year-olds spent as much time being inactive and sedentary as 60-year-olds.

Getting kids to be more active may be especially difficult for today's parents, who must contend with the internet, social media, tablets, smartphones and other distractions as they try to

encourage their kids to unplug and spend more time being physically active. But parents can try various strategies to get kids off the couch and exercising.

• **Set a positive example.** Kids, especially young children, often try to emulate their parents. Parents can capitalize on kids' desire to be like mom and dad by exercising in front of their children. Young children may not be ready to lift weights or run on the treadmill, but parents can embrace kid-friendly exercises, such as walking and cycling. Invite kids along for daily bike rides or go for family walks around the neighborhood after dinner.

• **Park the car.** Kids don't need to know they're exercising in order to be more physically active. In lieu of driving to the bank or pharmacy, parents can leave the car at home and ride their bikes alongside their children when running errands. If possible,

parents can walk youngsters to and from school rather than driving them.

• **Choose friend-friendly activities.** Adults employ the buddy system as a means to motivate themselves to keep exercising, and that same principle can apply to children, who might be more excited about physical activity if their friends are joining them. Team sports provide chances to exercise with friends, as do organizations like the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America. But even inviting a child's friend along on a family hike or bike ride may make such activities more fun for kids.

• **Give gifts that encourage physical activity.** Kids might want the latest device or video game for their birthdays, but parents also can give gifts that encourage youngsters to be physically active. Bicycles, rollerblades, ice skates and sports equipment are just a handful of potential gifts that may compel kids to exercise more.

Childhood obesity is a significant problem, with the 2015-16 NHANES reporting that 20.6% of youths ages 12 - 19 were obese. Getting kids off the couch and exercising more often can help reduce those figures and ensure healthier futures for kids of all ages.

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The first things to come to mind when many people ponder vehicle maintenance are oil changes and routine tune-ups. Though each of those things are vital components of automotive maintenance, it's important that drivers recognize the value of a thorough car wash as well.

Drivers may see a car wash as a way to make their car look good, and that's not untrue. An effective car wash can give a car a look that mirrors how the vehicle appeared the moment it was driven off the lot. But an effective wash is more than just cosmetic. According to Consumer Reports, a thorough car wash removes grit and residue, thus protecting the car's paint job and reducing the likelihood of corrosion. Though late model vehicles aren't as susceptible to rust, fading and peeling as cars made decades ago, they still need a thorough and routine wash to remove dirt, grime and bird droppings that, over time, can adversely affect the paint job and, if left unchecked, eat away at the metal.

Another benefit to routine car washes is they can prevent damage related to seasonal issues. For example, individuals who live in regions where winter snowfall is common may

routinely drive on roads that have been salted. Deicing the roads makes driving safer, but salt can accumulate on the undercarriage of the vehicle and contribute to corrosion. Winter may not be a time many drivers visit the car wash, but it's important to do so after snow has melted and salt on the roadways has been washed away by rain. Most car washes now offer high-pressure undercarriage treatments that can wash off salt and prevent corrosion and the formation of rust.

But it's not just the exterior of the car that can benefit from routine washing. When taking their cars to get washed, many motorists pay a little extra to have their vehicle interiors cleaned. Sometimes referred to as "interior detailing," cleaning the cabin of the car helps to maintain the interior so it looks new longer. Routine interior cleaning also can remove dust and other particles that can serve as irritants if allowed to build up over time.

Resale and trade-in value is another factor to consider. The automotive experts at Edmunds note that the average transaction price for a used vehicle in the second quarter of 2021 was \$25,410, which marks a

21% increase over the year prior. Much has been made of the microchip issues that have compromised auto manufacturers' ability to produce new automobiles, and that led many motorists to the preowned vehicle market. Dealerships also offered incentives to drivers willing to trade in their late model cars. By taking care of a vehicle's interior, drivers are putting themselves in position to capitalize on the

increased reliance on the preowned market. Prospective buyers, whether they're private citizens or dealerships, will see more value in a vehicle with a well-maintained interior than one with a cabin that's seen much better days.

