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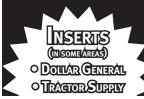
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Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series presents Danú

The Herkimer County College Foundation will host Danú, performing "An Emerald Isle Christmas," on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Sarkus-Busch Theater located in the Robert McLaughlin College Center at Herkimer College. The performance is open to the public free of charge. General seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Hailing from historic County Waterford, Danú is one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles of today. The group's standing room only concerts throughout Ireland are true events featuring high-energy performances and a glorious mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire.

For over two decades, Danú's virtuosi players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki and vocals (Irish and English) have performed around the globe and recorded seven critically acclaimed albums. Their live DVD, "One Night Stand," was filmed at Vicar St. Dublin. Winners of numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music Magazine, Danú has toured throughout Europe and North America with stops at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, Symphony Space in New York City and major concert engagements in the UK, India, Israel and across Europe. Danú takes its audiences on a musical journey to their native Ireland, offering a moving and memora-ble concert experience. Danú's recordings are available on the Shanachie label and all the main digital stores. Their live performances are often broadcast on NPR, the CBC and the BBC.

The Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series is a result of a generous endowment made to the Herkimer County College Foundation by the late Robert H. Wood, a long-time resident of Ilion. For more information, visit herkimer.edu/greatartists or call the Herkimer County College Foundation Office at 315.866.0300 ext. 8268.



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Welcome Christmas to St. Johnsville

Sunday, December 4th ~ 4:30-6:30PM ~

The Licari lot at the intersection of Main & South Division Streets Come gather in as we prepare to welcome Christmas to the immediate and greater St. Johnsville community.

- 4:30PM The bonfire is lit
- 4:45PM Gather around the tree for a holiday story
- 5:00PM Santa arrives, courtesy of the STJFD accompanied by lights and sirens, to light the tree followed by caroling and to meet and greet children of all ages. Cookies and cocoa will follow in the American Legion rooms.

New this year will be a basket of brightly colored ribbons which we invite you to tie on the tree in memory or in honor of the extra special people in your lives. Bring your cell phones and cameras to capture a smile by the tree, the bonfire or against a festive holiday backdrop which will be attached to the back of the Chamber booth.

St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce With special assistance from Chief Shannon Countryman & STJFD, Chilef Donald Van Deusen & STJPD and Superintendent Jarrod Walrath & STJDPW

PS: Be on the lookout for Santa's mailbox on the steps of NBT-STJ Branch. Be sure and include your address so your child can receive a reply!

Bacon makes pumpkin pie even better

Pumpkin pie is a fall favorite, but it's also a perfect pie to serve throughout the holiday season.

There are many different pumpkin pie recipes, even though it's difficult to improve on pumpkin pie which is known for its creamy consistency and warm spices. But pumpkin pie can be even more delicious with the addition of an extra-special ingredient: bacon.

This recipe for "Joe's Incredible Bacon Pumpkin Pie," courtesy of Royal Bacon Society and Allrecipes, uses maple-cured bacon as well as tangy cream cheese to increase the appeal of pumpkin pie. This may be one slice of pie that is hard to put down.

Joe's Incredible Bacon Pumpkin Pie Serves 12

- 1/2 cup cubed fresh pumpkin
- 11/2 cups cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 (10-inch) prepared graham cracker pie crusts
 - 16 slices maple-cured bacon
 - 1. Preheat oven to 425 F.
- 2. Bring a small pot of salted water to a boil; add the pumpkin and cook until soft enough to easily pierce with a fork, about 10 minutes.
- 3. Mash the cooked pumpkin with a potato masher in your favorite large bowl. Mix the cream cheese and brown sugar with the mashed pumpkin. Whisk in the eggs one at a time. Add the vanilla, half-and-half, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and cloves; stir until you have a thin batter. The batter should be slightly thinner than pancake batter. Pour the batter into the pie crusts.
- 4. Place the bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until evenly brown. Trim soft, fatty bits from strips. Press seven pieces of bacon into the batter of each pie with a fork.
- 5. Bake the pies in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Decrease the heat to 375 F. Top each pie with two pieces of cooked bacon and



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Herkimer National Honor Societies, Student Council lead holiday project to benefit students



The organizers of the holiday project thank you in advance for your help.

