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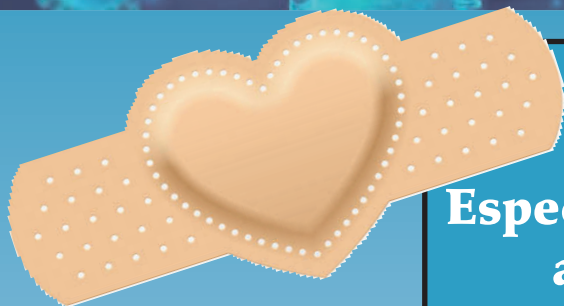
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Veterans honored at Herkimer BOCES ceremony

Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Special Programs hosted a Veterans Day ceremony for local veterans and staff members who are veterans on Nov. 10 at the William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer.

At the end of a patriotic ceremony that included many students reading messages to veterans on stage along with readings and videos for each branch of the military, Herkimer BOCES Supervisor of Special Education Tim Johnston delivered a closing message to veterans.

"Thank you for your service," Johnston said. "Thank you for coming today to celebrate with us as we celebrate you."

The event was just the second Herkimer BOCES Special Programs Veterans Day Ceremony. It was previously started

before COVID-19 and brought back for the first time this year. Johnston said the teachers and staff put in some amazing work in preparing students for the opportunities presented by the event.

In addition to celebrating veterans and thanking them for their service, the ceremony was also held to provide an experience for Special Programs students similar to what students in school districts have with their Veterans Day events, Johnston said. Having the students present readings on stage gives them public speaking experience and an equal chance to participate in thanking veterans, he said.

"They're capable of doing all the things those students do," he said. "We did that today through showing our appreciation for our veterans."



Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Special Programs students who presented on stage during the Veterans Day Ceremony. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

In memoriam: Linda Kay Crouse

Linda Kay Crouse, 70, of River Road, Fort Plain, (Town of Danube), passed away on Nov. 9 at her home. She was born in Lapeer, MI, the daughter of Neil and Alfreda Winn. She was a high school graduate. Most recently Linda had worked at Lee Publications, putting together the weekly publications, retiring in 2013.

Linda was well known for her plastic canvas work. She also enjoyed connecting with family and friends and playing games on Facebook. Everyone always looked forward to anytime that she was cooking, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Still more than anything she always looked forward to anytime she could spend with her grandchildren, who she loved dearly.

On Sept. 27, 2003, she married Alan Crouse at the Indian Castle Church.

She was predeceased by her parents, older brother Bob Winn and sister Juanita Ouderik.

Survivors include her husband of 19 years, Alan M. Crouse; son Joseph Hill II, daughter Deanna Hill, son Eric Hill, daughter Charity Wagner Frenyea, daughter Aubrey Crouse Cheyne; stepsons Alan S and Kenneth James Crouse; sister Ruth Mosher; 32 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, at Houghtaling and Smith Funeral Home, 20 Otsego Street, Canajoharie.



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Call for nominations: Salute to Outstanding Women 2023

YWCA Mohawk Valley (YWCA MV) is seeking nominations for their 2023 Salute to Outstanding Women awards. Nominations for this year's celebration must be submitted by Dec. 9. To nominate an Outstanding Woman, visit ywcamv.org/Salute.

Salute to Outstanding Women honors eight women from the Mohawk Valley who uplift and empower their community. Nominations are made by the public and reviewed for selection by a panel of independent judges.

One honoree is selected in each of eight unique categories:

- **Business & Industry:** Employees of all levels in any profession, business or industry; examples include accounting, construction, law, marketing, trade skills, etc.
- **Education:** Teachers, administrators, community educators, coaches, mentors, professors, librarians, tutors, etc.
- **Entrepreneur:** Someone who has started their own business: large or small, storefront or online
- **Healthcare:** Physicians, nurses, opticians, dentists, therapists in any specialty, pharmacists, healthcare professional and aides, etc.
- **Human & Public Service:** Law enforcement, EMT, fire department, armed forces, social workers, nonprofit employees, etc.
- **Outstanding Youth:** Young women ages 17 and under who deserve recognition for their volunteer work, school-related involvement and/or academic achievements
- **Social Justice:** An unsung heroine in the community whose efforts truly embody YWCA MV's mission to eliminate racism,

empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all

• **STEAM:** Someone who works to promote science, technology, engineering, art and/or math in any field

The selected honorees will be recognized during the Salute to Outstanding Women luncheon taking place March 30, 2023 at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro.

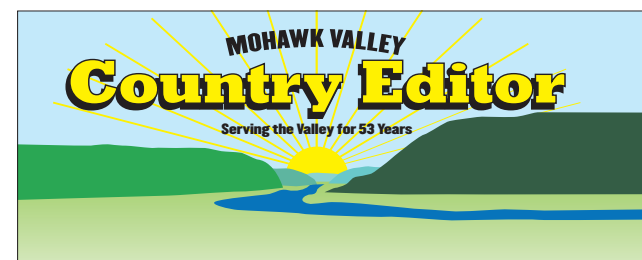
Nominees must be 18 years of age or older, live and/or work in Oneida or Herkimer counties and must have demonstrated excellence and leadership in the workplace and/or community. Youth nominees must be 17 years of age or younger and live, work or attend school in Oneida or Herkimer county. Nominees cannot be past Salute honorees, current YWCA MV board members or current YWCA MV staff.

This celebration of local leaders has brought together dedicated women who from across the Mohawk Valley. Now numbering 273 members, the Salute Academy has served as a testament to YWCA MV's mission to eliminate racism and empower women and girls since the first Salute ceremony in 1989. Nominate your Outstanding Woman today.

All proceeds from Salute to Outstanding Women directly benefit YWCA MV's 24-hour free and confidential domestic violence services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing programs, crisis hotlines, advocacy and accompaniment and more.

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Department of Ag launches Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball recently announced the launch of the \$800,000 NYS Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program. The program, which is designed to support community growing spaces and recognize their impact on local food resiliency and food security for New Yorkers, is now open for applications. Successful projects will be geared toward the development and enhancement of urban farms, school gardens and community gardens across the state.

Ball said, "From neighborhood gardens to rooftop farming, community growers help educate residents about agriculture and make locally grown food more accessible, especially to those in food deserts and underserved areas. As we continue to reflect on the COVID-19 pandemic, we are constantly reminded that developing and strengthening a strong, local food supply chain is paramount to ensuring all New Yorkers can put food on the table, even during difficult times."

"These spaces also respond to the unique needs and aspirations of the communities where they exist to contribute social and economic benefits beyond food production. The Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program expands on that effort by supporting the community growing organizations that fill an essential gap in the supply chain."

Funding through the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program will help offset costs associated with projects that focus on food production, food safety and food distribution while creating a lasting impact on local food resiliency, and can be used to fund worker wages, contractual expenses, equipment and other operating expenses. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, nonprofit educational institutions, municipal government entities and Indian tribal organizations.

For more information on the program and how to apply, visit tinyurl.com/mnxk-p6uc. A virtual webinar with information about the program, how to apply, and eligibility requirements will take place Nov. 18. For questions or to RSVP, contact communitygardens.taskforce@agriculture.ny.gov or visit tinyurl.com/4rc8cvfh.

Funding for the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program was announced in Gov. Kathy Hochul's 2022 State of the State Address as part of the governor's commitment to making local food more accessible to all New Yorkers and to encourage more urban farming. Earlier this year, the department announced it would be taking a statewide study of urban agriculture to better understand the industry and put forth policy recommendations to further support it.

This grant program complements the department's ongoing efforts to provide technical assistance to community growing organizations statewide and promote urban agriculture. New York is home to more than 1,000 registered or permitted urban and community gardens. Through its Community Gardens Program, the department helps foster greener, healthier cities by connecting community groups with state or local agencies to facilitate the use of vacant properties for community gardens.

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As part of a multi-faceted public awareness campaign, DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder has been traveling across the state to spread the word about the upcoming deadline. On Nov. 3, he was joined by officials from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration at New York Stewart International Airport. Schroeder also hosted an event on Nov. 5 at a club for the deaf in Rochester to advise their members and the community about the upcoming deadline and to answer their questions.

The commissioner has previously visited airports in Albany, Rochester, Plattsburgh, Westchester, Binghamton, Elmira/Corning and Syracuse. Additional events are scheduled at LaGuardia Airport, Long Island MacArthur Airport and Buffalo

Niagara International Airport.

"We do not want to see anyone unable to board a plane next May because they do not have the right identification," said Schroeder. "We are traveling to airports, attending public events and community gatherings throughout New York State to remind everyone of the REAL ID deadline and to let them know they can get one today. We appreciate our partners at the TSA, at the airports and state and county officials who share our goal of enabling all New Yorkers to get a REAL ID in one convenient visit to the DMV."

New Yorkers can get their REAL ID or Enhanced ID applications pre-screened by visiting the DMV website. Before beginning the process, we recommend that customers complete the DMV Document Guide to find out what they will need to have handy and ready to upload during the pre-screening process. Once they know what they need, customers should gather the required documents listed on the document guide checklist.

After submitting an application for pre-screening, customers will receive an email with instructions to fix any errors and next steps. Once an application is approved, we will alert the customer to schedule their in-person visit at a participating DMV location on a date and time that is convenient for them.

An Enhanced ID is acceptable for REAL ID purposes and can also be used instead of a passport to return to the U.S. by land or sea from Canada, Mexico and some countries in the Caribbean.

Many DMV offices require customers to make a reservation, which customers can do online at dmv.ny.gov/offices.

DMV has issued guidance to help customers avoid the top five most common mistakes people make when getting a REAL ID. One of the important reminders is to provide documentation if your name has changed.

For more information about REAL ID and Enhanced Driver Licenses, visit dmv.ny.gov/REALID and watch the DMV's REALID informational videos on YouTube.

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The Family Counseling Center of Fulton County in Gloversville has become a hub for community health – both mental health and general wellbeing. The newly renovated building on Broadway in Gloversville has hosted multiple community health events since 2021 in their Event Center, a space purpose-built for community outreach.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Family Counseling Center hosts monthly blood drives by the American Red Cross. Each event welcomes nearly 30 individuals making donations. The Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation's blood and blood components. According to the Red Cross website, each year over 6.8 million people in the U.S. donate blood; despite this, the organization is in urgent need for more people to make appointments and donate as demand outpaces supply. Donations help cancer patients, trauma injuries, sickle cell patients, burn victims and more.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at the Family Counseling Center on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by visiting tinyurl.com/4dja62y or by going to redcrossblood.org/give.

