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Sullivan's Campaign Against the Iroquois in 1779: Retribution of Genocide?

**America's History LLC presents
"Sullivan's Campaign Against
the Iroquois in 1779: Retribution of
Genocide?" Sept. 7 - 10.**

This is a great bus tour put on by America's History LLC. Bruce and Lynne Venter have supported the Fort Plain Museum greatly in the past and they continue to do so. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to experience history.

The Sullivan-Clinton campaign against the Iroquois in 1779 has been described as implement-

ing a "scorched earth" policy for no useful purpose other than eradicating Indians, or a failed attempt to capture Fort Niagara. No campaign of the American War for Independence has been more inaccurately described or remains more controversial than the Continental Army's invasion of the Iroquois Confederacy in 1779.

This tour is designed to follow the main effort of that offensive as conducted by troops commanded by Major General John Sullivan. Sullivan's troops took the war to the very heart of the

territory controlled by the Six Nations of Haudenosaunee who had allied themselves with the British Crown. At the tour's end you'll decide if the campaign was a success or a well-executed failure – justifiable retribution for the raids and Cherry Valley massacre in 1778 or unvarnished genocide.

Tour leader Glenn Williams is a former army officer, retired from the U.S. Army Center of Military History. He is the author of "Year of the Hangman: George Washington's Campaign

Against the Iroquois," which details the story of our tour. He also wrote "USS Constellation: A Short History of the Last All-Sail Warship Built by the U.S. Navy." His latest book, "Dunmore's War: Last Conflict of the Colonial Era," was published in 2017 by Westholme Publishing. He is currently working on a biography of "Light Horse" Harry Lee with Ed Lengel.

Contact Bruce Venter at 703.785.4373 or bruceventer@aol.com or visit americashistoryllc.com for more information.

Hero Fund America Fund announces 2022 grant recipients

Hero Fund America Fund (HFA), a field-of-interest fund of the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, on July 28 announced \$15,000 in awards for first-responder organizations across the country. Each year the fund helps meet the education, training, lifesaving equipment and mental health needs of fire, emergency medical services (EMS) and law enforcement agencies in New York and other states.

This year's recipients received grants ranging from \$400 to \$1,200. Regional recipients of the award include:

- Canajoharie Police Department
- Middleburgh Emergency Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Old Forge Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Herkimer Village Police Department
- Willowvale Fire Company (New Hartford)

• Wright Fire District (Schoharie)

The HFA Fund was founded in partnership with Hero Fund America Inc. by Garth Roberts of Sharon Springs. Inspired by the selfless and heroic efforts of first responders during the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, Roberts initiated the Provincetown First Responders Appreciation Month, honoring 45 Boston EMS paramedics, EMTs, dispatchers and their families. He was honored with a citation from Boston EMS for his efforts. The success of the Boston project resulted in the formation of HFA, which has awarded more than \$47,000 in grants since 2016.

"Thanks to the generous support of our donors and event participants, the HFA Fund provides an annual opportunity for fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S.

to better serve their communities' increasing needs," said Roberts. "With enhanced training, education and equipment, our first responders are better able to provide essential lifesaving services. We are grateful for our partnership with the Community Foundation and are hopeful that the grants provided will create healthier, safer outcomes for first responders and civilians alike."

"Hero Fund America's work and its impact for emergency response organizations across the country is so inspiring," said Alicia Dicks, Community Foundation president/CEO. "We are honored to play a part in helping Garth Roberts and Hero Fund America fulfill a truly worthwhile mission."

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John van Orsouw art exhibit set for Aug. 13

Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts is excited to have John van Orsouw back to the 401 Gallery. A native of the southern Netherlands, van Orsouw has been creating and selling his art for 25 years and exhibiting his work in both Europe and the U.S.

"Can You See the Music" is an uninhibited exhibit of van Orsouw's art, which often includes a tribute to the Jazz Age, a reflection of his love of the music of the era.

Van Orsouw's self-taught journey began in the early 1980s, when he took over a bar restaurant in Canajoharie called Ernie's. It was a "go-to" place for all kinds of folks. Van Orsouw confessed, "I loved to cook, and at the time I couldn't afford to buy nice art to put on the walls. So I painted a nice scene or two to hang up, to give the place some color." And that was the beginning of his sojourn into the art world.

Van Orsouw's more recent exhibitions are the Outsider Art Fair in New York and Paris, the sixth annual Outsider Art Exhibition at Galerie Belage in West Hampton Beach, NY, the Musee de la Creation France and the van der Plas gallery in New York City.

The "Can You See the Music" exhibition opens at noon on Aug. 13 at the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts. The artist's reception starts at 1 p.m. Stop in, meet the artist and see if you can see the music.

Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon - 4 p.m. at 401 Canal Place, Little Falls. Call 315.823.0808 for information or to make an appointment.

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Former Glen resident Evan Burch promoted to Command Master Chief

Master Chief Evan Burch assumed duties as Command Master Chief (CMC), Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, on June 15. His primary responsibility is to advise and support the Commodore on all issues and initiatives pertaining to Coast Guard's most downwardly deployed unit comprised of six 154-foot Fast Response cutters, shore side support personnel, Maritime Engagement Team (MET), Advanced Interdiction Teams (AIT) and other deployable specialized forces operating throughout the U.S. Central Command Area of Operation.

Most recently, Burch served as the CMC of USCG Base Los Angeles Long Beach. Burch's previous assignments include the Ceremonial Honor Guard in Alexandria, VA; Group Airstation, Corpus Christi, TX; Telecommunications Specialist (TC) "A" School, Petaluma, CA; Communications Area Master Station Pacific (CAMSPAC), Pt. Reyes Station, CA; CGC WALNUT in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003; CGC SHERMAN, Alameda, CA; National Security Cutter C4ISR School TRACEN, Petaluma, CA; Vessel Traffic Center Sector, New York, NY; District 17 Command Center, Juneau, AK; and the CGC STRATTON, Alameda, CA.

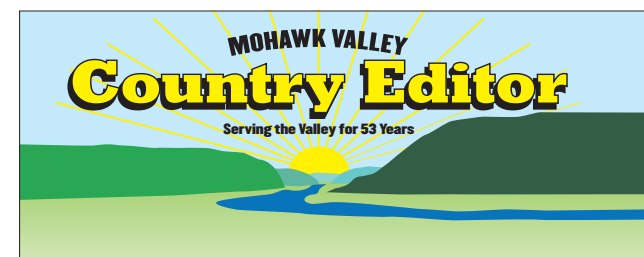
Burch is a proud graduate of the Chief Petty Officer Academy Class 192, Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Command Master Chief Course, Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (class 60s) and both Phase I and II of the Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course.

Burch was born in Little Rock, AR, and raised in Glen, NY. He enlisted in the Coast Guard and graduated from Coast Guard Boot Camp in March 1995.

Burch's most recent military decorations include



the Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and four Commandant's Letters of Commendation. He has been married to his wife for 24 years. They have a 23-year-old son and a 21-year-old daughter.



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How to choose the best campsite

Millions of people enjoy camping every year. Data from the KOA 2021 North American Camping Report indicates there were more than 94.5 million camper households throughout North America in 2020.

As the world confronted COVID-19, North American campers took to camping in droves and intended to continue camping trips throughout 2021.

While there are many different lessons novice campers must learn, one of the more important should include identifying what makes a good campsite. The choice of campsite is an important part of the camping experience. In fact, where a tent gets pitched can easily make or break a trip.

A new study in the Journal of Environmental Management says the biggest factors price and the availability of electricity are significant priorities for campers looking for a campsite. However, many other factors should be considered when choosing a campsite.

• **Stay near water.** Being close to water means not having to carry it far for cleaning, cooking and other needs. Try to stay roughly 200 feet away from a water source, as it's important to remember that water also will attract animals.

• **Search for flat ground.** It's more comfortable and safer to pitch a tent on level ground. Make sure there are

no rocks or other items under the tent that can compromise comfort. Avoid areas at the base of hills that can become giant puddles in the event of a rainstorm.

• **Check around for hazards.** Before pitching a tent, check the area for dead branches on trees and make sure that nothing will crash down while you are asleep. Boulders may come loose and roll down hills, so areas vulnerable to falling rock also should be avoided. Make sure the campsite is not located by insect or animal nests.

• **Look for natural shade.** A good campsite should keep campers from being exposed to too much sun between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. Prolonged exposure to sunlight can make it too hot and camping equipment may degrade from UV rays. String up a tarp or use a pop-up canopy if there's no natural shade.

• **Find a measure of privacy.** Camping is about getting away from the hustle and bustle, which can be hard when you're too close to other people. Look for a campsite that offers space to set up a tent and camping equipment without being right on top of other campers. However, if you like the camaraderie of being around other people, then by all means camp close to others.

Campsites vary, and choosing the right one can make a trip that much more enjoyable.