Herkimer Jr./Sr. High School's Student Council, National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society are once again hard at work on their annual holiday project.

What started five years ago as a small way to bring some holiday cheer to our students has blossomed into a project that served more than 200 students last year. Students are "nominated" by peers or staff to receive a wrapped package filled with fun and useful items.

Community support is a big reason for the success of the project. Club members and their families, staff and local businesses have been very generous in the past. Organizers would love their support once more.

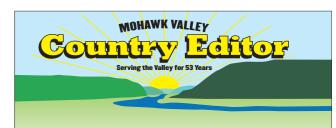
Holiday project organizers are looking to collect cash donations, wrapping paper, tissue paper to line boxes, snacks (such as multi-packs of chips, crackers, cookies and drinks, Capri Suns, Gatorade, hot cocoa packets),

easy meals (such as macaroni and cheese and ramen), hygiene items (gender specific or gender neutral), fun items (such as playing cards, stress balls and candy) and winter accessories (like gloves, hats and socks).

The organizers said,

"Thank you in advance! We can't do it without your help!"

Any questions can be directed to Student Council advisors Laura Scalise and Brooke Jones, NHS advisor Caroline Lampert or Junior Honor Society advisor Susan Hayes-Manning.



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DMV reminds snowmobile enthusiasts to register for the season

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently reminded New Yorkers to register their snowmobiles. Snowmobile registrations must be renewed annually. DMV allows snowmobilers to renew registrations online on the DMV website, by mail or in person at a DMV office.

"DMV has made the snowmobile registration process fast and convenient so snowmobilers can easily get out there and enjoy New York's beautiful and vast trail system," said Mark J.F. Schroeder, DMV commissioner and Governor's Traffic Safety Committee chair. "I wish all snowmobile enthusiasts a safe riding season and remember to operate your snowmobile responsibly and never impaired."

Learn more about registering a snowmobile in NYS on the DMV's website at dmv.ny.gov/registration/register-snow-mobile. Additionally, members of the NYS Snowmobile Association receive a \$55 discount on snowmobile registrations.

More information can be viewed at nysnowmobiler.com/membership.

All snowmobiles operated in New York must be registered and marked with a validation sticker. Riders who complete a registration online can print a temporary certificate, which is valid for 15 days. DMV generates a permanent registration and mails it to the recipient along with their validation sticker. There is no additional charge for the temporary certificate.

Non-New Yorkers who wish to ride in NYS can register a snowmobile if it is already registered in their home state. They can use the NYS Registration for Out-of-State Snowmobile service to get the 15-day registration and operate their snowmobile here immediately. DMV will send a permanent registration in the mail.

There are over 10,500 miles in the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System, traversing 46 counties and maintained by over 200 clubs. Revenue obtained through snowmobile registrations is used to support local areas through grants-in-aid for snowmobile trail development and maintenance, which is administered through 52 municipal sponsors. This vast trail network is comprised of lands under the jurisdiction of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), NYS Canal Corporation, national forest land, local governments and many private landowners who have increasingly opened their property to snowmobiling with insurance coverage provided by the state snowmobile program.

In addition, NYS is a leader in snowmobile education and offers operator training courses for snowmobilers aged 10 and up. This course, taught by experienced snowmobilers who volunteer their time, provides fundamental information which all snowmobilers should possess in order to ensure the safety of riders and other trail users. Successful completion of this course results in the award of an NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate. For more information, visit parks.ny.gov/ recreation/snowmobiles/education.aspx.

Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Erik Kulleseid said, "New York State boasts some of the best snowmobiling in the nation, and it's an exciting way to experience winter in Upstate New York. We look forward to working with our partners to keep the trail system safe and well-maintained for residents and visitors coming to experience New York in the winter season."

Snowmobilers must always carry registration and proof of insurance documents on them while snowmobiling. Riders must produce the documents at the request of any law enforcement officer or magistrate. Additionally, riders must produce insurance documentation at the request of anyone who is injured or suffers property damage as a result of operating a snowmobile. Holders of snowmobile safety certificates must carry the certificate when they are snowmobiling.