"We are astounded by the amazing community health partners who have scheduled events with the Family Counseling Center," said Peter Lawrence, deputy executive director at the Family Counseling Center. "Our Event Center was designed to

be a hub of community activity, health and education. The ability to have a central location in downtown Gloversville for outreach events such as the vaccine clinics and blood drives is a boon to the community as a whole. We look forward to offering more events such as these and working with more partners in the coming months."

Michael Countryman, the organization's executive director, added, "The Family Counseling Center has been at the heart of the community for over 46 years. We are thrilled to continue to offer mental and behavioral health options to our neighbors through our programs and services. We are also thankful to our partners as we work together to build a health community."

If you would like to keep up to date on similar events, follow the Family Counseling Center on Facebook at facebook.com/FamilyCounselingFultonCounty.

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Kyle Grennen, Rector Holy Eucharist 11 AM Sunday school 11 AM Fully handicap accessible Active youth group - call for details Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Cherry Valley</p> <p>COLD BROOK COLD BROOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 467 Main St. Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</p> <p>NEW LIFE CHAPEL OF THE AEA 3447 St. Rt. 8 Pastors: Rev. Gail & Rev. Mike Jay 315-826-7115 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Intercessory Prayers Tuesday 7 PM (please call to confirm)</p> <p>DOLGEVILLE NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Pastor Peter Spiak 32 Spencer St. • 315-429-3630 Sunday School 9:30 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Tuesday Bible Study 7 PM</p> <p>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOLGEVILLE Pastor Len Byerly 12 Van Buren St. Morning Worship 11-12:30 PM Lunch 12:30-2 PM Afternoon Worship 2-3 PM</p> <p>DOLGEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Matt Worley 21 N. Helmer Ave. Church Phone 315-429-7381 Sunday Church Service Oppenheim @ 10 AM Dolgeville @ 11 AM</p> <p>DOLGEVILLE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Pastor Marvin Isum 3 Elm St. Phone 315-429-8390 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Mid-week Service Tuesday 7 PM www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org</p> <p>UNITED LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN PARISH 26 E. Faville Ave. Worship 11 AM</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 31 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville, NY Phone 315-823-3410 Sunday Mass 9AM</p> <p>EAST SCHUYLER CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER Pastor Adam Coomes 3659 Route 5, East Schuyler Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Wednesday Night 6:30 PM Phone 315-895-0926 Christianassemblyofschuyler.com</p> <p>EPHRATAH EPHRATAH REFORMED CHURCH 140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally. Everyday. Everywhere. Everyone. Pastor Jeff Hindrliter Sunday School for all ages 10 AM September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7 PM</p> <p>ESPERANCE ESPERANCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 129 Church St., Esperance NY 12066 Sunday Worship 9:30 am Rev. Bert Mayne Simple, friendly, conservative worship in a beautiful 1824 sanctuary</p> <p>FONDA SAINT CECILIA CHURCH 26 Broadway, Fonda 518-853-4195 Sunday Worship 9 AM</p> <p>NATIONAL KATERI TEKAKWITHA SHRINE AND INDIAN MUSEUM 3636 St. Hwy. 5, PO Box 627 Fonda, NY 12068-0627 518-853-3646 Weekly Masses: Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 10:30 AM friars@katerishrine.com www.katerishrine.com</p> <p>FORT PLAIN AMAZING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH 131 Clark Rd., Fort Plain 518-568-7606 Pastor Frank Calabrese Sunday School 10 AM, Morning Service 11 AM, Sun. & Wed. Eve. Service 6 PM, Youth Group Wed. 6:30 PM, Sat. Visitation 10 AM www.amazinggracebc.org</p> <p>GRANDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH 15 Washington St., Fort Plain 518-993-9929 Pastor Sean Morin Sunday School 10 AM Morning Service 11 AM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:30 PM</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 36 Lydius St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-2040 Pastor Jonathan Litzner 405-250-8395 Church Service 11 AM</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 774 St. Hwy. 163, Fort Plain, NY 518-705-7552 Rev. David A. Johnson, Ph.D. Sunday Worship 9 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Ladies Aid W.E.L.C.A. Handicapped Accessible</p> <p>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>VICTORIOUS LIFE CHURCH RMI FELLOWSHIP 104 Main St. & 431 St. Hwy. 80 Fort Plain, NY 518-993-3102 Sunday School 9 AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM, Youth Group 5 PM, Evening Worship 7-8 PM</p> <p>FORT PLAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 39 Center St., Fort Plain Audie Miller, Lay Supply Pastor Church Office 518-993-3863 Kitchen 518-993-3464 ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11AM</p> <p>OUR LADY OF HOPE R.C. CHURCH 115 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 Parish Office 518-993-3822 ourladyofhope@frontier.com Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4 PM; Sunday, 9:30 AM; Confessions: Sat. 3 & by appointment Please call parish office for Holy Day schedule</p> <p>FREYSBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Freysbush Rd., Fort Plain 518-429-9936 or 518-424-8488 Worship 9 AM, Sunday School 10 AM ALL ARE WELCOME</p> <p>FRANKFORT OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES 414 Frankfort St., Frankfort, NY Pastor: Father Paul Catena Deacon: Micheal Carbone Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 PM (May - October); Sunday 9 AM; Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM</p> <p>FULTONVILLE FONDA FULTONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Kathy Reese Sunday worship and Sunday school 10AM Outdoor service: 11 Montgomery Street, Fultonville, May-Early Sept. (byo - chair) Indoor service: Winter and inclement weather Glen Town Hall, 7 Erie Street, Fultonville Community Outreach is very important to us 518 853-3311</p> <p>FULTONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH Corner of 5S & 30 Pastor Jane Hubschmitt Sunday School 10 AM Family Worship 10:30 AM</p>	<p>GLEN GLEN REFORMED CHURCH State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen 4 miles South of Fultonville glenreformed@nycap.rr.com Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School immediately following Children's Message</p> <p>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>TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH 327 N. Prospect St. Phone 866-4270 Friday 7 PM</p> <p>ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH Rev. Mark Cunningham, Pastor 219 N. Bellinger St. Phone 866-4282 Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM Sunday Mass 8 AM</p> <p>CHURCH OF SAINTS ANTHONY and JOSEPH 229 S. Main St. Phone 866-6373 Sunday Mass 10 AM No Saturday Vigil</p> <p>REDEEMER CHURCH Pastor Michael Servello 931 Herkimer Rd., Utica, NY 13503 Phone 792-4748 Saturday 6 PM • Sunday 9 & 11 AM</p> <p>OAK RIDGE FREE METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Chris Schumske 838 W. German St. Worship Service for adults & children 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM with Ridgekids for the children (0-5th grade) Phone 866-0575</p> <p>UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S PROTECTRESS 326 Moore Ave. Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 AM Holy Day Liturgy 9 AM Phone 866-1336</p> <p>NEW LIFE CHURCH Pastor David Hayner 337 Protection Ave. Phone 866-1164 • www.nlc-mc.org Worship 10 AM Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM</p> <p>THE SALVATION ARMY Lieutenants Derrick and Heather Purvis 431 N. Prospect St. Phone 866-1240 Facebook.com/TheSalvationArmyHerkimer Sunday School 10 AM Morning Worship 11 AM</p> <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HERKIMER AND LITTLE FALLS Pastor Joelle Faulks Prospect St & Park Ave. Sunday Worship and Sunday School 9 AM</p>	<p>HERKIMER REFORMED CHURCH 102 Church St. Phone 866-1523 Worship 9:30 AM Shepherd's Table: Tuesday 11:30-12 PM</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> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 317 Gros Blvd., East Herkimer 315-866-8095 Sunday Sacrament Meeting 10 AM Sunday School/Primary 11 AM - Visitors welcome - Family History Center, open by appointment</p> <p>ILION ILION COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Dean Mabry 44 Central Plaza Sunday Worship 10 AM Child Care/Kids Church Available ilionchurch.com</p> <p>SAINT AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 78 2nd Street Phone: 680-322-1034 or 315-895-0363 Email: staugustine3@gmail.com Sunday Services at 10 AM</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 90 Morgan St., Ilion, NY, 13357 Reverend Richard Riggle Bible Study 9:30 AM Church Service 10:30 AM 315-894-2070</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 8 Second Street Reverend John Partise Wednesday Mid Week Service 7 PM Sunday Morning 11 AM</p> <p>JESUS NEVER FAILS COMMUNITY CHURCH Reverend Hans Drews 1161 Elizabethtown Rd., Ilion, NY 13357 518-568-7983 hansandrosaline@yahoo.com Sunday Service 11 AM</p> <p>MORNING STAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 36 Second Street Pastor Joelle Faulks Sunday Worship 10:30 AM November 1 - May 1 4224 Acme Rd, Frankfort May 1 - November 1 36 Second Street, Ilion</p> <p>ANNUNCIATION CHURCH 109 West Street, Ilion, NY Pastor: Father Paul Catena Deacon: Micheal Carbone Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 PM (November - April); Sunday 11:30 AM; Monday & Wednesday 9 AM</p>
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<p>JOHNSTOWN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 3316 St. Rt. 29 W, Johnstown, NY 12095 Offices: 518-762-2982 Cell: 857-523-8417 Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler Sunday Morning Service 11 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10 AM</p> <p>JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 37 South Market St. Johnstown, NY 12095 518-762-8263 office@johnstownpresbyterian.org Pastor George W. 'Blake' Blakesley Church Service 10:30 AM in person, Zoom and Facebook Please call for more information about our free community lunch, thrift store & personal care shelf.</p> <p>LASSELLSVILLE LASSELLSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH State Hwy. 29 Pastor Robert A. Lindsay Worship: Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School to start soon</p> <p>LITTLE FALLS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 555 Albany St. 315-823-3392 Morning Worship 9:45 AM Rev. Chris J. Wintermute, Lead Pastor Rev. William Whalen, Associate Pastor Nursery (infants through age 4) Meet and Greet Sunday at 8:00 AM Sunday School Classes 8:30 AM (nursery through adult) **Our Service is aired on 100.3 FM, 91.1 FM & 88.7 FM on Sundays from 11-12 with a 1 week delay. **LIVE on Facebook: "gingerleecase" account- 9:45 am on Sundays</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Minister Jeffrey J. Frank Mark Bunce, Organist 565 Albany St., Little Falls, NY Phone 315-823-2284 Sunday Service & Religious Education 10 AM</p> <p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Senior Pastor Timothy Parisi 559 E. Jefferson St. Phone 823-4043 • firstaglf@gmail.com Sunday Morning All Worship 10 AM Thursday Bible Study 6:30 PM</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LITTLE FALLS Father Brian Slezak 763 E. Main St., Little Falls, NY Phone 315-823-3410 Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM Sunday Mass 10:30 AM</p> <p>HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 512 E. Gansevoort St. Sunday School 9:15 AM Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Wednesday Worship 11 AM & 6 PM</p>	<p>EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH 588-594 Albany St. Sunday Schedule: High Mass, Rite II 10 AM Nursery & Sunday School 9:45 AM (Sept.-May) Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:30 AM Holy Day Masses as announced Confessions by appointment</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Tamara Razzano 16 Jackson St. Phone: 315-823-3004 Email lffirstpres@gmail.com www.presbylf.org Sunday Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10 AM</p> <p>INGHAMS MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Gary L. Busch, Pastor Sunday Worship Service 10 AM 443 Inghams Mills Rd. Little Falls, NY 13365 Pastor's Phone (315) 717-9936</p> <p>THE HOLY SPIRIT POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH 618 E. Gansvoort St., Little Falls, NY 315-823-0793 Father Rafal Dadello Mass at 11 AM on Sunday www.holyspiritpncc.org</p> <p>MARSHVILLE MARSHVILLE EVANGELICAL CHURCH Route 10 South Pastor Mark Fowler Worship Sunday 9 AM</p> <p>MIDDLEVILLE MIDDLEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 24 Fairfield St. Sunday Worship 8:30 AM Thursday Bible Study 2 PM</p> <p>MOHAWK DENNISON CORNERS COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Donald King 219 Robinson Rd. • Phone 866-5215 Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Evening Worship 6 PM Wednesday Prayer 7 PM</p> <p>MOHAWK REFORMED CHURCH Rev. Brian Engel, Pastor 20 S. Otsego St. Phone 866-4292 Email mohawkpastor@verizon.net Follow us on Facebook Morning Worship: 10:30 AM Sept. - June • 9:30 AM July - Aug. Youth Sunday School (Pre-K - Sr. High) 9 AM Adult Sunday School (Men, Women & Couples) 9:30 AM September - June</p> <p>EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH Pastor Gary Wilcox 54 W. Main St. • Phone 717-3011 Worship and Word: Sunday 10:30 AM Fellowship Lunch: 12:30 PM Discipleship Hour: Sunday 1:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer: Wednesday 6 PM</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Sr. Mary Jo Tallman, CSJ, Parish Life Director Rev. Leo Potvin, Sacramental Minister 71 E. Main St. Phone 866-1752 Sunday Mass 9:30 AM</p> <p>CHRISTIAN BIBLE CHURCH H. Ed Reed, Pastor/Teacher 167 Ward Rd. • Phone 858-1282 www.christianbiblechurch.us Sunday School 9 AM Sunday Worship 10 AM Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 PM</p> <p>THE WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER Pastor Dan Annutto 27 E. Main St. • Phone (315) 985-3596 Sunday Services at 10 AM Intercession - Tuesdays at 6 PM</p> <p>NELLISTON VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH 85 E. Main St., Nelliston 518-993-3458 Pastor Ken Gies Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 AM, Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Wed. Praise & Prayer 7 PM, Fri. Youth Group 7 PM (7-12th grade)</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 Pastor Matt Worley 315-429-7381 Worship 10 AM 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. Casey Bradley • 315-858-1553 Service: Sunday 9:15 AM Church School: Sunday 9:30 AM</p> <p>RICHFIELD SPRINGS BIBLE CHURCH 19 Church St., Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. David Tosi • 315-858-0564 Sunday School (all ages) 10 AM Wor- ship Service 11 AM & 7 PM Wednesday - Prayer & Praise Call for info on various Youth Ministries www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org</p> <p>SALISBURY CENTER FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Robert Brent 106 Plant Road Sunday Worship 11 AM with Children's Church offered during the service</p> <p>SALISBURY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2545 State Route 29 Pastor Mark Hediger, 315-429-9085 pastormarkh@aol.com Sunday Worship 10 AM Thursday Bible Study 6 PM</p> <p>SLOANSVILLE SCHOHARIE VALLEY GOSPEL CHURCH Pastor Pat Andreoli 133 Sprakers Rd., Sloansville, NY 518-864-5397 svgchurch@gmail.com Wednesday Prayer 6 PM; Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 AM; Worship Service Sunday Morning 10:30 AM</p>	<p>SPRAKERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON FOUR CORNERS 1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers 518-922-9088 Paster Brett Popp Sunday School (ages 3-adult) 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM Sunday Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM Thu. Evening of Encouragement & Community Kid's Bible Club 6:30 PM</p> <p>THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF RURAL GROVE 170 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers, NY 12166 518-922-7831 Pastor Joshua Fetterhoff pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 AM, Morning Service 11 AM, Eve. Service 6 PM, Wed.-Family Night 7 PM, "Where Bible Teaching is Fundamental"</p> <p>REFORMED CHURCH OF SPRAKERS 112 Sprakers Hill Rd. Rev. Nancy Ryan Worship ~ 9 AM All Welcome!!!</p> <p>CURRYTOWN REFORMED CHURCH 829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422 Rev. Donald Hoaglander Visiting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt 518-705-2201 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship Service 10 AM</p> <p>RIVER OF JUBILEE CHURCH 5057 St. Hwy. 5 S, Sprakers, NY 12166 Pastor: Gail Adamoschek Pastor: Steve Adamoschek 518-322-1427 / 518-224-4455 Sunday Service 10 AM Children's Church Available Other Learning Opportunities Available Visit us on Facebook</p> <p>SPRINGFIELD CENTER ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 7690 Rt. 80, Springfield Center 315-858-4016 Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge Sunday Eucharist, 9:30 AM Coffee - Fellowship follows service Holy Days - as announced</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Springfield Center, NY Rev. Terence Brant 607-264-3035 Sunday School 10 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM</p> <p>ST. JOHNSVILLE BETHESDA FELLOWSHIP 34 S. Division St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-2678 Summer Schedule Sunday Worship 10 AM Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM</p>	<p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 32 W. Main St., St. Johnsville, NY (next to NBT Bank) 518-568-3007 Church 518-568-2405 Parsonage Rev. David Johnson Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Tues. Bible Bungee-Jumping 7 PM, "Bible Study" that actually makes sense! A Vibrant, Welcoming Community of Faith & Vision</p> <p>SEEKER'S FELLOWSHIP 14 Park Place, St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-7700 • Pastor Mike Yezierski Sunday Worship 6 PM, Tues. Prayer 7 PM, Bible Study 7 PM (Wed., Thurs. & Fri.) We teach the fullness of God's Word, a life of holiness for the believer, and salvation for all who trust in Christ's sacrifice.</p> <p>JOY FELLOWSHIP 296 Co. Hwy. 119, St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-3217 • William Hayes, Pastor Joyce Loughran, Assistant Pastor Sunday School 9 AM, Morning Worship 9:30 AM Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30 PM</p> <p>ST. 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 gccpcastor2021@gmail.com</p> <p>STRATFORD STRATFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1511 State Route 29A Sunday Worship 8:30 AM Broadcast on 95.9 FM within 2 miles of church Pastor Matt Worley</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. Prayer Meeting 6 PM; 2nd & 4th Sunday Dinner following Morning Service with Afternoon Service following dinner "Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching"</p> <p>TRIBES HILL SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 111 3rd Ave., Tribes Hill 518-829-7301 Mass Saturday 4 PM</p>
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Holidays						
6th	- Daylight Saving Time Ends					
8th	- Election Day					
11th	- Veterans Day					
24th	- Thanksgiving					