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Herkimer College to host Makers in the Mohawk Valley

Herkimer College is slated to host Makers of the Mohawk Valley from Sept. 2 - Oct. 14, an exhibition celebrating the artists, crafters and other makers living and working in the Mohawk Valley.

The goal of the exhibit is to showcase the diverse richness of makers in this region, and Herkimer College is calling for contributors. Submission is free and is open to anyone 18 years of age or older and who lives or works in the Mohawk Valley. Contributors can submit up to two pieces created within the last three years spanning mediums such as 2-D and 3-D fine arts, pottery, photography, video, textile arts, glass and woodworking. All submissions must be ready to display; 2-D work should be ready to hang; and 3-D work

must be no larger than 72 inches in any direction. Video art must be accompanied by its own interface. Artists have the option of selling their work with Herkimer College retaining 20% of all sales.

Artwork drop off must be hand delivered and will be accepted Aug. 25 and 26, 5 - 7 p.m., and Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - noon.

Makers in the Mohawk Valley will open on Sept. 2 with an event reception. The closing date is Oct. 14 with artwork pickup on Oct. 15.

An entry form must be completed by time of dropoff. Forms will be available on site, at herkimer.edu/cogar or by request by emailing Assistant Professor of Studio Art Justin Como at comojm@herkimer.edu.

Brooks' chicken barbecue set for Aug. 13

Brooks' barbecue chicken halves will be available for \$8 by pre-order only on Aug. 13 at the Church of Christ Uniting, 22 Church St., Richfield Springs. Proceeds will benefit programming at the Richfield Springs Community Center.

The drive-thru pickup will begin starting at noon. To reserve a time slot call Carla at 315.858.1451 by Aug. 12. For pickup, enter the church's circular driveway and then proceed to the pickup point.

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Healthy hobbies families can enjoy together

Hobbies can bring people together, which makes them an ideal outlet for families who want to spend more time with one another. Families on the lookout for hobbies they can enjoy together can consider the following activities.

• **Hiking:** Hiking is a family-friendly activity that's free and ideal for individuals who also want to turn over a healthy leaf as the new year dawns. The cardiovascular benefits of hiking are well-documented and include lowering hikers' risk for serious ailments, including heart disease. But the exposure to nature that hiking provides can benefit entire families. A 2015 study published in the journal Landscape and Urban Planning found that hiking can help to reduce feelings of anxiety. Hiking trails run the gamut from flat trails that are ideal for families that include young children to more challenging trails that require a little climbing.

• **Cycling:** Cycling is another healthy, family-friendly hobby. The experts at MD Anderson Cancer Center note that cycling builds muscle, helps people maintain a healthy weight, releases endorphins that can make it easier to relieve and manage stress and improves balance. Both adults and children can reap those rewards. When cycling with young children, parents can look for flat cycling paths that won't discourage kids or require them to do more than their bodies can handle. Older children and teenagers can handle more challenging paths, and parents of children in these age groups can even consider



Families on the lookout for hobbies they can enjoy together can consider activities such as cycling.

incorporating mountain biking into their cycling routines.

• **Cooking:** There are plenty of family-friendly hobbies that can be enjoyed at home. Cooking is one such hobby, and it can have some surprising benefits for youngsters. According to Nemours KidsHealth®, cooking can be a great way for parents to reinforce basic math skills kids are learning at school. Older kids who don't need such lessons can benefit from cooking with their parents by learning to prepare nutritious meals that can lay the foundation for healthy eating habits throughout adulthood.

• **Painting:** Painting together as a family can benefit both adults and children in unique ways. Harvard Medical School notes that studies have found that artistic expression can help people with depression and anxiety. Young children, including preschoolers, also can benefit from painting, which helps them develop both their fine and gross motor skills and improves hand-eye coordination. Parents of adolescents should know that painting has also been found to be a productive outlet for teenagers to express themselves, and the process of seeing a painting project through from inception to completion can boost confidence and self-esteem.

Families can look to various hobbies they can engage in together to make the summer ahead both happy and healthy.

Did you know?

When remodeling a home with the ultimate goal of making it more attractive to prospective buyers, homeowners can benefit from taking stock of current trends, including the style of home that's most popular. According to a 2020 Homes.com survey of more than 5,000 adults across the U.S., modern farmhouse is the most favored house style.

The survey asked participants to choose from a selection of styles, including mid-century modern ranch, Spanish

colonial/southwest, bohemian craftsman, Italianate, French chateau and Tudor. The modern farmhouse style was the most popular choice in 42 of the 50 states, proving that home style preference is not beholden to geography. Respondents gave a host of reasons for favoring the modern farmhouse look, including that the style is "aesthetically appealing but not boring" and that it looks "simple, cozy, and not too busy."

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Reduce Impact of Knee Strain

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Manage Pain & Relieve Pressure

If you participate in endurance and strength exercises or certain sports, you may ask a lot of your joints. Kinesiology tape can be configured a multitude of ways to help reduce pain and improve blood circulation, as well as relieve tension and pressure. Providing support and relief while active, CURAD Performance Series Far Infrared Kinesiology Tape features infrared technology, designed to absorb and redirect energy, and may be experienced as a gentle radiant heat. The tape is latex free, hypo-allergenic and can be worn for multiple days, even when swimming or participating in water sports.

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<p>CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH 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>CHERRY VALLEY CHERRY VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 37 Alden St., Cherry Valley 607-264-3306 Pastor David Carpenter, Jr. Sundays 9:30 AM</p>	<p>EAST SCHUYLER CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER 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>REFORMED CHURCH OF FORT PLAIN 165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-4302 fortplainrca@yahoo.com Rev. Nancy E. Ryan Worship 11 AM, AA meetings Mon. & Tues. 7 PM, Emergency Food Pantry 518-993-4302</p>	<p>HERKIMER SS PETER and PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH Fr Vasil Dubee & 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>TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of West German & Henry Streets Phone 315-866-6474 Sunday Worship Services 10 AM in person and virtually on Zoom, YouTube & Facebook Bible Studies Thursday mornings 10 AM on Facebook</p>	
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Youth Group 7 PM (7-12th grade)</p> <p>NEWPORT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWPORT 7497 Main Street Pastor's Phone 315-790-1877 Sunday Worship at 9:45 AM</p> <p>UNITED METHODIST Pastor Robbin Harris • Phone 845-8730 Morning Service 11:15 AM</p> <p>KUYAHOORA COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Dwayne Durand West Canada Valley High School Auditorium 5447 St. Rt. 28 Mailing Address PO Box 50 Middleville, NY 13406 Phone 315-292-1303 www.kuyahorracc.org Weekly Service Sunday 10:08 AM</p> <p>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH St. John the Baptist Parish 7516 N. Main St. • Phone 845-8017 Saturday Vigil 4 PM Sunday Mass 8:30 AM</p> <p>OPPENHEIM OPPENHEIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Route 29 Rev. Jack Ford 315-429-7381 Worship 9:30 Sundays, Totally Awesome God-TAG time 6:30 PM Wednesdays beginning in Oct., Sunday School 9 AM beginning September 18th</p>	<p>PAINES HOLLOW PAINES HOLLOW UNITED METHODIST Lay Servant Gregg Sponburgh Rtes. 167 & 168 • 315-866-1128 Worship 9-10AM</p> <p>PALATINE BRIDGE TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STONE ARABIA 5430 St. Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge, NY Pastor A. Elisabeth Aurand Sunday In Person Worship 9 AM; email for link office@stjm-canajoharie.org 518-673-2224</p> <p>THE HOUSE OF ZION, INC. 580 Dillenbeck Rd., Palatine Bridge 518-577-3069 Pastors Richard & Denise Allen Saturday Morning Worship Service 11:30 AM Listen to UMT on live radio 97.5FM the 1st Sunday of every month 3-4 PM</p> <p>RANDALL RANDALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH NY Rte. 5S Sunday Service 10:30 AM Worship Leader Darlene Spaulding</p> <p>RICHFIELD SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING PO Box 896, Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. 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JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH 7 East Main St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Pastor Corey Jones 518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626 Worship Sunday 3 PM</p> <p>EVERLASTING JOY BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP 14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fellowship) St. Johnsville, NY 13452 315-858-2112 • Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10 AM</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH 68 W. Main St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7396 Faithfully Following Jesus Christ Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</p> <p>GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH Pastor Michael Torres 20 Center St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-775-0366 Email gccpastor2021@gmail.com</p> <p>STRATFORD STRATFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1511 State Route 29A Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Broadcast on 95.9 FM within 2 miles of church</p> <p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH 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. 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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 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

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).

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.

September 2022						
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Holidays						
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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

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.

AUGUST 7

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

AUGUST 8

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

AUGUST 8-12

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

AUGUST 8-14

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

AUGUST 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

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

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 or by calling 315.827.4291.

AUGUST 11

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

AUGUST 12

Arc Herkimer and Herkimer County HealthNet "Learn & Play: Wellness Fair for Kids" at Arc Park 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 420 E. German Street, Herkimer. For more information, visit @ArcHerkimer or @herkimercountyhealthnet on Facebook, or contact Challee Kohl at 315.867.1499.