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average rate was 4.09. That's a significant dip, and one that's saving today's homeowners tens of thousands of dollars over the life of their mortgages.

Interest rates dipped during the pandemic and have remained low ever since. That's unlikely to last forever, which has given many homeowners a

sense of urgency regarding refinancing. Refinancing can be financially advantageous, but there are some things homeowners should know prior to contacting their lenders.

• **Refinancing does not always save money over the long haul** – It's hard to blame homeowners who jump at the chance to refinance their mortgages. Refinancing is often associated with significantly lower monthly payments, and such savings can be used to finance home

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

The mortgage experts at Mortgage Calculator note that a Change Terms mortgage refinance is characterized by a shift to a loan charging a lower interest rate. The initial savings with such a refinance are undeniable, but changing from one 30-year to another 30-year restarts the mortgage clock, which can add years to the time homeowners will

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be repaying their debt. As a result, homeowners may end up paying more interest over time than they might have had they just kept their initial mortgage. Homeowners interested in a Change Terms refinance may want to look into switching from a 30-year to a 15-year mortgage. A shorter term mortgage will increase the monthly payment, but the loan will reach maturity much faster, greatly reducing the amount of interest homeowners will pay over the life of the mortgage.

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

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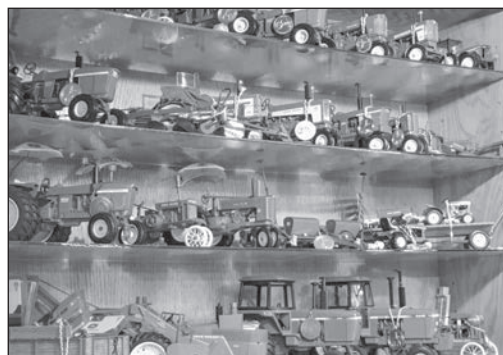
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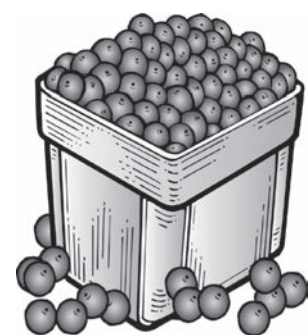
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## Six things to know about pitching a tent

Camping provides the perfect opportunity to get in touch with nature and disconnect from the daily grind. Camping is a timeless tradition forged by cooking over portable stoves, foregoing indoor plumbing and sleeping under the stars.

A 2015 survey from Kampgrounds of America (KOA) said camping attracts people looking for an opportunity to explore the many wonders of the environment. The great outdoors affords people an opportunity to recharge in the peace and quiet of natural surroundings.

Results from the 2017 North American Camping Report found an increasing number of people say they plan to camp more, and camping is helping to add more balance to a person's life. Currently, 75 million households in the U.S. include active campers.

Although there are many ways to camp, tents are often key components of camping trips. Learning to pitch a tent correctly is an important part of successful camping. Here's how to become a tent-pitching pro.

**1. Purchase a freestanding tent.** While there are many variations to tent designs and ultralight backpackers may prefer a tarp or another non-free-standing device, tents that are able to stand on their own are easier to set up. Many tent designs have two poles and fabric that creates a dome shape and are relatively easy and straightforward to set up in just a few minutes.

**2. Practice at home.** Before arriving at the

campsite, learn to recognize the parts and instructions for your particular tent. Make sure all equipment is present and in working order.

**3. Buy a footprint.** Many tent floors are sturdy, but campers can always use a little extra protection against the ground. Footprints are essentially a tarp that fits underneath the floor of the tent as an extra layer of protection, advises REI. They should be slightly smaller than the area of the tent.

**4. Scope out the tent location.** Avoid sites littered with sticks, stones, roots or branches. Stay away from low-lying areas that may get soggy in rainstorms. Look for natural windbreaks and place the tent so the side that has the strongest pole structure is facing the wind.