December 2022						
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Holidays						
18th	- Hanukkah Begins in the evening					
21st	- Winter Begins					
25th	- Christmas					

NOVEMBER 17

Business After Hours Pet Passages. For more information, call Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce at 315.866.7820.

Take a Towpath Hike 1 p.m. Visitor Center, Schoharie Crossing, Fort Hunter. Contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516.

American Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall, located in the Robert McLaughlin College Center (RMCC), 100 Reservoir Road. To schedule an appointment, the campus community can visit the Center for Student Leadership & Involvement, RMCC 220, or email brownvl@herkimer.edu. Donors can also go online to redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment online. Sign up can be found at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass.

NOVEMBER 18

OCCA Homeschool Nature Group 12 - 2 p.m. Join OCCA educator Shelby MacLeish at Robert Riddell State Park. Register at occainfo.org

Mark Fowler Sings! 6:30-8:30 p.m. Berean Bean, 64 Church St., Canajoharie. Songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Snacks and beverages available. Free will donation. Raffle basket tickets available for purchase. Proceeds benefit Junior Youth Program of Canajoharie.

Gary Van Slyke performing Over the River music 1:30 p.m. at Arkell Center, 2 Maple Ave., Canajoharie. Contact Joan Cimino at 518.673.4408.

Funding for the Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program webinar 12-1 p.m. A virtual webinar with information about the program, how to apply, and eligibility requirements. For questions or to RSVP, contact communitygardens.taskforce@agriculture.ny.gov or visit tinyurl.com/4rc8cvfh. For more information on the program and how to apply, visit tinyurl.com/mnxkp6uc.

NOVEMBER 18 & 19

St Mary's Healthcare Auxiliary Christmas in November Holiday Shopping Bazaar 2022. Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events at Carondelet Auditorium, Amsterdam. For more information, call the volunteer department at 518. 841.7136
Pierogi and Golumbki Sale - Friday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 324 Moore Ave., Herkimer. Pierogi sell for \$8 a dozen; golumbki \$15 a half dozen or three-piece for \$7.50. Also featuring cooked sauerkraut with kielbasa \$8.