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.

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AUGUST 13-14

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

AUGUST 14

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

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 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.

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@twcny.rr.com

AUGUST 20

Car Show 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Poland Fire House, Rt. 8 between Poland and Cold Brook. Awards at 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$5. For show information, call Jim at 315.360.3745. Refreshments available. Proceeds benefit the Poland Volunteer Fire Company.

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.

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. E-mail: SalutetoService518@gmail.com Call: Ashley or Michele at 518. 762.5382. Visit: 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 call 315.866.7820 or email info@herkimercountychamber.com for more information.

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How to be a smart credit consumer

Financial planning encompasses a host of strategies designed to help people enjoy the fruits of their labors. Financial planning is often associated with saving for retirement. However, smart credit management is an integral component of financial planning that can begin paying dividends long before adults are ready to retire.

Capital One notes that the benefits of a good credit score include lower credit card and mortgage interest rates, which can save individuals tens of thousands of dollars over the life of their home loans. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission reports that the better an individual's credit history, the easier it is for that person to establish utility services, including elec-

tricity and internet service.

With so much to gain, individuals should do everything they can to be smart credit consumers. These strategies can help consumers use credit to their advantage as they look to gain from this vital component of financial planning.

- Recognize the factors that affect your score: A credit score is generated using a formula that takes various factors into consideration. These factors include payment history, credit utilization rate, length of credit history and credit inquiries, among others. Each variable is important, but paying balances in full and on time each month is a great way to build a strong financial reputation in the eyes of creditors. In addition, avoid

overutilization of credit, especially if you can't pay balances in full each month.

- Check credit before looking for a job: One easily overlooked benefit of being a smart credit consumer is its impact on individuals' ability to find a good job. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau urges individuals to check their credit reports before they begin looking for a job so they can correct any mistakes that may be on their reports. That's because some employers look at applicants' credit reports as part of their background checks. Smart credit consumers recognize that monitoring their credit is just as important as utilizing it wisely. Consumers can access reports from each of the three main credit reporting

agencies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) for free once every 12 months.

- Don't wing it: Much like successful retirement planning is often the culmination of decades of hard work, strategizing and saving, becoming a smart credit consumer involves commitment to a well-developed plan to

utilize credit. Impulsive use of credit can quickly compromise individuals' credit histories and financial reputations, so develop a plan to use credit wisely and stick to that plan. A successful credit utilization strategy should be rooted in paying bills on time, and ideally in full, each month to avoid potentially costly in-

terest charges. Identify any bad credit utilization habits and do your best to eliminate them. If necessary, work with a financial planner to develop your credit utilization strategy.

Various strategies can help individuals become smart credit consumers and reap the rewards that a strong financial reputation has to offer.



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Popular kitchen flooring materials

Kitchens have long been considered the most popular gathering spaces in a home. That popularity compels millions of homeowners to renovate their kitchens each year, and the return on those investments is often significant.

A number of variables, including the value of neighboring homes and how quickly homeowners sell their homes after a renovation, affect the return on investment with a given project. According to Remodeling magazine's "2021 Cost vs. Value Report," homeowners recouped roughly 72% of their investment in a minor kitchen remodel at resale. That's a sizable return that outperformed other popular upgrades, including vinyl siding replacement and wood deck additions.

When renovating kitchens, homeowners will have to consider various components within the room, including the floors. Average flooring costs can be hard to calculate because they depend so heavily on homeowners' choice of materials. The following are some popular flooring materials that

homeowners can consider as they plan to renovate their kitchens.

- **Vinyl:** Vinyl flooring is popular thanks in large part to its cost. According to the home remodeling experts at HomeAdvisor, vinyl flooring installation is much less costly than other types of flooring. But its budget-friendliness is not the only benefit of vinyl flooring, which HGTV notes is easy to clean, making it an ideal choice for families that routinely confront spills and stains. HomeAdvisor notes that vinyl is the best waterproof material among all kitchen floors.

- **Porcelain/ceramic tile:** HomeAdvisor reports that the average cost to install porcelain or ceramic tile flooring is between \$885 and \$2,994. That's less than the average cost to install stone or wood flooring. Porcelain or ceramic tiles can be slippery when they get wet, though HGTV notes that some porcelain flooring tiles have been certified as slip-resistant by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- **Hardwood:** It's hard to beat hardwood when it

comes to aesthetic appeal. Hardwood can be especially suitable in homes with open-concept floor plans that already have hardwood floors in surrounding rooms. HomeAdvisor notes that hardwood flooring installation can be costly, which might make it a less realistic option for budget-conscious

homeowners. According to HGTV, engineered wood planks may be something to consider in the kitchen, as these are designed to be less susceptible to humidity and temperature. That's an important component to consider in the kitchen, where temperatures can fluctuate while meals are being prepared.

• **Stone:** Natural stone tile is another popular kitchen flooring material. HomeAdvisor traces that popularity to its wide variety of styles and price points, which make it a realistic option for homeowners working with budgets big and small. Stone tiles also provide a unique

look because no two look the same, which might appeal to homeowners who want their kitchen floors to create a one-of-a-kind impression.

Kitchen flooring materials vary widely. That variety ensures there's a material for any style and budget homeowners are working with.



When renovating kitchens, homeowners should not forget various flooring options.



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Herkimer and Herkimer County HealthNet host Learn & Play event

On Aug. 12, Arc Herkimer and Herkimer County HealthNet will host "Learn & Play: Wellness Fair for Kids" at Arc Park, 420 E. German St., Herkimer.

The free fair is open to children of all ages and all abilities, their families and business professionals from the surrounding area. From 10 a.m. - 1

p.m., local youth can visit informational booths to interact and learn about services in the community. Nearly 25 participating vendors will be at the fair, each with informative fun and games and giveaways.

"Many local agencies will be showcasing their products and services to our community," said Elyse

Enea, executive director, Herkimer County HealthNet. "We are excited to host a fun event for our community; best of all, it is free and we have lots of exciting activities for children!"

In addition to visiting vendor tables, children can enjoy a bounce house, face painting, Stewart's ice cream, Arc Herkimer concession

stand, painting with Easels on the Gogh and the Utica Mobile Museum.

"We are dedicated to building community and finding new ways to engage our people supported, in addition to the entire community," said Catherine Loomis, vice president - community engagement and career development, Arc Herkimer. "This

partnership with Herkimer County HealthNet is a great opportunity to increase outreach, with an emphasis on health, wellness and inclusion."

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GreenView Restaurant

Some people like having that “secret spot” that they believe only they know about – a place that does something special. The good news is Canajoharie has a spot like that, and it no longer needs to stay a secret.

GreenView Restaurant sits on the grounds of the Canajoharie Country Club, but it is definitely a place to be for more than golf enthusiasts. It's been open to the golf course and the public – and for special events – for five years, thanks to the incredibly hard work of owner, manager and chef Jess Hall.

“I've been in the business since age 13,” Hall said. “I've worked in kitchens, waited tables, bussed tables, run banquets, done prep, did some bartending – I've done it all,” Hall said. She started working in the industry in Cobleskill, and has worked in several other locations, but had been looking for a location for a place of her own. She's entirely self-taught, learning through hands-on experience. “I wanted an opportunity for a bakery and café and took this chance as a restaurant.”

Hall is at GreenView Restaurant seven days a week from morning to evening. A testament to her dedication, she started the restaurant with her last \$17 on its opening day.

GreenView is proud to offer locally sourced products and homemade items, the quality of which speaks for themselves. “People rave about the flavors of things,” Hall said. Everything is as fresh as possible; she

doesn't buy a lot of items that are frozen or processed.

Her vision for the future includes continuing to work with local farms and producers. She mentioned the good work she's done with Shults Farm, from whom she purchases lots of produce and beef – and they in turn sell her prepared salads and soups at their store in Canajoharie. Hall said she would love to partner with more farms like this.

“The community is still finding out about us,” she said. “I would like to expand my dinner options with increased business.”

GreenView Restaurant is open Monday - Sunday from May 1 - Oct. 31 at the Canajoharie Country Club, located at 152 Golf Club Rd., Canajoharie. Hours will be different from November through May, and are to be determined.

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When the Thruway came to town

Editor's note: This column, "From the desk of Dick Hency," first appeared in the Nov. 10, 1999 issue of the Courier Standard Enterprise.

This past week I watched as the heavy construction company Bette and Cring moved equipment and supplies into Canajoharie as they prepared to reconstruct the Thruway overpass that carries I-90 over Church Street (Route 10) and over the outlet of the Canajoharie Creek. My thoughts went back to the late '40s when two other large, nationally known construction companies moved into Canajoharie, changing the appearance of the village and nearly every other city, town and hamlet in the path of the new superhighway called the Thruway.

The state established the New York State Thruway Authority to build and operate this long strip of concrete which stretched the entire length of the state and south from Albany to New York City.