**5. Make it a team effort.** Enlist a helper or two to set up the tent. Ensure all zippers are closed when erecting the tent. Try to push poles through openings instead of pulling on them. Allow for some wiggle room when extending the poles. Guylines should follow the seams of the tent where possible, and lines should be pegged down back to front. Guylines help keep tents sturdy and also keep a rainfly away from the tent body to minimize leakage, according to the Appalachian Mountain Club.

**6. Use daylight to your advantage.** Set up the tent while it is light outside, and outfit it with anything that will be needed in the middle of the night, such as a lantern and other gear.

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## How to maintain an older vehicle

New cars have been costly for quite some time, but those costs have spiked considerably since the onset of the pandemic. That unprecedented rise has led many motorists to wonder how they can get more mileage out of their existing vehicles.

According to data from Kelley Blue Book and Cox Automotive, the average cost of a new car in September 2021 was just over \$45,000. That marked a \$3,000 increase from June 2021 and a \$5,000 increase from the end of 2020.

Drivers who can't afford to keep up with the rising cost of new vehicles can take these steps to keep their existing cars running smoothly for years to come.

• **Take care of the timing belt.** Engines may get all the glory, but they cannot run smoothly without a fully functional timing belt.

Engines need various components to do their job, and those components must do so at the right time for the engine to run smoothly. Fully functional timing belts help to synchronize movements, but belts must be replaced every so often. Owner's manuals may note when to replace the timing belt, but they generally must be replaced every 60,000 to 105,000 miles. That's infrequent, but drivers can ask their mechanics to keep an eye on their timing belts. One issue many drivers encountered in the early months of the pandemic when people were driving less frequently was timing belts that were failing long before they reached the projected mile markers. That's because infrequent driving can hasten the demise of the timing belt. This is something for aging drivers who no longer drive a lot to keep

in mind.

• **Take care of the brakes and associated components.** The experts at Popular Mechanics urge drivers of older vehicles to replace their brake fluid every two years. Popular Mechanics also advises drivers whose cars are more than seven years old to replace the rubber brake lines when major brake work is required.

• **Pay attention to oil levels.** The older engines get, the more oil they're going to burn. So drivers of older vehicles should check their oil levels more often than they would if their vehicles were brand new. This also is a great way to discover leaks before they lead to potentially significant issues.

• **Don't skip maintenance appointments.** Even if you're still driving less, it's best not to skip recommended maintenance intervals. That's true for drivers of all cars, but especially those whose vehicles are aging. Routine tune-ups and oil changes, which may need

to become more frequent the older the vehicle gets, can keep cars running smoothly and protect the engine over the long haul.

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# Home Country

by Slim Randles

It was Doc who first noticed Dud’s strange behavior. I was too busy trying to drop an elk-hair caddis fly, size 16, just beyond that big smooth rock on Lewis Creek. I know there’s a big rainbow trout in that hole there, you see, and there is nothing more important, on a summer morning like this one, than enticing that big rascal into delivering himself to my waiting hands.

But Doc noticed that Dud had laid his fly rod down in the bushes and was doing strange things with his hands. Finally, Doc got my attention, pointed to Dud, and we both stopped fishing and walked over to see what our long-time pal was up to.

Dud would look around in the air, then make a one-handed grab at the air. After several grabs, he’d take two fingers of his other hand, put them in his clenched fist, and wiggle around. Then he’d smile and

open his fist and look in the air again. Doc and I looked silently at each other, wondering how long it would take from our day of fishing to get Dud delivered to the nervous hospital in the city.

“Dud,” said Doc, “how’s the fishing?”

“Huh? Oh hi. Not fishing right now, Doc. Experimenting.”

“Experimenting?” I said. Of course, I said this automatically, forgetting for a moment how time consuming it could be to start Dud explaining things of a scientific nature.

“Natural selection,” Dud said, proudly. “Survival of the fittest. Yes, I decided to spend my morning in Darwinian pursuits, making the world a safer place for mankind.”