NOVEMBER 19

Harvest Dinner 6 p.m. at Christian Church of Rural Grove, 170 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers. Home cooked meat and dessert. All are welcome to attend this evening of delicious food, quality fellowship, and life-changing presentation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. RSVP appreciated but not required. There is no charge for this event. For more information contact Pastor Joshua Fetterhoff at 518.922.7831 or pastorjosh.ccr@gmail.com.

Historical Sip and Paint 1 - 3 p.m. Oneida County History Center exhibit gallery, 1608 Genesee Street, Utica. For further information or purchase tickets, visit oneidacountyhistory.org/programs.html or call 315.735.3642.

Pie and Book Sale 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., Ilion. Soup and sandwiches. For more information call the church office at 315.894.9041.

Soup, Pie and Craft Sale 9 a.m.-noon at Frothingham Free Library, 28 W. Main St., Fonda. Vendors: Clear View Alpaca Farm, Haven of Hope Farm and Residence, Mary Ann Delany. Call Linda Bell at 518.853.3016.

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Herkimer College, Robert McLaughlin College Center, Room 282. Open to the public but is for survivors of suicide loss only. Light lunch served. To learn more about this local event and to register, visit herkimer-new-york.isosld.afsp.org .

NOVEMBER 23

Annual Thanksgiving Pie and Pumpkin roll sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, The Parish Hall, 594 Albany St., Little Falls. Pre-order suggested. Call 315.741.4672 for more information and to place order.

NOVEMBER 24

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner noon - 3 p.m. H.C. Smith Benefit Club, St. Johnsville. 18th annual dinner in memory of Kathy M. Flander. Take out, delivery or eat in buffet style meal available. If you would like to make a donation, order a meal for take-out or delivery, contact Tom or Kim Flander at 518.853.3088. Orders due by Nov. 23.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26

Benefit for Lynn Stalnaker who is battling cancer 12 - 6 p.m. at Dolgeville Rod & Gun Club, 697 Peckville Rd., Dolgeville. Raffles. 50\50. Penny Auction. Bottle & Can Drive. Food. Adults \$15. Couples \$25. Kids 6 to 12 \$5. Under five free.

NOVEMBER 26 & 27

Holiday Indoor Yard Sale - A "Holiday Indoor Yard Sale" at George Ward Memorial Building, 20 N. Main St., Dolgeville. Lots for sale. Holiday Decorations. Puzzles and Games. Kitchen and Housewares. Collectibles. More. Proceeds benefit Dolgeville C.A.T. Project in support of their TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) feral cat program and companion cat spay/neuter assistance. For more information, call 315.717.5823.

NOVEMBER 30

Red Cross Blood Drive 10 a.m. to 3 at The Family Counseling Center in Gloversville. Appointments can be scheduled by visiting tinyurl.com/4dja62y or by visiting redcrossblood.org/give.

DECEMBER 3

"Elves Day Out" starts at 8 a.m. and continues all day. Event will transform Canajoharie into Christmas wonderland for all ages. Celebration feature activities for kids, crafts, food, musical performances and more. Complete schedule of events will be posted at <https://fb.me/e/2SiHCpVsS>. Businesses wishing to be a sponsor or interested in being part of the event should contact the Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce by calling 518.673.0292 or the county by emailing mmccrary@co.montgomery.ny.us.

Christmas at the Fort - Author Book Fair at Fort Plain Museum, 389 Canal Street, Fort Plain. Visit fortplainmuseum.org/events

DECEMBER 4

St. Nicholas Visits Fort Klock 12-3 p.m. at Fort Klock, 7203 State Highway 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

Canajoharie Senior Citizens annual Christmas Luncheon 1 p.m. at Ripepi's in St. Johnsville. Call 518.673.6174 to make reservations. Menu: Ham, Haddock or Chicken Parm.

Pet Nail Trimming Fundraiser 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Dawn's Dawgs, 45 E. Faville Ave., Dolgeville. By appointment. All pets welcome except birds and reptiles. Proceeds benefit Dolgeville C.A.T. Project. To reserve your spot, call 315.429.8614.

DECEMBER 8

Town of Webb Herkimer County Public Health Office Hours 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the board room at 3140 State Route 28, Old Forge. For further information call Public Health at 315.867.1176 or visit herkimercounty.org or fb.me/HerkimerCountyPublicHealth .

DECEMBER 9

Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Park 5-8 p.m. at the German Flatts Town Park, 555 Route 55, Mohawk (next to Ft. Herkimer Church). Events in the Community Center Building. Santa will have presents for the children. Refreshments available. Christmas Basket Raffle and Hershey Candy Raffle, along with door prizes. Fun for the family. Free. For more information contact Carol Vercz at 315.866.6791 or email pvercz@twcnny.rr.com

Free Christmas Community Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Dolgeville United Methodist Church in their Shulenburg Fellowship Hall. Take-outs and dining in available. For more information, call 315.429.7381.

JANUARY 12, 2023

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JANUARY 18, 2023

Local History Round Table at Fort Plain Free Library. For more information, call 518.993.4646, email fpfl@mvls.info, or visit the website at fortplainfreelibrary.org.

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Town of Webb Herkimer County Public Health Office Hours 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the board room at 3140 State Route 28, Old Forge. For further information call Public Health at 315.867.1176 or visit herkimercounty.org or fb.me/HerkimerCountyPublicHealth .

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APRIL 13, 2023

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Fort Plain Free Library announces cancellations

The Fort Plain Free Library announces the following program cancellations: The Local History Round Table will be on break until Jan. 18; and the November and December paper-crafting workshops with Patty Murray have been cancelled. Join us when our normal programming resumes in the new year.

For more information, call 518.993.4646, email fpfl@mvls.info, visit fortplainfreelibrary.org or follow the library on Facebook for more news and events.

Herkimer College to Host Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event Nov. 19

Herkimer College will host a local event for the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Nov. 19 in the Robert McLaughlin College Center, Room 282.

Each year, the American

Foundation for Suicide Prevention supports hundreds of large and small Survivor Day events around the world, in which suicide loss survivors come together to find connection, understanding and hope through their shared ex-

perience. This will be the first year for the event on campus.

While each event is unique and offers various programming, all feature an AFSP-produced documentary that offers a message of growth, resilience and connection. The event is open to the public but is for survivors of suicide loss only. A light lunch will be served. To learn more about this local event and to register, visit herkimer-new-york.isosld.afsp.org.

To learn more about Herkimer College's student support services and Counseling Center, visit herkimer.edu/counseling. For more information on the international awareness day, visit afsp.org/survivorday.

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Gifts to rev auto lovers' engines

Since they first became widely available in the early 20th century, cars have inspired no small number of passionate devotees. Some people simply can't resist the thrills of the open road, while others love driving because of the sense of independence it provides. Regardless of what inspires their passions, come the holiday season, auto enthusiasts undoubtedly would be excited to unwrap these auto-related gifts.

• **Car wash kit:** It's one thing to drive, and another thing entirely to drive a car that looks like it's fresh off the dealership lot. Car wash kits come in various sizes, so they're ideal for holiday shoppers working with various budgets. Kits may include wet wax, wheel gel, glass cleaner, a short handle brush, and micro-fiber towels, among other supplies. Each accessory within the kit can make cars or trucks shine and look as good as new.

• **Mechanics' tool kit:** Many car lovers enjoy working on their vehicles almost as much as they love driving them. That makes a mechanic's tool kit a must-have for auto enthusiasts. Like car wash kits, mechanics' kits are ideal gifts because they can suit shoppers working with various budgets. Extensive kits include all

the tools car lovers need, from ratchets to extension bars to sockets and more, to spend a fun day working in the garage.

• **Tire inflator:** All those miles on the open road is bound to catch up with tires over time, and a portable tire inflator can ensure tires are always properly inflated. Cordless varieties are popular, but so are options that can be plugged into vehicle lighters. Either way, this is a must-have item for anyone who puts a lot of miles on their vehicle.

• **Autocross lesson:** Of course, gifts for auto lovers needn't be restricted to helping them take care of their own cars. Autocross lessons can teach drivers the finer points of timed competitions while enabling them to get behind the wheel of an exotic car they've dreamed of driving. Autocross schools typically have classes for drivers with experience as well as novices, making this a fun gift for anyone who wants to take the thrill of driving to the next level.

There's no shortage of gift ideas to please the auto enthusiast on your holiday shopping list this year. From the fun to the functional, there's something for everyone who loves being behind the wheel.



A car wash kit will make an automobile look like it's fresh off the dealership lot.

HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS

Experiential gifts for kids

The popularity of experiential gifts is undeniable. In its 2021 Winter Holiday Shopping Report, the market research firm Mintel revealed that nearly half of individuals surveyed for the report felt that experiential gifts are superior to tangible items. Such preferences are something holiday shoppers can keep in mind as they pursue the perfect gift for their loved ones.

Experiential gifts are often associated with adults and their bucket lists, but kids have much to gain from being gifted experiences as well. In addition to the lasting memories inspired by experiential gifts, such offerings also get kids up and out of the house. Parents recognize that's not always so easy in the digital age.

Though children likely don't have a bucket list that can make it easy for holiday shoppers to find the perfect experiential gift, the following are a number of experiences that kids of all ages can enjoy.

- A day at the zoo
- A trip to a trampoline park or bouncy

house facility

- Tickets to a sporting event, concert or live show
- Music lessons
- A paint and sip (juice) event with one or both parents
- Cooking lessons
- A day at a nearby national park
- A camping trip
- Horseback riding lessons
- A day at a nearby amusement park
- A day at a local arcade
- A day at a local museum with interactive exhibits
- A helicopter ride
- Art lessons
- A day on the ski slopes
- A day on the beach
- Gymnastics lessons/classes
- A day at the local bowling alley with friends
- Ice skating lessons
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- A fishing trip on a nearby body of water

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HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS

Gift ideas for the family do-it-yourselfer

Home improvement projects enable homeowners to transform their homes into their ideal living spaces. According to iProperty Management, most homeowners in the U.S. spent between \$5,000 and \$10,000 improving their homes in 2018. And it doesn't stop there, as home improvement sales are projected to reach \$465 billion in 2022.