I remember the Canajoharie Fish and Game Clubhouse being moved from the banks of the Mohawk River to a spot near Route 5S where today it is the banquet room of the Iroquois Lanes and Lounge. There were many a sad eye as bulldozers ripped across the municipal ball field where for years teams representing the village and school system played, and carnivals made almost a yearly stop in Canajoharie. In addition to the municipal ball field, the bulldozers and heavy equipment tore up part

of the high school athletic field, rendering it useless for baseball, football and track. Gone were the excellent tennis courts, the large playground, with no provision nor money from the Thruway nor the state to replace these facilities.

A large white farmhouse on prime produce land on the eastern end of the village was moved all the way to Sprakers where it stands today. Canajoharie's wastewater treatment facility was nearly isolated from the village.

Canajoharie was, however, granted an interchange, and the Thruway built a traffic bypass around the main business section of the village, a bypass that restricted any expansion of the Beech-Nut facilities in the area.

After a few years, as Beech-Nut continued to grow, the Thruway gave up this bypass and Beech-Nut was allowed to close the road and warehouses which were built across this roadway and nearly up to the toll booths. While this helped Beech-Nut grow, it created a huge traffic problem for the village, but Beech-Nut was the mainstay of the local economy.

The old stone quarry on the western end of the village was cracked open to provide riprap for the new highway. A huge power shovel dug into the hillside between Canajoharie

and Fort Plain, putting a huge gouge in the hill, something which even today saddens area residents.

Canajoharie did have one bit of glory on the opening day of the Thruway. Governor Thomas Dewey invited a Canajoharie resident to ride in the caravan that sped across the state opening the highway. It wasn't a village official nor any high-profile politician, but Canajoharie's famous 90-year-old barber, John Henneman. Henneman closed up his barbershop in the former Canajoharie Hotel and was escorted to a waiting car to ride in the caravan.

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The governor had learned about Henneman when he visited the hotel, and believed he was an appropriate man to represent the village on the opening day of the Thruway.

To the east in the area of the Little Nose, the Dunbar and Sullivan Dredging company moved in and changed the channel of the Mohawk River and Barge Canal, moving the soil from the north bank to the south side of the river to provide space for the Thruway, Route 5S and the West Shore Railroad. I was kept busy photographing the construction, and one of the odd pictures I took in the area of Little Nose was the sinking of one of Dunbar and Sullivan's dredges, the Kerry Kow, and of the company's successful efforts to raise the dredge from the bottom of the river.

The construction crews ripped up across Fort Plain, putting the superhighway between the village and the canal, and taking away any possible expansion room in that area. Today, cars and trucks zip through Fort Plain

without even a sign which tells motorists they are passing through the village.

Where the Thruway winds its way through Fort Plain there once was a huge tank farm where gasoline and fuel oil was stored, much of it making its way to Fort Plain by barges and boats on the Barge Canal. Located there also were the coal yards. In the days when the West Shore Railroad was furnishing service to Fort Plain there were sidings going to the coal yards and soil storage tanks, along with a siding to the milk plant (now the cereal division of Beech-Nut) and the GLF (now Agway).

My old friend Doug Ayres was saddened as bulldozers ripped up white pine and spruce trees that he had planted to the rear of the Otsuquo Fish and Game Club building.

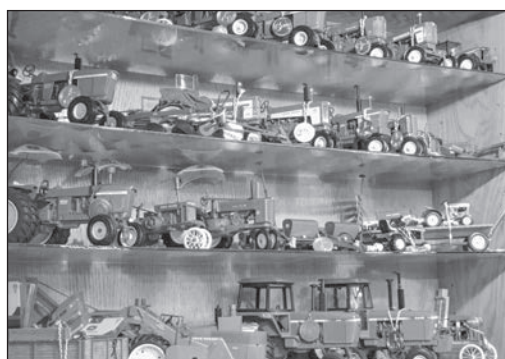
I remember taking photos near the Klemme Farms where the construction company had to make a large fill rather than bridge the gully, and I managed a picture of the whole area using a Speed Graphic camera. In the print dozens of pieces of heavy equipment looked like ants at work.

St. Johnsville wasn't touched, as they were located on the north side of the river, but today they have an ongoing battle with the Thruway Authority to obtain an interchange as they have manufacturing facilities near the interchange, and they also have high hopes of developing an industrial park.

The big change, however, was to the east in Fultonville. My former in-laws were long-time residents of that village, and they watched in dismay as the Thruway ripped right through the middle of the village. The mayor's two-story brick building was moved, and a large Colonial-type home was moved to the banks of the

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**By Matt Stanley,
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The Canajoharie Dummy Light, A curious unique traffic signal from a bygone era and iconic identity historic landmark for the beautiful Village of Canajoharie.

The Dummy light is not only a charming aspect of our nationally recognized historic district, but a special fully functional landmark that has the distinction of being one of three installed in New York in 1926.



The Canajoharie light is the last located in Upstate New York with the others located in Croton-On-Hudson and Beacon. When the Canajoharie light was installed in 1926 traffic instructions were published in the local newspaper which was, at that time, The Canajoharie Courier. The instructions called for motorists to blow their horns when making a left turn or a right on red and suggested that residents cut out the instructions and paste them in their hats! The dummy light is popular with tourists who travel to the village because it is unique and one of the first things they notice when they are in town. The Canajoharie Dummy Light holds a special place in the hearts and minds of most Canajoharians and visitors alike.

In years past Barb Spraker was the president of the local Canajoharie Chamber of Commerce and she was quoted in a Gazette article stating “Our free standing device helps give the village its quaint character.” “To me it’s as important as the buildings, it should be left alone.”

The Dummy light has been hit by trucks numerous times over it’s long history although no serious accidents have occurred. It has been carefully and lovingly restored by the Village of Canajoharie in every instance. The most recent hit took place on November 11, 2021 when a Western Express tractor-trailer traveling north on Church Street damaged the light. This accident has led to controversy regarding the light’s future. According to Erin Czernecki with NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, DOT



Here are a couple of photos of the previous hits that our beloved light has endured over its 96 year history.



records show the village owns the dummy light and therefore would need to make the decision of how it will be preserved. The fate of the beloved traffic signal currently rests in the hands of the village officials.

I had the opportunity to speak with Frank Snyder of Snyder’s Welding located in Canajoharie who redesigned parts of the light. He explained, “I redesigned aspects of the light in 2015 with a wider base to keep trucks from hitting the actual light and causing truck tires to deflect off the base. I went with a component design so just the damaged items of the light would require repair/replacement which was more economical and a quicker fix.”

Many feel the Canajoharie Dummy Light is the iconic symbol of Canajoharie’s identity as it has been associated with the village since 1926. If you were to perform a google search on the Village of Canajoharie numerous websites feature the light including Wikipedia and the Village of Canajoharie’s own website. See for yourself, log on to <https://villagecanajoharie.digitaltowpath.org:10120/content>.

There is no official census of dummy



Re-designed by Frank Snyder using a component system making fixing damaged parts much easier



lights but historians believe there are only a handful remaining in the United States. In 2007 Beacon government officials held a workshop to discuss downtown urban renewal, which included the possibility of moving their city’s dummy light to another location. The workshop was called “Dummy Light Traffic Light – To Move or Not to Move?” Most of the citizens in attendance strongly urged officials to keep the light where it had been for some 80 years. Many felt it was a historic treasure. They loved driving around it, they were used to it and it made them feel at home. Reactions by the public included, “The function of our dummy light will change if it is moved, so leave it where it is,” and “Oddities such as the dummy light add to a city’s character and uniqueness and need to be preserved for future generations.” The City Council voted to keep the light in the middle of Main Street.

I exchanged emails with Chris White, City Administrator for the City of Beacon, in June regarding Beacon’s experience with their historic dummy light and when their light was hit. He said, “Since this is a pre-existing structure that we are simply replacing we haven’t asked DOT to give us an opinion. Our



This is the current state of the light which designer, Frank Snyder believes is very repairable.

community wants it restored and I believe liability issues are quite minor.” When their light was recently damaged when one of the city’s workers backed into it Chris said “Within a few hours, there was such an uproar on social media that I had to spend several hours on social media (and then in print/radio media interviews) explaining that this was, in fact, accidental and not some conspiracy to remove our iconic light.” We are in the process of restoring the light now and knowing the severe reaction from Beacon’s people I would never suggest removing it.”



Beacon, NY has had a similar history with their beloved Dummy Light as well. “I would never suggest removing it.” said City Administrator, City of Beacon, Chris White.

Over the years Croton-On-Hudson’s village officials have talked about replacing the historic dummy light with a modern hanging light, but public feedback has been strongly against the idea. Should it go forward there would be a major stir in the community. The principal argument centers around the

fact that such lights are extremely rare and historic. Croton's dummy light is such a beloved landmark that it was depicted on a "Village Tie" in the 1960s.



Croton-On-Hudson's icon has also been threatened over the years but public opinion mattered and it has survived all opposition.