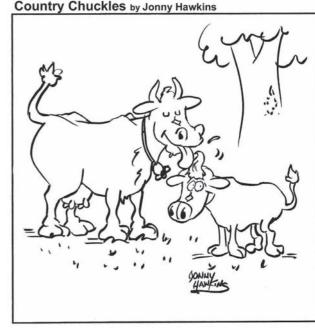
DMV also reminds snowmobilers that it is illegal to operate a snowmobile while impaired by drugs or alcohol and drivers and passengers must wear helmets on the state snowmobile trail system.

For more info on the NYS Snowmobile Trail System and tips for operation visit dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7718.html and parks. ny.gov/recreation/snowmobiles.

Contact a local club or tourism department for trail status and trail conditions where you want to ride. A map of New York's extensive snowmobile trails is available at webapps2. cgis-solutions.com/nysnowmobile.

For more information about DMV, follow DMV at Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Sunday Worship 10 AM
Sunday School 10 AM

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Morning Worship 11 AM
Evening Worship 6 PM
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM

MOHAWK REFORMED CHURCH

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

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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

CHRISTIAN BIBLE CHURCH

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<u>NELLISTON</u> Valley alliance church

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<u>NEWPORT</u> FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWPORT

7497 Main Street Pastor's Phone 315-790-1877 Sunday Worship at 9:45 AM

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Pastor Mark Hediger, 315-429-9085 pastormarkh@aol.com Sunday Worship 10 AM Thursday Bible Study 6 PM

<u>SLOANSVILLE</u> 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

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Community Calendar



NOVEMBER 23

Annual Thanksgiving Pie and Pump-kin 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 25 & 26

Holiday Gift Market noon to 4 p.m. The Selective Eye at Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts, 403 Canal Place, Little Falls, will be open Black Friday, Nov. 25 and Shop Local Saturday, Nov. 26. Stop in to see all the new original items from the artists and old favorites, updated for this season. Call 315-823-0808 for information or to make an appointment.

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 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.

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NOVEMBER 28

Herkimer College Vinyl/CD Sale. Herkimer College Library is holding a Vinyl & CD Sale in time for holiday shopping, with public hours from Nov. 28 through Dec. 2. The library is open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. Jazz, Blues, Classical, Broadway Musicals, Rock and more. Record player available to sample records before purchase. All items are 25 cents or five for \$1; cash only. For more information contact Kari Procopio at 315.866.0300 ext. 8303 or procopikr@herkimer.edu.

NOVEMBER 29

AMVETS Posts 35 and 2000 "Stuff the Bus for Veterans" event underway 3-8 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays until Dec. 9 at both Fort Plain posts. Collecting new toys and pantry items to be distributed to veteran's children and families in need. Call Ed 518.384.5592, Steve 518.817.8089, or Kendra at 315.399.2906.

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/4djxa62y or by visiting redcrossblood.org/give.

DECEMBER 1

Holiday Art Sale begins. Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts, 403 Canal Place, Little Falls, is excited to announce its initial Holiday Art Sale in the 401 Gallery. Artists throughout the region are creating and selling their original art from Dec. 1 through Dec. 24. Sizes range from 36" down to works of art 8" and smaller. All art is framed. Pricing is under \$500 and set by the individual artist. Call 315-823-0808 for information or to make an appointment.

DECEMBER 2

44 Lakes Craft Beverage Trail Seasonal Showcase 5:30 p.m. at Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville. \$15. Live music, beer, wine, cocktails. Food provided by Mayfield Grill. Visit tinyurl. com/2ruptjwk.

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 mmcclary@co.montgomery.ny.us.

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

Christmas Parade & Annual Tree Lighting 5 p.m. from at N. Main St. and 8th Ave. to S. Main at Forest and Vine Sts., Gloversville. Christmas Parade with cookies, cocoa, music and visit from Santa to follow. Contact Gloversville Recreation Commission at 518.773.4542.

Danú, performing An Emerald Isle Christmas at 7 p.m. in the Sarkus-Busch Theater, at Robert McLaughlin College Center, Herkimer College. Free. General seating on a first come, first served basis. Information about The Robert H. Wood Great Artists Series can be found at herkimer.edu/greatartists or call the Herkimer County College Foundation Office at 315.866.0300 ext. 8268.