Various renovation projects are best left to the professionals. However, many homeowners are eager to get their own hands dirty with various projects, large and small. Having the right tools and gear on hand can make projects go all the more smoothly. Holiday shoppers can consider these ideas as they seek to ensure DIYers have all they need to get the job done.

• **Painting time-savers:** Painting requires some basic essentials, from paint trays to rollers to brushes. Projects can be made more efficient with innovative products that help save time and reduce mess. One such item is a paint brush cover, which snaps over wet paintbrushes between coats so they won't dry out or require rinsing. Brushes that cut in easily and others with flexible handles for getting in tight places also make painting projects that much easier.

• **Cordless drill:** A mechanical drill makes easy work of assembly projects and general renovations that require screws as fasteners. A cordless rechargeable drill will be easy to maneuver when handling projects away from outlets. Going cord-free also reduces the risk of trips and falls on errant cords.

• **Lawn care subscription service:** Home improvements extend to the exterior. In addition to mowers, trimmers and garden shears, DIYers may benefit from subscription products

that improve on property care. These formulations are customized to the specific needs of homeowners' lawn or landscaping greenery and are shipped right to their door.

• **Rotary tool kit:** This is one of the most versatile tools homeowners can have on hand. A rotary tool can engrave, grind, sharpen, polish, cut, carve, and more depending on the accessory attachment.

• **Multi-use ladder:** A ladder is a necessity for various projects inside and outside the home. One that can transform into an A-frame, scaffold system, staircase ladder and other configurations helps ensure maximum safe reach for the job at hand.

• **Composter:** Whether you use an indoor kitchen composter or one designed for outdoor use, being able to generate one's own compost is great for avid gardeners. Compost, often called "black gold," is made from kitchen scraps, leaves and other items that break down into a rich fertilizer.

• **Tool box/tool organizer:** Tool storage is a market all its own. It runs the gamut from rolling metal storage containers to plastic or metal boxes to canvas bags to plastic molded curated kits. Tool organizer kits also come at various price points, so it's easy for shoppers to choose one that fits their budgets.

• **Organizing units:** Organizing units are available in prefabricated kits that are easily assembled when needed, as well as custom-made products that are installed by a professional. They may be an option for a handy person looking to organize tools and other items for home repairs.

Do-it-yourselfers can be even more handy with tools geared toward their interests and repair needs.



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12:00 Noon ~ Vendor Area Opens - Canajoharie Youth Center, 9 Erie Blvd. Need Vendor info call 518-673-5117

12:00 Noon ~ Childrens Crafts & Activities Begin - at the Canajoharie Youth Center, 9 Erie Blvd.

1:00-2:00PM ~ Lunch with Elsa the Snow Queen from Disney's Frozen! Sponsored by the Boiling Pot Eagles. Free to families with little ones, adult supervision required, no drop offs. Kids: Chicken nuggets, hot dogs, french fries • Adults: Sub Sandwich & chips. Reservations A Must: 518-673-3846, choose 1PM or 2PM seating and approximate number attending.

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5:00-7:00PM ~ Stuff The Bus - Live Broadcast by BugCountry Radio sponsored by The Tire Shop, 155 Erie Blvd.

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How to conserve fuel—without giving up driving

Gas prices have been historically high in 2022. According to the fuel price comparison site GasBuddy.com, as of June 2022, the least expensive state for regular gas was Georgia, at \$4.43 a gallon. The most expensive was California, where drivers could expect to pay about \$6.34 per gallon.

With prices so high, many drivers have been looking for any way to save money at the pump. Some may have cut back on driving habits while others might have organized community car-pools. Others may have taken to other modes of transportation. For those who have no option but to drive their vehicles, there are ways to reduce fuel consumption without resorting to walking or cycling.

Lighten your load

How much weight is being carted around in a vehicle can directly affect the amount of gas it consumes. Remove any unnecessary items from the trunk or cargo area of a truck or SUV. Consider removing extra accessories, like roof racks or hitches.

Slowly accelerate

Resist the urge to "gun it" when coming off a stop light or stop sign, as rapid acceleration wastes gas. Press the accelerator pedal gently

to increase speeds gradually and conserve fuel. Similarly, coast to a stop, rather than slamming on the brakes.

Don't idle

Turn off the engine if you will be idling for more than a minute. Idling for longer than that is merely wasting fuel. Modern engines do not need to be warmed up for more than 30 to 60 seconds, even when the weather is cold. Driving will warm up the car faster than idling while parked, provided you drive moderately until the temperature gauge shows the car has reached the right temperature.

AC or windows open?

While it's true that the air conditioning will drain fuel when in use, driving with the windows open makes the vehicle less aerodynamic by causing drag. Some experts recommended leaving the windows down during slower, city driving and using the AC for higher speeds on the highway.

Keep tires properly inflated

Poorly inflated tires can make a vehicle less efficient by causing more friction between tire and roadway. Check the PSI rating for the tires and inflate accordingly. Many modern vehicles automatically alert drivers when tires are low on air.

Drive a consistent speed

When driving on the highway, switch to cruise control to maintain a consistent speed. Driving steady reduces drag, which in turn reduces fuel consumption.

Stick to a maintenance schedule

Maintaining your vehicle by getting routine oil changes, fluid checks and other simple maintenance helps a car or truck run properly and that can help conserve fuel.

These are just a few strategies drivers can employ to conserve fuel in the face of historically high gas prices.

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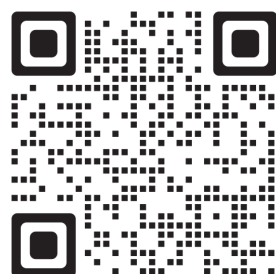
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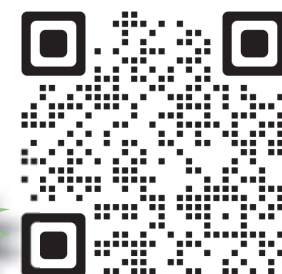


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Bridge Street Diner

Small-town diners provide a very specific and wholesome aura. They are hometown havens for friends and family to gather and enjoy the best comfort foods. And as much as customers support their diners, those diners often support the community at large.

That's what Bridge Street Diner in St. Johnsville does. The diner is owned by Christine Bentley and her husband (the two met in a diner, coincidentally). Bentley worked for the previous owner of the diner and made friends while working there. Fate created a situation where she could take over Bridge Street Diner as her own, and so she jumped at the opportunity.

Businessman Carmen Licari purchased the equipment for the diner and they worked out a deal to open two weeks later. The Bentleys had everything up and running in early mid-March 2020 – but five days after they opened their doors, the COVID shutdown went into effect. They cleaned out their coolers, as they never imagined they would be considered “essential,” and operated by serving takeout only for a while. They reopened the following Friday with the ever-popular fish fry, which they still offer every Friday.

“We got creative and started selling cakes,” Bentley said. “For Memorial Day Weekend [in 2020], we did salads by the pound and sold out – we had to make more. The same thing happened for Fourth of July.”

The holidays are important for those at Bridge Street Diner. Bentley said that for Thanksgiving 2021, they sold 105 pies, 16 cheesecakes and 10 carrot cakes.

In addition to sating the hunger of their customers, those at the diner support them too. Bentley does not use corporate distributors

for the diner's supplies, preferring to buy local when she can.

In giving back to the community, she noted a basket raffle they organized for a senior class trip. They sold 2,000 tickets and received cash donations for the cause as well.

Bentley also put together the St. Johnsville Block Party, with fair food, vendors and crafters – which cost nothing to the town. The local American Legion loaned them tables and chairs. A bake sale raised funds for the Legion, and money garnered from a dunking booth went to the school's Language Club for an immersive trip to Puerto Rico. Vendors also donated items to raise funds for the Green Samaritans of St. Johnsville.

Bridge Street Diner welcomes many local customers as well as visitors from the marina, the campground and the Erie Canalway bike path. Bentley's daughters both work at the diner on the weekends in addition to their full-time jobs, and her granddaughter helps out as well.

“It's nice to have reliable, dedicated, understanding employees,” Bentley said of her entire crew.

While she went to school to be a hairdresser, she started working in a diner during those days. Today, she likes to be her own boss. Her vision for the future of the diner is to keep it “the same as it is and offer more of the same” – which is a good thing.

Bridge Street Diner is located at 10 Bridge St. in St. Johnsville. It is open Wednesday - Monday from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. On Fridays, it is open until 7 p.m. for fish fries. It can be reached at 518.568.8018 or at the-bridge-street-diner-llc.business.site.



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Entertain in style

It's never too early to plan ahead, especially when you are expecting guests in your home. Your family and friends know and might love your style, but it can be important

to spice things up now and again to impress your visitors. Factors such as lights, music and food can affect your guests' experience in your home.



To remain stylish and keep your party going, consider these tips for fun and festive home entertaining.

Back to Basics

Staying organized is key while entertaining guests in your home. Try to plan out every detail before the big event, which can allow things to go more smoothly on the big day. As you think out your plan ahead of time, making lists can be a helpful way to stay organized and ensure

you get everything done. List out your guests, what needs to be picked up from the store and possible decorations you might need to buy or craft yourself. The possibilities can seem endless, but it's important to have a plan in place before you start putting things together.

Think About Theme

There are numerous ways your style can be shown while entertaining. One way is to pick a theme or theme-related food dishes. One way to show your theme is through decorations. Placing them throughout your home can give the party some life and help guests get into the overall theme of the party.

Light Up the Party

Transforming your home can be made simpler by changing the lighting. It's typical for lights to be dimmed for parties to set a more relaxed mood. Other ideas include using candles, lamps or even hanging lanterns if you are entertaining outside. Make sure it's bright enough so everyone can see but dimmed enough to set the mood for the evening's events.

Set the Mood with Music

Pick music that matches your theme and inspires that same feel throughout the house. If you're going for a fun, energetic atmosphere, try something with a quick tempo, such as pop. If you want to relax, go for subtler, soothing tones. Try making your playlist before you entertain and listen to it a few times through, that way you can know what to expect and how guests will react to your music selections.

Enjoy It

Through all the anxiety and stress of entertainment planning, make sure you take time to enjoy yourself during the time guests are in your home. Some guests will notice if you're not having a good time. Smile and remember to be present in the moment.