The answer to the original question, 'Is it just a traffic signal or much, much more?' Is clear. The Canajoharie Dummy Light is something that has and hopefully will continue to make Canajoharie "special" for locals and visitors alike for another 96 years.

It is an iconic part of Canajoharie's "identity" and serves to set us apart from other upstate villages while serving its purpose as a safe, historical traffic signal. I understand that school buses and semi's can find it more challenging than regular sized vehicles, but that comes down to simple inconvenience not a reason worth doing away with something that makes Canajoharie special.

There are other possible solutions that have been suggested to our mayor and village board for making it safer from future mishaps including installing signage on the outskirts of the village and writing google to have it included in their google maps navigation app -can't you just hear "her" message? "In one half mile - historic pedestal traffic light ahead".

It's clearly obvious that the majority of the residents and visitors to Canajoharie want a solution for the intersection that includes the 96 year old icon. Our wish is for restoration, not permanent removal of one of the most widely known historical markers of our beloved Canajoharie. Bring back our Dummy Light, please.



Probably one of the most photographed icons in upstate New York! Seen in year books for decades, and a topic of conversation to everyone new to our village.

*"The residents of this village and their family and friends world-wide, deserve to keep it here in Wagner Square.
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~ Fran Lawrence Hopkins


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**John Falsarella**
3 days ago


The dummy light is like the heart of Canajoharie.




**Pamela Manchester**
2 days ago


this light is living history in an area of New York where history is a huge draw for the economy when there is often little else. Keep your uniqueness.



**Mary Flanders Douglass**
3 days ago

It represents our town. It's totally unique. It's been here forever. It's nostalgic...you think of it when you think of home...like the falls, the school, etc.



**Bobette Shirley**
5 days ago

We always passed that light on our way to my grandmother's house on Marshville Road and although she's been gone almost 20 years when I see that light I think of her, steadfast and strong.

Wagner Square, changes coming

Editor's note: This column, "From the desk of Dick Hency," first appeared in the Sept. 7, 2005 issue of the *Courier Standard Enterprise*.

When we talk about Wagner Square many people do not know what we are talking about. Many newcomers to our village and area are not familiar with the Wagner name, and why it was important to the village of Canajoharie.

Wagner Square is the area where the so-called dummy light stands, with several downtown streets converging into one area.

Since the building of Canajoharie, those intersections have been there, but it wasn't until Webster Wagner built his famous hotel on the west side of Church Street that the area began to be called Wagner Square.

In newspaper articles on the dedication of the new hotel, I found references of the crowd spilling over into Wagner Square as speeches and song filled the air, prior to nearly everyone moving inside to see the wonders created by Senator Webster Wagner, the inventor of many railroad marvels that made railroad traveling much more pleasant.

Wagner built his new hotel on a site, which for years had been host to travelers, and those seeking food and rest. Originally there had been Roof's Tavern, a place that General Clinton used as his headquarters.

Then there was the very popular Eldredge House, a building that was torn down to make way for the new Hotel Wagner. The day before the Eldredge House closed, they held a large farewell party for the old hotel, a party

that went well into the night.

The new hotel, built in 1878, was an instant success, being the largest and most modern in the Mohawk Valley. People flocked to eat in the hotel's spacious dining rooms. The postcard showing the hotel and many of the buildings around Wagner Square was mailed July 28, 1911. But the photograph for the card was taken a few years before that date.

Wagner Square was very plain back then, with only a few large elm trees decorating the street. There are wide sidewalks and with a close look they appear to be large slabs of stone, probably cut from one of the local quarries.

The large stone fountain dedicated by the DAR to the Clinton and Sullivan Expedition had not yet been placed into the square, and no street lights are visible. I have another postcard also looking south along Church Street taken from almost the same position dated

1929, showing the fountain in place, and on each corner there are now street lights with each post having five globes. This later postcard also shows that a fire hydrant had been placed adjacent to the hotel.

One very interesting item about the 1907 postcard, it was postmarked Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. in Canajoharie, and also had a Fort Plain postmark dated Sept. 27, received at 2 p.m. Mail service must have been real good in 1907.

The 1929 postcard of the same area shows that the hotel now has a sign simply stating Wagner hanging from the third floor of the

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The history of Wintergreen Park

Editor's note: This column, "From the desk of Dick Hency," first appeared in the Courier Standard Enterprise, May 2004.

I had started a different column for this week, but in light of the real bad publicity Canajoharie's Wintergreen Park and the historic Canajoharie Creek and gorge area received recently with the second fatal accident at the Canajoharie Falls in less than a year, I decided to shed some light on this stream, the falls and the park area.

Wintergreen Park and the creek (including the gorge area) are really two different projects, both owned by the Village of Canajoharie, and included within the village limits after being annexed a few years ago.

The name "Canajoharie" apparently goes back way before the area was settled by the English, German and Dutch, to the Native Americans who occupied the area. In the general area, the Mohawk Indians established a castle called **Canagorha** which was located between present day Canajoharie and Sprakers.

Early legend states that the Mohawk Indian chieftain Joseph Brant, seeing the large pothole near the end of the creek gorge, named the area Canajoharie, which according to some Mohawk Indians means "The pot that washes itself." According to historians of the Iroquois Native Americans, they – like nearly all Native Americans – had a keen eye for unusual landscape features. **[Editor's note: Today, the Iroquois are known as the Haudenosaunee.]**

This name was applied by the Mohawks not only of the stream, but to at least four of their castles (of different periods) and to the whole area from near the Noses to Fail Hill in present-day Herkimer County.

Some of my present-day Mohawk friends dispute the exact meaning of Canajoharie, but the interpretation has stuck through the years.

The Canajoharie Creek itself rises at the 1,800-foot elevation in the Cherry Valley

Mountains near the Susquehanna divide and down through a small gorge to Salt Springville and the Town of Canajoharie. As the stream wanders through a valley from Sprout Brook past Buel, the stream is called Bowman's Creek by locals.

There is an eastern branch of the creek which originates in the hills around Sharon Springs. This branch is known as the Brimstone Creek due to the sulfur springs in the Sharon area.

Canajoharie Creek wanders through farmland as a peaceful stream, and usually has only an occasional overflow of its banks in spring. Just beyond the hamlet of Marshville the creek begins to drop toward its outlet into the Mohawk River at the Village of Canajoharie.

About a mile and half south of its outlet the creek takes a 40-foot drop, at the picturesque but dangerous Canajoharie Falls.

From the falls the stream flows for about a mile through a narrow canyon with 100-foot-high walls. As the stream is about to exit the canyon area there is a dam which had been erected several years ago by the former Arkell and Smiths paper bag company. The canyon is the result of years of erosion by the flow of the creek water through what is Ordovician shale. This shale and rock formation has been the scene of several geology studies over the years.

It is just north of this dam where the famous "boiling pot" is located. The creek then starts to flow through the village proper on its way to the Mohawk River.

From the time the first settlers came to the area, the creek was used for industrial purposes. Hendrick Schrembling, the area's first settler, built a small mill using the creek's water, and he was followed by Gose Van Alstyne, who built a mill in 1760 and Col. Hendrick Frey, with a mill in 1772.

However, the first big concrete dam on the creek was built by the former Arkell and Smiths firm just a short distance from the factories on Mill Street. They used large quantities of water in the manufacture of paper bags, and connected to the new dam with a pipeline. In the early 1920s this dam was destroyed during an early spring thaw. From Mill Street you see the remains of this dam, with the two concrete ends of the dam still remaining.

With the need for large quantities of water, the firm constructed a new dam, much smaller than the original dam, but this time in the canyon area. A new pipeline was laid across the creek and covered with concrete, and with this it diverted water away from the historic boiling pot.

This pipeline consists of wooden pipe bound with steel hoops, and sections of this pipeline are visible near the boiling pot and its size and construction have attracted considerable attention from historians.

Prior to the construction of the second dam, it was fairly easy to walk up past the canyon walls and visit the falls. During the time of the federal WPA program, a trail was made up the gorge area, complete with a pontoon bridge so tourists could visit the gorge and falls area. Spring thaws and floods soon destroyed this nature trail.

The village purchased a large number of acres along Old Sharon Road and developed Wintergreen Park, a three-level picnic and recreation area. Over a period of several years, a paved road was built from highway down to the second level; restrooms with running water were built on the middle and lower levels; and picnic tables and fireplaces established.

A caretakers' building was built on the middle level, along with a roadway and trail leading to the lower level running alongside

Canajoharie Creek. A second trail was constructed, along with a couple of small bridges, running along the rim of the gorge, terminating at an overlook so visitors could view the falls about 90 feet below. A softball/Little League field was constructed on the upper level, and playground equipment and a shuffleboard court were installed on the middle level, along with a pavilion and barbecue pit.