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 6

Red Cross Blood Drive 12 - 6 p.m. at St. John's St. Mark's Church, 143 Church St., Canajoharie. To schedule an appointment, call 1.800.RED.CROSS or go to tinyurl.com/4f4876f3 and enter sponsor code: StJohnsStMarksCanajoharie.

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.

Tis the Season Paint & Sip 6 p.m. at Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley – Museum, 623 Columbia St., Utica. Get ready for the holidays with your own seasonal painted wooden sign with some guidance from instructor Jill Rae Vennera. Register through Eventbrite. Register early at tinyurl.com/y3dybpu4 Seating will be limited.

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@twcny.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.

DECEMBER 10

St Nicholas Bizarre and Luncheon 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 594 Albany St., Little Falls. Vendors, food and confections.



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

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MARCH 9, 2023

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FARM, HOME & GARDEN

What to plant when privacy is a priority

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

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

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

• Emerald arborvitae: The Arbor Day Foundation® notes that the emerald arborvitae is unique among arborvitaes because it maintains its green color even in the coldest months of the year. The emerald arborvitae can grow to between 10-and 15-feet-tall and spread as wide as four feet at maturity.

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518-827-6464 cell 518-496-8636 Middleburgh, NY beretz-lumber.com The tree features a pyramid shape and is considered slow-growing at less than 12 inches of growth per year. The ADF reports that full sun and partial shade are best for this tree.

- Carolina cherry laurel: Carolina cherry laurels are popular choices for privacy seekers. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center notes the trees can grow very tall and boast a pyramidal shape. The Carolina cherry laurel require sun and thrive in moist, well-drained soils. Parents with young children should know that the leaves of this family of plant contain hydrocyanic acid and should never be eaten.
- · Boxwood: The ADF notes that boxwoods are renowned for their use in formal gardens. That can make them an ideal option for homeowners seeking a traditional garden aesthetic in their backyards. Boxwood trees can grow up to 20 feet tall, but they can vary greatly in height. Homeowners purchasing them as privacy trees should speak with their local gardening center to ensure they're getting boxwoods that will provide ample privacy. Though they still have aesthetic appeal, smaller boxwoods may only reach a foot tall. Boxwoods vary considerably in terms of their growth rate, so homeowners should inquire about this as well before purchasing and planting any trees.
- **Privet**: Privets are dense privacy hedges that grow very quickly, with the ADF reporting they can grow up to three feet per year. Privets may reach 12 feet in height and spread as wide as six feet at maturity.

Privets tolerate shearing well, which can make them ideal privacy options for those looking for a formal appearance. Privets require full sun for uniform growth. Privets are considered invasive in many areas of North America, so homeowners should consult their local garden center prior to planting.



Privacy trees can be just what homeowners need to turn their backyards into relaxing respites.

DECEMBER

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Meals on Wheels provides a well-balanced, hot, noon-time meal which is available
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Goulash Corn Brussel Sprouts Fruit Cocktail	Cream of Broccoli Soup Tuna Salad on a Kaiser Roll Cookie	Chicken Stir Fry Rice Japanese Blend Vegetables Ice Cream	Fish on a Bun O'Brien Potatoes Spinach Pudding	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Sonoma Blend Vegetables Chef's Choice Dessert			
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

What is Movember?

If you think you're seeing more moustaches lingering over mens' upper lips as November unfolds, chances are your eyes are not deceiving you. November has long been synonymous with Thanksgiving and the start of the

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holiday season, but it's also taken on a whole new persona in recent years, and moustaches are a significant part of that new identity.

Arguably as popular as ever, Movember® is a public health-focused effort designed to raise awareness of and support research into men's health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and suicide. Men who participate in Movember typically begin growing moustaches on Nov. 1 and keep them throughout the month.

The origins of Movember can be traced to 2003, when two men in Australia, Travis Garone and Luke Slattery, met for a beer in Melbourne. At that point in time, the popularity of moustaches had waned, but Garone and Slattery joked about restoring the stache to its once-lofty status. At the time, a friend's mother was fundraising for breast cancer, and Garone and Slattery were inspired to combine their efforts to bring back the moustache with efforts to raise awareness about men's health and prostate cancer. In a testament to the two friends' skills in the art of persuasion, they were able to find 30 men willing to take up the challenge to grow a moustache. Those who accepted the challenge agreed to follow the rules of Movember, which included paying \$10 to grow

That initial campaign generated significant enthusiasm among the initial participants, so the following year a decision was made to formalize their efforts and officially support a worthy cause related to men's health. After some research, prostate cancer was chosen as the issue to formally support. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, though not an official men's health partner of Movember, agreed to accept any funds generated by the 2004 campaign. By that time, 450 men, including some in Spain and the United Kingdom, had agreed to take part, ultimately raising more than AUD \$50,000.