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Herkimer Elementary School focusing on respect with assemblies, awards

As Herkimer Central School District elementary students recently filtered into the cafeteria for an assembly, "Respect" by Aretha Franklin played on repeat over the speakers, signs they walked past in the hallways and cafeteria focused on respect and teachers and staff wore gray shirts with "Respect" displayed on them in green.

During the assembly, students were recognized for respectful behavior, and appreciation was shown for behind-the-scenes heroes including staff members and a local veteran, in honor of Veterans Day.

"I think respect is important because it helps create healthy relationships, it allows for positive communication, it encourages kindness and positivity and it is all encompassed under that one word," Herkimer Elementary Principal Renee Vogt said.

Herkimer Elementary put the focus on respect this school year with a theme for the whole year: "Give respect, get respect." The goal for teachers, staff and administrators is to teach respect and model respectful behavior

throughout the school year, Vogt said. The assembly on Nov. 9 had a theme of "Heroes Behind the Scenes and Veterans."

After the previous school year focused on various positive character traits, a group of teachers on the School Improvement Team (SIT Committee) got together and decided to concentrate specifically on respect for this school year, Vogt said. The SIT Committee is made up of a grade level representative from each grade, but all are welcome.

Committee members decided on the respect theme because many students need to learn more about respect and how to act respectful, Vogt said. "It's our job to do that," she said.

Part of the focus will shift throughout the year to respectful behavior in various locations in the school such as the cafeteria, bathroom, school bus and more, Vogt said. It's important to know that both staff and students know the expectations, she said.

Another way the school has encouraged respect has been through giving out golden tickets to students for

showing respectful behavior and blue tickets to students for specifically showing respectful behavior in the cafeteria. There has been so much respectful behavior noted that the mailbox for tickets regularly overflows and has to be emptied, and now blue tickets will be collected directly by teachers to help sort them.

Students who receive golden tickets are entered into drawings that will continue to be held about once every two weeks throughout the school year, and winners will receive "brag tags" and have their names and photos displayed on "the respect wall" in the hall.

Blue tickets are added up for each class, and the class that has the most blue tickets going into the next respect-themed assembly wins the Golden Spatula award (a gold-colored spatula) and holds onto it until the following assembly. One or two assemblies are taking place each month.

Fifth grade teacher Rich Schoff hosted the Nov. 9 assembly and led students in repeating the school's theme for the 2022-23 school year.



Third grade teacher Ryan Judd's class celebrates on stage during an assembly after the class won the elementary school's Golden Spatula award for respectful behavior in the cafeteria.

Schoff said, "Give respect," and students enthusiastically responded, "Get respect."

Shelley Kirkpatrick's first grade class won the previous Golden Spatula and entered the assembly last as elementary music teacher William Pegg sang "The Golden Spatula Song" while playing guitar.

At the end of the assembly, third grade teacher Ryan Judd's class was announced as the new winners of the Golden Spatula for receiving 78 blue tickets, and the class got to leave the assembly first as Pegg performed the song again. It was also noted that Kylee Horender's fourth grade class came close with 75 blue tickets.

Another segment of the assembly focused on recognizing school staff and how students can treat each of the staff members with respect.

"We have some behind the scenes heroes that make this a great place to be," Schoff said.

Schoff gave clues, and students guessed which staff members he was talking about, and then the staff members walked out from behind the curtain on stage to reveal themselves. The school recognized its secretaries, caf-

eteria workers, maintenance staff, school nurse and school resource officer.

Following a video about Veterans Day, Schoff introduced U.S. Navy veteran Martin Sorensen of Herkimer who walked to the front of

the assembly with his daughter Wendy Sorensen-Kovac. Schoff asked all students to stand in respect as Sorensen made his way to the front with a smile on his face and then "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played.



U.S. Navy veteran Martin Sorensen and his daughter Wendy Sorensen-Kovac, both Herkimer residents, walk to the front of a Herkimer Elementary School assembly that had a theme of "Heroes Behind the Scenes and Veterans."

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HUNTING

The basics of hunting seasons

Hunting has been around a long time. According to Britannica, hunting as many know it today began in ancient Greece. Various game were hunted to provide food, fuel and materials to make clothing and blankets. In the Middle Ages, hunting was the privilege of nobility and linked to land ownership. Hunting is

now strictly regulated in many countries and is typically used as a way to control wildlife populations that would otherwise overrun certain areas.

Hunting limits and clearly defined hunting seasons are often spelled out in detail in local hunting laws. Wildlife commissions across states, provinces and territories set

up strict time periods that govern which game can be hunted. Legislation also dictates size limits and the amount of game that can be killed. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission breaks down hunting seasons into big game, waterfowl, small game and webless migratory game birds. Seasons vary

depending on where hunters live.

The hunting education resource Hunter-Ed says hunting seasons are determined by the type of animal, the environment and animal characteristics like mating season. Wildlife biologists in various regions study animal populations and make recommen-

dations on hunting seasons. "Open season" is when a species may be legally hunted and tends to coincide with when the population of that species is at its highest, without interfering with breeding times.

Many hunters eagerly await "opening day" so they can start their hunting right away. The season is "closed" when hunters are no longer allowed to go after that game. Food shortages, extreme temperatures and low population numbers may affect season duration. Archery seasons tend to begin before firearm seasons in many states. Hunting outside of seasons is known as poaching and is punishable by law.

Turkey is typically hunted in the spring or fall. Migratory waterfowl hunting tends to open in late September and early October. The seasons to hunt deer, and their close cousins like caribou, moose and reindeer, open

in late September and early October, continuing into November for firearms hunting. However, according to the hunting guide CleverHunters.com, deer seasons open up in the summer in Florida, South Carolina and Idaho.

Hunters will be required to obtain a hunting license. At the time of licensure, hunters also may be given tags for their game animals. A tag is a physical permit the hunter carries with him or her that must be attached to an animal immediately after it is felled. Hunters are reined in by the number of tags they have, which will coordinate with game limits. The tag will need to be completed with the date and time of harvest and the location.

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Nonprofit created to help save Case's Mill in St. Johnsville



A 100-year dynasty of family ownership was started by Adam Horn when he purchased the St. Johnsville grist mill.

Richard Triumpho is the chair of a group of residents in the Town of St. Johnsville that hopes to save a local 200-year-old gristmill at 7 North Division St. that is in grave danger of being torn down by the present owner.

Triumpho explained that present owner Trevor Christensen plans to sell the ancient timbers of the building for cash. The mill has long been known as "Case's Mill" because that was the name

of the last man, John Case, who owned it, and he operated it as a thriving gristmill from 1967 until 1991. Before Case bought the mill in 1967, it had been owned and operated for the previous 100 years by Adam Horn and Sons. The group that Triumpho represents, Friends of Case's Mill, hopes to raise enough money to purchase the mill and eventually turn it into a Community Historical, Educational and Tourism Cen-

ter. Triumpho said the group is an Unincorporated Assembly of Persons, DBA Friends of Case's Mill. This business name has been filed with the Montgomery County Clerk in Fonda.

The first step in the group's mission was an application to the IRS for tax-exempt status as a nonprofit. Their Letter of Determination was received on Aug. 31, 2022. The IRS

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recognizes the group as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The IRS letter also states that donors can deduct contributions they make to the group under IRC Section 170. The group

is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106 or 2522.

The group hosted a fundraiser in August at the Old Palatine Stone Church on Route 5. It was a musical



In 1982, Case's Mill was a sturdy building constructed 140 years earlier.

event, featuring prominent folk guitarist Aadvil. The event attracted a large audience and raised \$1,000.

The group plans to host future fundraisers and has opened a business bank account at NBT Bank in their

name, Friends of Case's Mill, where those who wish to donate money to the cause may do so directly. The group has also sent grant proposal applications to several foundations: The Adam and Nellie Horn Foundation and the Lewis and Mabel Fowler Foundation. More grant applications are now being written.

Triumpho wrote a story about the history of the grist mill in 1982. What he shared 40 years ago follows:

What do a Palatine Dutch settler in 1770, a German immigrant in 1861 and a Cornell graduate in 1962 have in common?

Each, in succeeding centuries, has held title to what is believed to be the oldest continuously operating grist mill in New York State.

Now owned by John and Patricia Case and operated as an Agway representative, the mill is located in the Mohawk Valley village of St. Johnsville.

Case's Mill originated over 200 years ago when the Palatine Dutch settlers began farming the Mohawk Valley westward from Albany. Many small, water-powered grist mills were built – among them Jacob Zimmerman's mill near the creek that still bears the name of this Dutch entrepreneur.

The first mill was a crude structure to which the pioneer diverted the flow of the stream to turn a wheel and grind grain for himself and his neighbors. In 1776, it was protected by a stockade and became known as Zimmerman's Fort.

The next recorded owner was Azel Hough, who acquired title to the land in 1839. He hired a local carpenter, John P. Kneeskern, to rebuild the mill as it stands today, and employed Jabez Butler, who ran it for the next 14 years.

Adam Horn emigrated from Germany to St. Johnsville in 1861 and was hired to work in the mill. An enterprising man, he purchased the mill only three years later and thereby founded a dynasty. For the next 100 years the mill business was conducted by the male members of the Horn family – father, sons, and grandsons.

Fred and Jacob Horn succeeded their father upon his death in 1881, and were followed by two Horns of a younger generation, Burtram and Carleton.

Electricity came to the mill in the 1930s, but water still helped turn the millstone until the 1950s.

Burtram and Carleton retired in 1961, and for the next dozen years or so the mill business was operated by the Fort Plain Agway store.

John and Pat Case purchased the mill on July 1, 1975. John, formerly of Troy, PA, operated a dairy farm for seven years after graduating from Cornell, then worked four years with his father's contracting firm, F.P. Case & Sons.