From the start of the village-operated Wintergreen Park, they have posted "No swimming" signs, and for many years did not own a large part of the gorge and falls area. However, people continued to enter the creek area, and to swim in two long-known swimming holes some distance from the park area. For years the more adventurous youth would travel to the falls area and do daredevil jumps from the sides and top of the falls, a jump of over 40 feet into the narrow, deep hole at the base of the falls.

People have been killed and seriously injured over the years in attempting these jumps and dives. My neighbors when I lived on Walnut Street in the village had a son, Walter, killed in a jump from the top of the falls prior to 1920, the year I was born, and year after year this has continued.

The village notes that this part of the creek and gorge area is not really part of the Wintergreen Park area, and they have posted large signs noting that swimming and trespassing in the gorge area will lead to arrests for trespassing.

This has not stopped people from going past barricades and signs to the gorge area, including the falls. In the incident a week ago, a 16-year-old Little Falls girl died while jumping from the top of the falls, and 12 of her friends were arrested and sent to Montgomery County Jail.

Wintergreen Park was not yet open for the season, but the urge to jump from the falls lured this group ... to bypass a gate at the entrance to the park, go past several "No swimming" and "No trespassing" signs and to a tragic ending.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

How to approach a basement remodel

A fully finished and functional basement is a dream for many homeowners. Such a space, when completed, can serve as an entertainment space, a man cave, an artist's studio or any number of additional functions.

Despite their usefulness, finished basements are something of a rarity. In an analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Construction, the National Association of Home Builders® found that only around 24% of single-family homes built in 2018 have basements. Homeowners who do not currently have a finished basement but are considering such a project can approach the remodel with a few key factors in mind. Careful consideration of these factors can ensure the project is budget-friendly and worthy of homeowners' investments.

- **Investment value:** Conventional wisdom among home renovation and real estate experts suggests that a basement remodel is best if done to satisfy current inhabitants and not necessarily to appeal to prospective buyers once the home is put up for sale. Remodeling Magazine reports that a midrange basement remodel costing around \$70,000 will provide a return

of around \$49,000 (or 70%) at resale. Though that's not a poor return on investment, homeowners who are remodeling a basement solely for the potential ROI at resale can find other projects that provide a greater return.

- **Foundation:** The foundation of the home must garner ample consideration before beginning a basement remodel. Certain foundation issues, such as soft concrete, cracked or curved outside walls and

cracks in the flooring, are indicative of significant issues with the foundation. These issues can be costly to address, and they must be remedied before the basement remodel can begin.

- **Existing space:** Some homeowners may have bought their homes with partially finished basements or even finished areas that they simply want to remodel. In such instances, a pre-remodel inspection from a licensed home inspector can save homeowners lots of money and heartache over the long haul. Partially finished or even aging finished basements might not have been renovated in adherence to codes, which could lead to costly violations down the road. An inspection in advance of a remodel can give homeowners an idea of what they will need to do to bring the basement up to code. Local officials also can provide a list of necessary permits and a detailed description of requirements to ensure the remodeled basement adheres to code.

- **Soil:** Soil surrounding the home should be tested prior to beginning the project. Radon is an odorless gas found in soil that the U.S. EPA notes can increase individuals' risk for lung cancer. Radon can seep into basements and increase that risk even further if it is present at elevated levels in the soil surrounding a home. Radon tests are simple and inexpensive, and no basement remodel project should begin without first conducting such a test.

Finished basements are valuable spaces. Homeowners who want to finish or remodel their basements should consider a host of factors before beginning the renovation.



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insurance provider Clovered found that 85% of respondents indicated a chance to save money as their top reason for attempting a DIY home improvement project. The chance

to save money was an even greater motivator for homeowners than the opportunity to improve (79%) or repair (66%) their homes. Those savings can be significant because

homeowners won't have to pay labor costs, which the renovation experts at BobVila.com note can cost anywhere from \$20 to \$150 per hour per laborer. Though the cost savings

of DIY can be hard to resist, homeowners considering a DIY renovation are urged to make an honest assessment of their skills before attempting a project on their own.

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river, and today is part of main dining room of the Poplars Restaurant.

Everyone felt that this was the end of Fultonville, but to the surprise of everyone, the village bounced back. The large interchange made it an ideal location for three truck stops.

An old mill that had partially been destroyed by fire was turned into a truck stop complete with rooms and facilities for truckers and motorists alike, including a store, restaurant, repair facilities for trucks and refueling. Another large motel and refueling area was built adjacent to

the interchange and a smaller one is located just to the west of the interchange.

The Thruway changed the lives of many people as it wound its way across the state, but it's also brought people and business to the area. In a check of the Thruway website

this past weekend, I found out that over 230 million vehicles travel over eight billion miles per year on the Thruway – some change from those days in the late 1940s when the bulldozers first cut into the soil in western Montgomery County.

Wagner from 18

hotel. Also on this card a close look will reveal an old style gas street light sidewalk in front of the Shaper block. Another surprise was the fact that only one team of horses and wagon is visible on the 1911 card. The team is just visible as they are parked in front of the one business along Church Street that catered to horses and their wagons, the Schroeder Harness Shop.

This small two story wooden building was one of the few wooden store fronts in 1911 of downtown Canajoharie following the fire of 1877. In fact, this building is still standing on Church Street, and is currently used as a field office for the New York Department of Transportation.

In the 1929 card the street appears to have been paved, but the quality of close-up photography prevents me from determining if this is brick pavement or stone.

The hotel was a popular scene for the postcards from Canajoharie, as there were few hotels up and down the Mohawk Valley as modern as the Wagner.

Two of those early postcards show the Canajoharie post office located in the hotel on the corner by Cliff Street. Later when the post office moved, the front of the hotel was finished off, and post office area became the main banquet room for the hotel.

One thing that didn't change was the barber shop. For years that barbershop was occupied by John Henneman, who continued to cut hair until he was in his 90s. Many of us remember John; he cut my hair many times.

Governor Thomas Dewey remembered the 90-year old barber from Canajoharie, and when the Thruway was dedicated, the governor sent a car for John and he rode in the caravan that officially opened the Thruway. John was quoted as saying it was a great ride, but he didn't get to see much as they went too fast.

The other day I received a letter from an old friend, Joe Morowski, who now operates a photo studio in Colorado. Along with the letter were two fine photographs of the hotel that Joe had taken when he had a photo shop on Church Street. (My daughter worked for Joe.) The hotel was now the Hotel Beech-Nut with a large sign hanging from the first floor.

On the Mohawk Street corner a special store front had been added several years before the photo was taken, and this was the headquarters of Niagara Mohawk. The old sign simply stated electric light company.

The barber shop was open and the whole front of the hotel was decorated with flowers. The entire building looked really sharp, and you had the feeling that it probably would be there forever.

My daughter recently was the successful bidder on a several page booklet put out by BeechNut, and told the entire history of the Hotel Beech-Nut. The booklet was published following the redecoration of the entire interior of the hotel. It noted that the phone books in each room matched the wallpaper in that room.

Today looking at the parking lot it is hard to picture that magnificent hotel standing there, an attraction that brought thousands of people to Canajoharie. We could really use that hotel today.

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According to the credit reporting agency Experian, senior citizens tend to have the best credit scores of any consumer demographic. That could be a byproduct of years of financial discipline, and there are many benefits to maintaining that discipline into retirement.

• **Home buying and borrowing:** Buying a home is often considered a big financial step forward for young people, but that doesn't mean aging men and women are completely out of the real estate market. In its 2020 "State of the Nation's Housing" report, the Joint Center for Housing

Studies of Harvard University reported that the share of homeowners

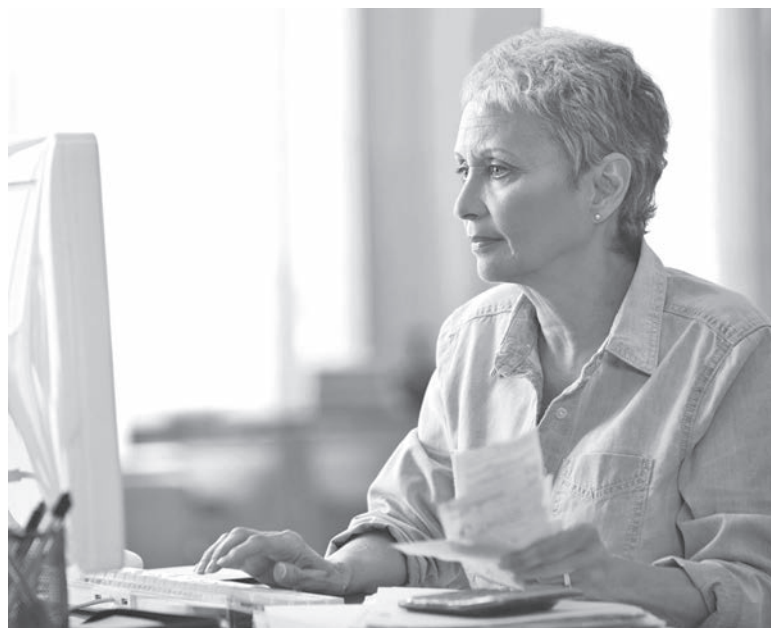
age 65 and over with housing debt doubled to 42% between 1989 and

2019. In addition, 27% of homeowners age 80 and over were carrying mortgage debt in 2019. Maintaining strong credit after retirement can help homeowners who still have mortgage debt get better terms if they choose to refinance their mortgages. Even seniors who have paid off their mortgages can benefit from maintaining good credit if they decide to downsize to a smaller home but cannot afford to simply buy the new home outright.