Nearly 20 years later, the moustachioed movement to raise awareness about various men's health issues is still going strong, having funded more than 1,250 men's health projects since its inception. Individuals interested in learning more about Movember can visit us.movember.

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Putting the garden to bed

by Deborah J. Benoit, Extension Master Gardener, UVM

Just because the growing season is over doesn't mean work in the garden has come to an end. Almost, but not quite. There are still a number of chores that if done now will make you smile come spring.

If you haven't already done so, bring any houseplants or tender perennial plants inside that you plan to overwinter. Pull dead and dying annuals from the garden, including vegetables and any tender perennials you aren't going to overwinter indoors. Consider leaving flowers with seedheads in place until spring as food for the birds.

Weed for the last time this year. This is especially important if any of those unwelcome visitors have gone to seed. Remove the weeds, carefully disposing of the seed heads so the seeds aren't spread around the garden to create a greater weed invasion next year.

Empty pots, clean and store them, particularly terra cotta or ceramic pots, which may break due to stress from freezing.

Prune any damaged or diseased

Putting A12



When putting the garden to bed for the winter, gardeners should pull up any dead and dying annuals, including vegetables and any tender perennials that won't be overwintered indoors.

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Putting from A11

plant material but resist the urge to prune spring and early summer flowering shrubs such as lilacs, forsythias and rhododendrons. If you do, you'll be cutting off next year's flowers.

If you don't already have a compost pile, start one. Compost is a healthy addition to garden soil and an easy way to dispose of prunings, grass clippings and end-of-season annuals.

Avoid adding weeds, especially those that have gone to seed, to your compost. See "The Dirt on Compost" at go.uvm. edu/dirt for more information on starting a compost pile and what materials should and should not be added to it.

Leave the leaves. Clearing paths and walkways of fallen leaves, and either shredding leaves in place or raking those on the lawn are necessary chores.

Consider leaving fallen leaves in your garden beds until winter has passed. Come spring, they'll make a good addition to your compost bin. By leaving them in the garden now, you're providing a place for pollinators and other beneficial insects to survive winter.

If you have perennial flowers, shrubs or trees you didn't get around to planting during the growing season you can still plant them as long as the ground hasn't yet frozen. Add a layer of mulch after the ground freezes.

Check young trees. If you haven't wrapped the trunks with a tree guard, it's a good idea to do so to discourage foraging critters from dining on the bark. Such nibbling can lead to girdling of the trunk, which can kill the tree. Flexible wraps that expand as the trunk grows are available at garden centers.

Cover roses and other plants that may need protection from winter's winds, but wait until their leaves have dropped. It's not always the cold that damages or kills plants. Exposure to winter's drying winds can desiccate stems and branches, severely damaging the plant.

Clean and store birdbaths and winterize water features and components that will remain outside. Drain and put away hoses, sprinklers and drip irrigation systems. Pots, plant supports used for annuals and any decorative pieces also should be cleaned and stored for winter now.

Finally, clean, maintain and store garden tools and equipment so they'll be ready when spring arrives and the garden begins to awaken from its long winter's nap. This is also a good time to take an inventory of what you have.

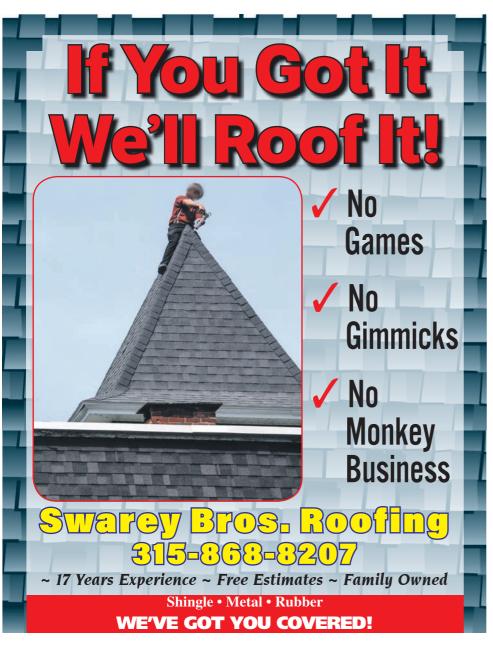
Do you need more tomato cages? Another trellis? Do your pruners need to be replaced?