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• Iroquois Museum
• Stewart's

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• Dollar General • Fairway Oil
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• 7M Supply • Save A Lot
• Sheila's Hair Salon
• Sleepy Foret Bakery
• Sportsman's Den • Stewart's (Both)
• True Value
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• ADK Food & Fuel • Country Farms
• Dollar General
• Melrose Grocery

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Glen

• Country Metals
• Glen Country Store
• LJ Hand Farm Center

Gloversville

• Agora Marketplace
• Country Farms • Gulf • Hannaford
• House of Pizza • Naif's • Price Chopper • Stewart's (3) • Sunoco

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• Citgo • Dick's Wheel Shop
• Empire Diner • Fastrac • Fat Cats
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• Herkimer Co. Office For Aging
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Little Falls

• Ace Hardware
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• Dollar General • George Lumber
• Keep Making Suds Laundromat
• Kinney Drugs
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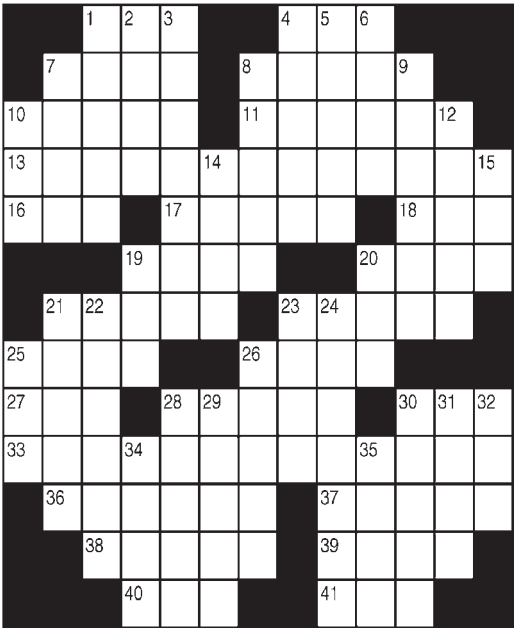
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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Church seat
 - 4 Brit. record label
 - 7 Singer Guthrie
 - 8 Golf clubs
 - 10 Vault intersection
 - 11 Pig sounds
 - 13 Good thing with a down-side
 - 16 Utter
 - 17 Wear down
 - 18 Half of CIV
 - 19 Vivacity
 - 20 Prescriptions, for short
 - 21 "— were the days!"
 - 23 Expire
 - 25 Channel marker
 - 26 Animation frames
 - 27 Carte lead-in
 - 28 Blood line?
 - 30 Mimic
 - 33 Confusing statements
 - 36 Bit of buck-shot
 - 37 Makes a sweater
 - 38 Prolonged attack
 - 39 "Downton



- DOWN
- 1 Stand-in
 - 2 Writer Wiesel
 - 3 Is curious (about)
 - 4 Goofed
 - 5 Point-and-click gizmo
 - 6 Hostels
 - 7 Met solo
 - 8 Dome home
 - 9 "Jason Bourne"
 - 10 actress Julia
 - 11 Baseball execs
 - 12 Disparaging
 - 14 Party cheese
 - 15 USO audience
 - 19 Lad
 - 20 AWOL pursuers
 - 21 Dutch bloom
 - 22 Deceptions
 - 23 Reply to
 - 24 Nome resident
 - 25 "Kapow!"
 - 26 Largest Greek isle
 - 28 Grace of "Will & Grace"
 - 29 Alpha's opposite
 - 30 Getting on
 - 31 Anti-fur org.
 - 32 Curvy letter
 - 34 Lamb alias
 - 35 Part of A.D.

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MAGIC MAZE

INSERT A "C" TO MAKE A NEW WORD

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T Q O L G I E G D B Y W T R P
M K I E F N D D B Y W U E S Q
O M K R V I I F D S B Z U X W
U S Q O E I A E L N L H R S J
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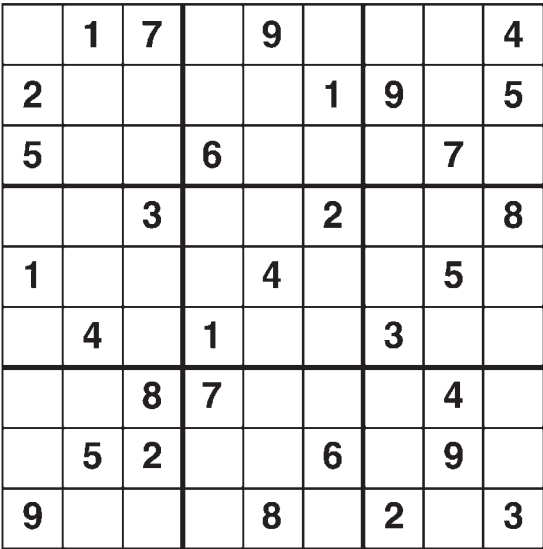
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: NOT FALSE

- Additive
- Aids
- Basis
- Bath
- Biker
- Dane
- Deals
- Fats
- Fleeing
- Mediation
- Path
- Prelude
- Radials
- Snaking
- Sold

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

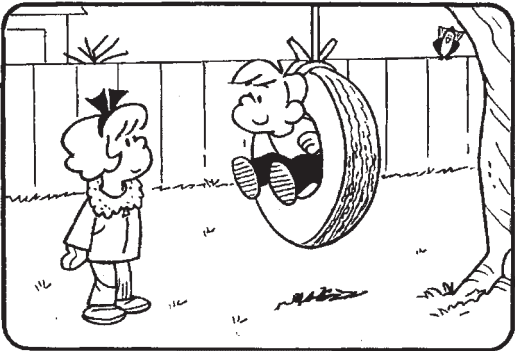
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

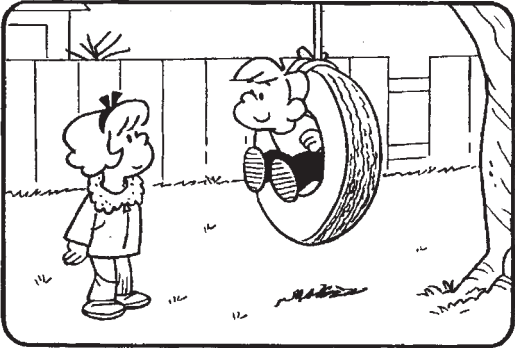
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLITNOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Mitten is missing. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Rope ends are shorter. 5. Board is missing. 6. Bird is missing.

SCRAMBLERS

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

- Piece
- maples
- Pivot
- SAXI
- Flood
- URGES
- Believe
- STRUT

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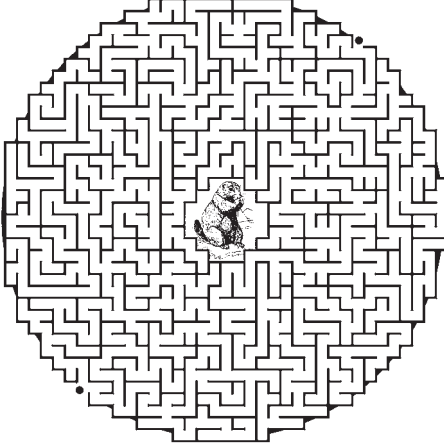
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

How to make the most of Small Business Saturday

Gifts and gatherings take center stage come the holiday season. The holiday season begins on Thanksgiving and continues until New Year's Day. During that time, families gather to exchange gifts, break bread, celebrate their faith and toast the year to come.

The good times and gatherings that are such a big part of the holiday season were absent from many celebrations in 2020. Though the pandemic is ongoing, the successful rollout of various vaccines should make the coming holiday season feel more normal. That means gift exchanges and gatherings are back in play. Savvy celebrants recognize the benefits of shopping early, and Small Business Saturday is a great chance to get back in the holiday swing of things while supporting the local businesses that make communities so unique.

• **Plan ahead.** Small Business Saturday takes place each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in the U.S. Since its inception in 2010, Small Business Saturday has grown in popularity. American Express estimates that 110 million people participated in Small Business Saturday in 2019, which underscores how shoppers can benefit from planning ahead. Research sales and inventories of local businesses you want to support so you're ready to

go come Saturday morning. Doing your homework can make it easier to navigate the crowds.

• **Reserve a table at your favorite restaurant.** A great meal with friends and family can be an ideal way to cap off a day of shopping, and it's a great way to support a local restaurant. It's worth noting that a National Today survey of 1,000 shoppers that focused on Small Business Saturday shopping habits found that food and groceries were the most popular things to buy local. Saturday is traditionally a popular night to dine out, and that popularity is even greater on Small Business Saturday. Shoppers can ensure they aren't waiting for a table by booking a reservation in advance.

• **Check your social media feeds.** Many small businesses have recognized the value of communicating directly with consumers through their social media feeds. Throughout the day, shoppers can keep an eye on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn about special sales or events. In addition, shoppers can share their shopping experiences via their own feeds. Many small businesses rely on word-of-mouth from existing customers, so this can be another way to show your support for the establishments that call your community home.



Small Business Saturday is a great way to begin the holiday shopping season on the right foot.

Five tips to get organized

(Family Features) Getting organized and making the most of your home's storage space can be a daunting task. To help keep clutter at bay and streamline organization throughout the house, consider these tips for revamping your closets and designated storage areas from the experts at ClosetMaid.

Determine Your Goal

Create a plan of attack and sketch out a closet design, accounting just for things you want to keep.

Beat Closet Blahs

Spruce up your closet with stylish storage accessories like drawers, shelves and sturdy, matching hangers.

Relieve Clutter Stress

Keep clutter at bay with functional materials and extras that allow you to make the most of every aspect of the room.

Meet Your Needs

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

To rake or not to rake (fall leaves), that is the question

by Lee Beers

Many areas of the country are experiencing a very beautiful autumn this year, with the trees providing plenty of color.

With all those leaves making their way to the ground, you may be asking if you should rake or not. Everyone seems to have an opinion on what to do with the leaves, but in typical Extension fashion, my answer is "it depends." It depends on your goals, your capabilities, your tools and your level of hatred – or love – of leaves.

If your goal is to have a clean-looking lawn going into winter, then I'm sure you favor raking. Removing all the leaves from your yard does have advantages other than providing a cleaner-looking lawn.

Non-mulched leaves tend to mat down grass in low-lying areas. Next spring, these leaf mats may inhibit grass growth and result in muddy spots. Muddy spots then will need to be reseeded to prevent weed patches from popping up. If you are in a wet area, removing the leaves may aid in drying out the soil once spring rolls around, thus allowing you to mow sooner and avoid your mower or shoes getting stuck in the mud.