• **Rewards:** Retirement is often associated with travel, recreation and leisure. Such pursuits can be more affordable when seniors utilize rewards-based credit cards that help them finance vacations, weekend getaways and other expenses associated with traveling. Seniors who maintain strong credit ratings into their golden years may have more access to the best travel-based rewards cards than those whose credit scores dip in retirement.

• **Unforeseen expenses:** No one knows what's around the corner, but savvy seniors recognize the importance of planning for the unknown. The pandemic seemingly came out of nowhere, and among its many ripple effects was the sudden job loss experienced by seniors. The JCHS report found that 21% of homeowners age 65 and over had reported loss of employment income related to the pandemic. Unforeseen medical expenses also can compromise seniors' financial freedom. Maintaining a strong credit rating into older adulthood can help seniors navigate such financial uncertainty more smoothly. Such a strategy can help seniors secure low-interest loans or credit cards that can help them pay down sudden, unforeseen expenses without getting into significant debt.

The importance of a strong credit rating is often emphasized to young people. However, a strong credit rating can be equally beneficial for seniors.



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(Family Features) Fresh air, warm sun and delicious foods make brunch a favorite weekend event. Set the stage (and the table) for an inviting experience with recipes that cover all the bases from snacks and desserts to a mouthwatering main course.

Tide the appetite of your guests with Spiced Grass-Fed Lamb Over Hummus served with toasted flatbread or tortilla chips before dishing out Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole for a simple centerpiece. Just as those delectable dishes are vanishing, pull Brown Sugar Pound Cake out of the oven and pair with sweetened whipped cream and fresh fruit for a sweet finishing touch.

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Wake Up to a Wonderful Brunch

Perfect for any brunch occasion is a delicious dish that can be made a day in advance, simplifying your morning prep before guests arrive with growling stomachs.

Prepared the day before and chilled overnight, this Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole is ready to bake to perfection in the morning with a gooey interior and crisp exterior filled with mouthwatering flavor. Drizzle with glaze then dish out to loved ones for a delicious way to make brunch easy.

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Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole
Servings: 12

Nonstick cooking spray
1 package (20 ounces) French bread, cubed, divided
1 can (20 ounces) apple pie filling
9 eggs
1 cup half-and-half
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup powdered sugar, plus additional (optional)
2 tablespoons milk, plus additional (optional)
Spray 8-by-8-inch glass baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In baking dish, add 10 ounces cubed French bread in bottom of dish. Pour apple filling over bread. Top with remaining cubed French bread. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs, half-and-half and cinnamon. Pour evenly over bread.

Cover with aluminum foil and chill overnight.

Heat oven to 325° F. Remove foil and bake 50 - 60 minutes. Let cool 10 - 15 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk powdered sugar and milk. Add additional, if needed, until pourable glaze is reached. Drizzle over casserole before serving.

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Whip from 26

To make lamb: Remove lamb from bone, dice meat into small cubes and transfer to medium bowl. Add cumin powder and salt. Toss to coat. Marinate while preparing hummus.

To make hummus: Drain chickpeas, reserving 1 tablespoon liquid. Rinse chickpeas under running water then drain.

In bowl of food processor, pulse chickpeas, chickpea liquid and garlic until chickpeas and garlic are chopped. Add tahini, lemon juice, salt, cumin, paprika and olive oil. Mix until smooth paste forms. Taste and adjust by adding more salt, lemon juice or olive oil, as desired. Transfer hummus to large platter and spread it out.

In large skillet, heat extra-virgin olive oil over high heat until hot. Add lamb and cook 30 seconds without



Overnight Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole

moving.

Turn lamb over and

cook 30 - 60 seconds, repeating until all sides are browned. Remove from pan and let rest 5 minutes.

To serve, place cucumbers and tomatoes in well of hummus then top with lamb, pine nuts and parsley. Top with squeeze of lemon juice and serve with flatbread or tortilla chips.

Satisfy Cake Cravings with a Brunch-Worthy Dessert

Whether your brunch feast consists of bacon and eggs, pancakes and waffles or a combination of favorites, you can cap it off with a sweet treat for the perfect ending. After all, no celebration is complete without dessert.

Once the table is cleared of the main courses, dish out decadent bites of this Brown Sugar Pound Cake baked with high-quality ingredients like C&H Sugars to end the meal on a sweet note. Top with whipped cream and your crowd's favorite fruits like strawberries and blueberries or serve the toppings separately for a customizable treat.

Visit chsugar.com for more brunch recipe ideas.

Brown Sugar Pound Cake

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour

Servings: 8

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus additional for coating pan, divided

1 cup packed light brown sugar

1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened

4 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Spiced Grass-Fed Lamb Over Hummus



Brown Sugar Pound Cake

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

Sweetened whipped cream, for topping (optional)

Fresh fruit, such as strawberries and blueberries, for topping (optional)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. In large bowl, beat sugar and butter until fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add vanilla. In separate bowl, combine 1 3/4 cups flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to sugar mixture. Pour batter into pan.

Bake 1 hour, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan and turn out on rack to cool completely.

Top with sweetened whipped cream and fresh fruit, if desired.

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Dairy followed by all other livestock. **Let's keep the cattle in the market place to help the competition – sending direct gives you no competition.**

Mon. July 25th – Sold 184 head – Cull Dairy ave. \$.70 top cow \$.90, cull beef cows \$.80 – \$.90, Bulls/Steers \$98 – \$1.28, Organic cull \$.35 – \$.91, Grass-fed Organic \$.72 – \$.85 bull calves top \$1.75 top beef calf \$3.05, heifer calves \$.65 top beef calf \$2.40, Dairy feeders \$.25 – \$.93, Hogs 300# – 380# \$.70 – \$.75, Organic Dairy top milking age \$1675.

Sat. Aug. 6th – Summer Production Sale 11:30 AM. Selling over 100 Head of Registered & Hi Quality Grade Dairy Cattle all breeds. This sale is FULL and what a line up we have from showage, fancy young milk cows and deep pedigrees! Watch for consignments from Morrill Dairy, Fantasy-Found, Amerada Holsteins & Jerseys, Juniper Farms, Den-Rein Holsteins, Pleasant Knob, May-par, Fourhills Jerseys, Windrift, Sco-li, Merrillea Holsteins, Saxton-Hill, Malony, Mitva Farms, MGR, Lor-Nel-Farm, Baker-Brook, Trozac Farm, Wain-Acres plus many more. Selling 2 semen tanks and semen also. And 3 pair of Stewarts clippers – 1 being a brown set.

Mon. Aug. 8th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale. Heifer grower send a few Holstein Springing heifers.

Mon. Aug. 15th – Normal Monday Sale and Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale. Special: Yeaton Dairy Dispersal, Epsom, NH. Selling 65 Head of Freestall Cattle – Registered Herd ave. 71#/day. 4.4/3.4 SCC 150,000. A really nice group of cattle.

Mon. Aug. 22nd – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day

Sat. Sept. 3rd – Sale held at our facility. 11:30 AM. Sweet Peas & Liddleholme Barn Bursting Sale. So Many animals the barns are bursting! Selling 100 head of Registered Holsteins – some R&W. All ages from calves, open heifers, springing heifers and young milk cows. A chance to tie into two of the most successful breeding programs in the Northeast. **WE WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY CONSIGNMENTS FOR THIS SALE.**

Sat. Sept. 24th – Sale held on the farm. Cortland, NY. Hilltop Devine Dairy – Complete Dairy Dispersal. 130 head sell – Robot herd (Lely Robots) consisting of 60 Registered Holsteins & Jerseys, 72 head of Cows are ave. 88#/day – RHA 28,000 4.19 3.1. SCC 160,000. Watch next week for more details.

UPCOMING SALES TO WATCH FOR:

Sat. Oct 8th – Morrisville, NY 11:00 AM. 39th Annual – Magic of Morrisville Autumn Review Sale.

Sat. Oct. 29th – 11:30 AM – Fall Premier All Breeds Sale – Selling 120 Head of Quality Registered All Breed Dairy Cattle.. Call early to get your group featured.

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Exterior renovations that can improve home value



There are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted "wow" factor.

Renovating a home to improve its value can be a smart investment. Interior improvements, such as updating kitchens and baths, offer good return on investment, but there are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted "wow" factor.