Doc looked at me. “He’s talking like that again,” he said.

“Well, Doc,” said Dud, “you, of all people, should be able to appreciate what I’m doing. After all, you’re a man of science and a healer. I’m going to rid the world of dangerous diseases. Observe.”

Then Dud made another grab at the air, and this time we could see he was snatching a mosquito out of the air. Again he used his other hand to do something to the mosquito, and then he released it.

“I’m pulling out their drillers,” Dud said. “I figured if I pull out enough drillers, then sooner or later two drillerless mosquitoes will get married and have pups and then we’ll have a family of drillerless mosquitoes here on Lewis Creek. Without drillers, they won’t be able to pass along yellow fever or malaria to fishermen.”

Doc looked at him in a strange way. “Dud, there’s never been anyone get malaria from these Lewis Creek mosquitoes.”

“See?” Dud said, brightly. “It’s already working.”

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## Summer canoe safety

As our intrepid team member Dan made his way across New York State on the Erie Canalway path by bike, we thought about other ways people can explore their beautiful natural surroundings. Viewing the landscape by water is also a great way to explore, especially with the rivers, creeks and lakes that we are lucky enough to have spread across the eastern portion of America.

Canoes in particular are a fun way to travel. Often fairly flat-bottomed and with plenty of space to bring along fishing gear, picnic lunches and even furry friends, canoes are also pretty easy to transport to many locations – just tie one on the roof of your vehicle and carry the lightweight vessel wherever you have water access.

Canoes were developed by different cultures all

over the world. Until the mid-19th century, the canoe was an important means of transport for exploration and trade. Where the canoe played a key role in history, such as the northern U.S., Canada and New Zealand, it remains a big part of popular culture.

Today, canoes are used for everything from competition to pleasure, including racing, white-water, touring and camping, freestyle and general recreation. Historically, canoes were dugouts or made of bark on a wood frame; then materials evolved to canvas on a wood frame, then to aluminum. Most modern canoes are made of molded plastic or composites such as fiberglass, Kevlar or graphite.

As with any outdoor activity, though, before grabbing your paddles and heading out, you need to focus on safety

first. Although flat water canoeing is pretty safe, it’s still important to pay attention to avoid any mishaps. Here are some tips before heading just around the river bend:

- Stretch! We’ve talked about the importance of this before in our National Gardening Exercise Day post, but seriously, you should do at least a little stretching before engaging in any activity.
- Inspect your canoe before heading out. While fiberglass, the most common material for the small boats, is incredibly sturdy, a tiny hole or crack can lead to big problems later on.
- Always wear a personal floatation device. Seriously, always. Even if you feel that you’re a strong swimmer, you never know what could happen. It’s definitely better to be safe than sorry.
- Dress appropriately. Out on open water, you’re much more exposed to the sun and

therefore have a higher risk of getting a sunburn. Under trees, you’re probably going to have to deal with more insects and spiders. Long sleeves and pant legs may seem like a bit much on hot days, so either dress in layers or bring along extra clothes to protect yourself.

- Watch out for strainers. If you’re not familiar with this term, it’s an important one to know. Fallen trees can be dangerous because they can create strainers

when they’re stuck in a current. They let the water through but they stop everything else and can trap a canoe under the water.

- Plan ahead. As with other outdoor activities, check the weather. You don’t want to be stuck in the middle of a lake in a thunderstorm. Know where you’re launching from and how to get back. And, as always, bring plenty of water! Hydration is important no matter what you’re



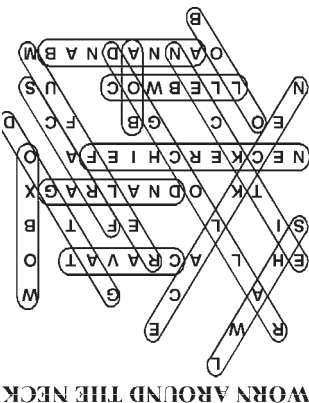
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