On the flip side, if your goal is to put as many nutrients as possible back into your yard, raking is likely not on your calendar each autumn. Trees pull nutrients from the soil each spring as they produce new leaves. When the leaves drop back to the ground and decompose, many of those nutrients are returned to

the soil. If we think about leaves like fertilizer, they have a nutrient analysis of about 20-2-8 (nitrogen-phosphorous-potassium). That is a lot of nutrients that can be returned to the soil, so removing the leaves entirely removes this free source of fertilizer.

As leaves break down, they join other organic matter, which includes any plant or animal material that is breaking down in your soil. In lawns, this will include grass clippings, leaves, dead worms and invertebrates and other organic sources. Organic matter is Mother Nature's original slow-release fertilizer. Increased amounts of organic matter in your soil will also aid the drainage characteristics of soil. Even though matted leaves may delay the drying, composting your leaves and returning it to your soil may help dry it out in the long run.

For those of you who are pro raking, you know it can be a labor-intensive chore. There are tools available that can help make the process a little bit easier. Leaf blowers, mower baggers, lawn sweepers and lawn vacuums are just a few tools that can take some of the strain off your shoulders. Some of these items can be rather large and bulky, so consider your storage capabilities when choosing a tool. Many landscapers also offer leaf services, which may be a more economical choice if you don't have the time or storage space to undertake the task yourself.

Getting the leaves into a pile is only half the chore. You still need to figure out what to do with the leaves. Some communities offer

curbside pickup, but if you are in a township you will have to find alternative ways to discard your leaves. A key warning: do not burn the leaves unless you are prepared to have a conversation with a firefighter. There are better and easier methods to dispose of the leaves that won't smoke out your neighborhood and that don't pose a fire hazard.

Composting is a great compromise between raking and letting the leaves lie where they fall. You can have a clean looking yard, but also maintain the nutrients that can be spread back onto your yard once the composting process is complete. Leaves compost rather easily, so just pile them up and turn them once this autumn, and a couple more times in spring and they will likely be ready to spread on your yard. Leaves can easily be transported around

your yard with the use of a tarp. Simply lay the tarp out near your leaf mess, rake or blow the leaves onto the tarp and then drag the tarp to your compost site of choice. You can even make dumping them simple by taking one side of the tarp and walking it over the entire tarp, thus leaving all the leaves in a single pile.

Whatever method you choose, understand there is no right way or wrong way to handle leaves each autumn. Don't judge others for how they handle their leaves (unless they are burning them – maybe judge those folks a little).

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Did you know?

Investing in a home renovation project not only requires money, but also time and patience. While contractors, architects and designers can estimate how long a project may take, it is impossible to anticipate all of the scenarios that can affect that estimated timeline. Information from the real estate firm Keller Williams indicates an average kitchen remodel involving installation of new countertops, cabinets, appliances and floors can take three to six months. But if ductwork, plumbing or wiring must be addressed, the job may take longer. A midline bathroom remodel may take two to three months. Adding a room to a house can take a month or two. The home improvement resource Renovation Junkies offers similar estimates, with the average home renovation taking between four and eight months. Homeowners need to consider time when planning their home projects.

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District Updates:

Walk the Halls: The Fort Plain Pacers walking program will return on Monday, November 14th. The Pacers program provides district residents with a safe, warm, and dry place to walk throughout the winter months. The program is held in the hallways of the Harry Hoag Elementary School buildings.

The program is open from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on days when school is in session. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of the required access card. Anyone wishing to register to walk should sign up by calling Becky Smith at 993-4000 Ext 1000, or via email at becky.smith@fortplain.org

Students Can Buy Ice Cream/Snacks: The school cafeterias are pleased to announce that snack sales have resumed, for students in grades 4-12. All snacks sold must meet the USDA "Smart Snacks" nutritional standards. Students can place money on their account ahead of time, or bring cash that day. The snacks range in price from .35-1.00. Snack sales for younger grade levels will be phased in over the next couple of months.

Additional district information, along with tons of photographs, can always be found on our district website at www.fortplain.org or by following our Facebook page.

Did you know that you can sync the district's online calendar with your phone? Visit the website and click on the calendar tab for more info.

Stay Connected with ParentSquare: families are reminded that the district uses ParentSquare for many types of school-home communications. ParentSquare features an option of receiving school communications via text, or email, or by downloading a mobile app. ParentSquare is used by classroom teachers, coaches, advisors, and administrators. Sign up today to receive important updates. Visit the district website and follow the prompts.

Upcoming Events:

- 11/9 Board of Education Mtg 6:00
- 11/11 School Closed for Veterans Day
- 11/18 Elementary Picture ReTakes
- 11/22 Early Release Drill
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 Jr/Sr HS Picture ReTakes

Harry Hoag Elementary School News:

The Elementary Student Council is underway for the 2022-2023 school year, under the direction of Mrs. Michelle Hext. The following students were recently elected as the council officers and representatives....

President: Molly Shults
Vice President: Lainie McDuffee
Secretary: Coco Brackett
Treasurer: Gavin Souza
6th Grade Representative: Anna-Belle Snyder
5th Grade Representative: Milo Clark
4th Grade Representatives: Elaena Miniarich, Isley Ruskowski, IvyKate McGuire

Members of the Student Council recently attended a meeting of the Village of Fort Plain Village Board. The students were able to meet their local officials and take part in the meeting. The council is looking forward to a full year of activities!

The Hilltopper Herald is the student newspaper published at the elementary school by Team Tech. Their October issue was full of great stories, games, informational articles, jokes, and more. The Team Tech members create all of the content, add graphics, do the layout, etc. This year's team members are: Alyvia Castellano, Aiden Cruger, Asher Barber, Alex Hinkle, Braddock Putnam, Cameron Cristman, Connor Lochner, Coco Brackett, Isaac Passero, Justin Hisert, Josh LaQuee, Kenyan Leverock, Kinely Trumbull, Lexis Downes, McKenna Sweet, Karson Rhodes, and Madden Lathers. This month's "Article of the Month" was written by Alex Hinkle, Coco Brackett, and Kinley Trumbull.... "We here at Team Tech News have just received some devastating news that people have been sacrificing pineapples just for their pizza! This is unacceptable behavior. If you are reading this, please do not eat pineapple pizza from this day forward. Did you know that pineapples do not grow from trees? Also, the leaves of a pineapple are at the bottom AND the top. Pineapples also help improve eyesight. Pineapple helps prevent heart disease, arthritis, and cancer. Pineapple heals wounds and helps protect you from infection. These facts are just a few of the facts on the AMAZING pineapple! This has been a Pineapple Pep-Talk!"

Fire Prevention Week takes place during the second week of October. The Fort Plain Fire Department made a visit to the elementary school to talk to the students about safe practices, what to do if a smoke detector goes off, and what to do in the event of a fire. Each of the students got a turn on the hose and took a ride in a fire truck. They even received their very own fire hat! The students, and the district, extend their thanks to fire department members: Bill Ehrenreich, Gary Ruskowski, Joe Hanifin, Jeff Jones, Jayden Sackett, and Johnathan Williams. Thank you for all that you do to keep us safe!

4th Graders are participating in the Elementary Talented & Gifted Program this month, under the direction of advisor Mrs. Lauri Broady. The students are spending some time writing their own children's book. First, they learned about the important parts of forming a story: time period, main character, supporting characters, setting, plot, and title. Each student did an outline of what their book would be like, and then wrote the story. Finally, they talked about the different types of illustrations in popular children's books. They thought about ways to bring each page of their book to life. The students will add hand drawn illustrations to

their own hard cover book. The participating fourth graders are: Amaya Blu-Robarge, Isabelle Allen, Serenity Leverock, Willow Richards, Kyle Christman, Harley Ostrander, Oliver Parkinson, Isley Ruskowski, and Addison Weaver.

Jr/Sr High School News:

The Student Council of the Jr/Sr High School already has a Halloween Dance and a Spirit Week under their belt! This year's officers and representatives are:

President: Natalie Thibodeau
Vice President: Brady Keane
Secretary: Ryleigh Hart
Treasurer: Anthony Paradiso
Public Relations: Andra Fuhs & Vivian Nunez
Representatives: Lilly Lapi, Cheyanne Wall, Hailey Hayes, Dylan Keane, McKenna Karker, Josephia Carcasole, Jed Douglas, Jordan Brown, Jasmine Lapi, Kaedence David, Damien Massie, Victoria Dumond, Monika Kulczynski, Jordan Hillsgrove, Iyanna Gilot, and Lilith Gutermuth.

Watch for Student Council members, ringing the Salvation Army Bell this season at Save-a-Lot. They will also sponsor another Spirit Week in December, featuring a Christmas tree contest and a canned food drive.

The Jr/Sr High School OK2XL program visited Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady on October 19th, where they saw the Broadway musical "Disney's Aladdin." Proctor's described the performance as "the timeless story of Aladdin in a thrilling new production, filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy, and breathtaking spectacle." The twenty students who were able to attend, thanks to the local Arts-in-Education program, were all impressed with the intricate beauty of the sets and costumes. They enjoyed the music and were very impressed with the actors. Many of them expressed an interest in seeing another show soon!

Fort Plain SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) recently worked with Catholic Charities and the Montgomery County Cares Coalition to host Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a program to teach teens about drug abuse, addiction, and negative consequences. Students and staff wore red on October 28th, to show support for the cause. During the lunch periods, the student body took pledges to "grow up safe, healthy, and drug-free." The week also featured games and activities, as well as "Live Drug Free" merch!

Students at the Jr/Sr High School were recently visited by Brad Bowers, of Bowterra Farm in Palatine Bridge. Mr. Bowers cultivates a variety of products but specializes in all different kinds of mushrooms. Bowterra Farm practices "permaculture farming", which is considered to be a more traditional and natural approach to farming. Permaculture uses techniques of regeneration, rewilding, community resilience, and resource management. The classes learned about the complex process of growing mushrooms, as well as their many uses, benefits and versatility in various types of diets. Mrs. Cooley's Food Science class cooked up some of the mushrooms, making an herbed chicken pasta that everyone was able to enjoy. Mr. Bowers is a Fort Plain graduate of the Class of 2008.

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