Landscaping

Abundant and well-planned landscaping can instantly boost curb appeal. According to the landscaping company Lawn Starter, 71% of prospective home buyers say a home's curb appeal is an important factor in their buying decisions. As buyers use the internet to look for their dream

homes, there's no denying a beautifully landscaped, nicely photographed property can entice buyers to click and read more about a house.

Address Insects & Minor Repairs

Improving home value may come down to fixing areas of the home that can negatively affect its appeal to buyers. Hire an inspector to look at key components of the house and recommend what needs to be fixed. This way it is discovered before home buyers come in and do their own inspections. Termite infestations, deteriorating roofs and hidden water leaks are some things that might need fixing.

Improve the Entryway

The front door is the focal point of a home's exterior. Invest in a new door or paint it a striking color to add appeal. Remodeling magazine's "Cost vs. Value Report 2019" indicates changing an entry door to a steel replacement can offer 74.9% ROI. Such a door provides visual appeal and added security – things buyers look for. In addition to the front door, make sure that the entryway has a level walkway, steps that are in good repair, accents that are free from rust or tarnish and decorative plants.

Outdoor Lighting

Outdoor lighting can add to the ambiance of a property and serve as a security feature. Utilize different lights, such as a bright light by the entry, uplighting in trees and shrubs for drama, a light-lined path to the door to improve

visibility and motion-detection lights to improve the security of the property.

Repaint (or Reside) the Exterior

A fresh coat of paint or new (or cleaned) siding can instantly give homes a facelift. Neutral, warm and inviting colors tend to have the widest appeal. Adding manufactured stone veneer to the home can offer a 94.9% ROI, says Re-

modeling. And after doing the front door and siding, investing in a garage door replacement offers the highest ROI

of all exterior projects listed on the "Cost vs. Value Report 2019." This improvement returns 97.5% when selling.



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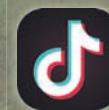
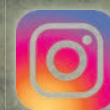
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Four easily forgotten road trip safety tips

Getaways come in many forms. A getaway can be restful and relaxing whether it involves a journey to a small island thousands of miles from home or a favorite campsite that's just a few hours away by car.

As the world gradually emerges from a pandemic that put travel on the back burner for billions of people across the globe, people anxious to get away from home may finally feel comfortable seeking getaways that don't involve

air travel. If the open road beckons you in the months ahead, the excitement ahead can make it easy to overlook certain safety measures. The following are four easily forgotten safety measures to keep in mind as you head off for parts unknown.

1. **Have your vehicle serviced before hitting the road.** The pandemic significantly affected people's driving habits. Millions of people spent the pandemic working remotely, and many have con-

tinued to do so even after being vaccinated. Total driving distances fluctuated throughout the pandemic. For example, the Federal Highway Administration reported that the total distances driven in July 2020 had declined by 11% compared to the same month a year earlier. That decline was more drastic according to figures examining total distances driven in April 2019 and April 2020, when driving had decreased by 40% compared to a year earlier. Though

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full tune-up that includes an oil change, a battery check and a tire rotation. These services and other maintenance tasks like fluid refills can reduce the

likelihood of breakdowns and reveal any issues that might make driving less safe.

2. **Determine if your vehicle is the subject of a recall.** Recalls are issued if a safety issue has been uncovered since a car hit the market. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a list of recalls available on its website at [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Recalls). Recalls are fixed free of charge, and it's best to look well in advance of a trip to ensure you have time to take the vehicle in for its update.

3. **Get used to driving with accessories on the vehicle.** Summer road trips are typically taken with bicycle racks attached to rear windows or the top of the vehicle. Drivers unaccustomed to having bicycles or storage units attached to their vehicles should make a few trial runs so they can get acclimated. Backing up with bike racks on the back of the car can be tricky for novices, so a little practice with the bikes on the back may be helpful. Drivers who intend to tow campers also may benefit from a little pre-trip practice.

4. **Pack a map.** Though maps have long since fallen out of favor due to the availability of GPS, people traveling to remote areas may find their smartphone signals fading in and out as they get closer to their destinations.

Road trips may be especially popular this summer. Some simple safety measures can ensure drivers and their passengers stay safe.

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1 Sharp turn
4 Help a crook
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16 Taj Mahal city
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18 Gorgonzola, for one
21 Hairy Addams cousin
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23 Forgeries
26 Clear the deck?
27 Melancholy
30 Incursion
31 Ruin the veneer
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33 Thanksgiving veggie
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29 Scottish river
31 Hood's photo

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by Slim Randles

You know it used to be even hotter than it is right now, don't you?" Windy looked up from his lunch. Oh boy, professorial mood. We're gonna get it. "I used to pack mules, a-course. Well, I packed 'em 'til the accident, anyway."

"Accident, Windy?" Dang it, Dud, you've done it now. "Nobody can say I don't love them little mules, but that accident took all the packin' enthusiasticals right outa me."

"Over in Death Valley it was. Summer. Hotter'n... well, you know. I was takin' the pack mules out each day with the lunches all packed on 'em fer these dudes. Kinda fun."

"Jest why these here folks want to go a pick-a-nickin' on a hot day I couldn't say. To each his own said the old maid as she kissed the cow, I guess. Mules is the best manmade varmint in history, ya know? But even mules got theirselfes a limit on hotness."


"Them mules. My mules... oh I was so very happy with them mules. But what's done is water under the road and chickens swimmin' upstream, ain't it?"

"Well, that day we had a party that was partial to popcorn. Loved the stuff. I put two big cans on each mule in bag loads. One on each side."

"And we wasn't but maybe... oh, like 20 minutes on the trail when the accident happened. (sob) I still can't remember it today without goin' all gooshy inside, either."

"What happened was somethin' we never figgered on. Nossir! Why, the heat was just a-hottenen down on them pack mules and their packs got all hot, and them cans of popcorn got all hot and then the popcorn went to poppin'!"

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"Pardner, you never seen such a goldarn wreck in your life! Them mules heard that popcorn a-pop-pin' and figgered somebody was shootin' at 'em. Yessir. And they went to buckin' around out there, and when they did, the lids come off all 16 cans of popcorn and it looked like the Fourth of July, with big ol' fountains of that popcorn cas-cradin' down 'round them mules."

"And when the popcorn hit the ground, the mules looked at it, thought it was snow and froze to death! A terrible tragedy, and I ain't packed popcorn since that day."

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Webinar offers farmers, landowners tips on handling hunting leases

Farming and hunting often go hand in hand. Agricultural land that offers food, water and shelter for wildlife is considered prime real estate for hunting. Farmers and other rural landowners routinely grant hunters access to portions of their land through lease agreements.

Creating hunting lease agreements that work for every involved party can be challenging, but a recent informational webinar provided advice to landowners.

"Hunting Leases and Liability: What Should the

Landowner and Hunter Look For in a Lease?" was hosted by the National Agricultural Law Center at the University of Arkansas. A full recording of the webinar can be accessed online at tinyurl.com/2ubxmzm7.

Rusty Rumley, a senior staff attorney for the National Agricultural Law Center, urged participants to consider aspects of a lease beyond the basics, such as setting a duration and payment terms.

Other important issues, such as establishing who is permitted to hunt with the lease, determining the

need for liability insurance and limiting land use to predetermined activities, also should be considered, Rumley noted.

Additional topics, including specifying boundaries, use of fixed assets on leased property, subleasing and termination of a lease, also were discussed.

"You really need to make sure you know exactly what everything in your lease agreement (entails)," Rumley said. "It's a very good idea to make sure you've thought about some of the potential

issues and address them in the very beginning."

He suggested landowners meet with lawyers based in the same state as the leased land to create a clear agreement.

"Just like with agricultural leases, it makes sense to have a written hunting lease when allowing individuals to utilize your land," said Stefanie Taillon, Virginia Farm



Bureau Federation. "Hunters can be helpful to farmers by assisting with wildlife damage control and serving as an extra pair of eyes on their property," she added. "It's important to maintain strong, positive relationships, and establishing expectations up front can go a long way toward reducing conflict before it starts."

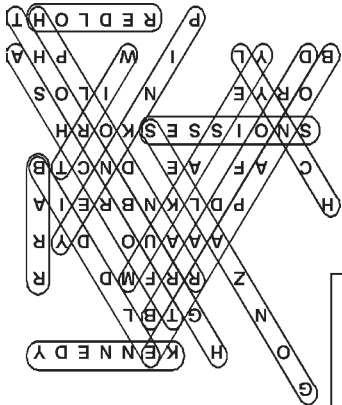
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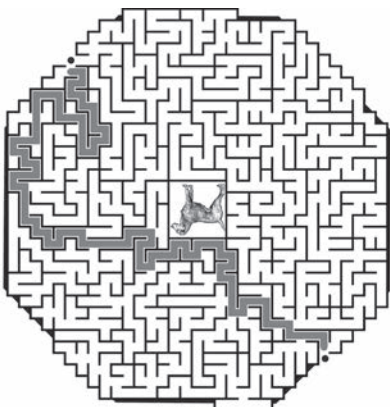
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