And the best part about putting the garden to bed for the winter? It's the perfect opportunity to prepare for spring.



In autumn, damaged or diseased plant material may be pruned from shrubs with the exception of lilacs, forsythias and other spring and early summer flowering shrubs to avoid removing next year's flowers.

Photo by Robilee Smith





Consider these 13 gratifying Thanksgiving facts

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends and reflect on one's blessings. In 2022, Americans celebrate on Nov. 24. In anticipation of these holidays, here are some interesting facts about the Thanksgiving celebration.

1. American Thanksgiving is largely modeled on a 17th century harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.

2. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is based on European harvest festivals.

3. The National Turkey Federation says around 45 million turkeys will be eaten on Thanksgiving, which equates to about 720 million pounds of turkey being consumed (with the average turkey size being 16 pounds).

4. The Butterball hotline answers roughly 100,000 calls every year on its turkey question hotline.

5. In 1953, the Swanson company overestimated the number of frozen turkeys it would sell for the holiday season by 26 tons. Rather than waste the meat, Swanson sliced it up, repackaged it and created the first frozen TV dinners.

6. Thanksgiving in America may be older than many recognize. While Thanksgiving is largely tied to the 17th century settlers, the National Parks Service says in 1,565 Spanish settlers in St. Augustine (now Florida) celebrated by having a meal to which they invited the native Seloy tribe. The Spanish served pork stew, sea biscuits, red wine and garbanzo beans. Some say the Seloy

contributed turkey, venison and maize.

7. Thanksgiving didn't become a civic holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the Civil War tragedy. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday on Oct. 20, 1864.

8. The Pilgrims did not refer to themselves

as "pilgrims." They used the word "separatists" as they were separating themselves from a larger belief system.

9. In addition to Canada and the U.S., Grenada, Liberia, the Philippines, Saint Lucia and the Netherlands celebrate their own versions

of Thanksgiving.

10. Each year, the American president "pardons" a turkey from slaughter on Thanksgiving. This tradition dates back to when Abraham Lincoln's son was upset that his family's turkey that was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

11. According to the U.S. Calorie Control Council (CCC), an average American may consume 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

12. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual tradition. People line the parade route in New York City or tune in to watch the parade on television. It originated in 1924 and the famed balloons were added in 1927.

13. Apple pie is the pie of choice for Thanksgiving, even though pumpkin pie is prevalent this time of year.

Thanksgiving is a popular holiday in Canada and the U.S. Many traditions have been borne of the holiday, and it is a favorite time of year for many people.



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Entertaining options to accommodate late arrivals

In a perfect entertaining scenario, all guests arrive on time and food comes out of the oven at the ideal temperature. Even though holiday hosts can hope for the best, it's a good idea to plan for instances when guests take liberties in regard to when they show up to dinner.

People have their own interpretations of what qualifies as "on time." For example, for an event that begins at 4 p.m., some guests may turn up at exactly 4 p.m., while others may arrive an hour or more later. According to etiquette expert Miss Manners, ordinarily it is understood that dinner is served roughly a half hour after the stated invitation time. While it's frustrating for hosts doing a culinary balancing act when guests do not heed etiquette and show up on time, there are some ways to plan ahead for late arrivals.

- **Know your audience.** If you have perpetual late arrivals, you likely know who the culprits will be. Adjust their invitations so that their proposed arrival times are one hour earlier than the rest of the invitees.
- **Shift accountability**. On the invitation, clearly state your desires with something such as, "Arrive at 3, dinner will be served at 5." This gives guests a window of flexibility. Plus, you'll be largely off the hook if the meal is already on the table when late comers arrive. Simply say, "We knew you wouldn't want us to wait for you." Plus, if guests know exactly when food will be served, they can fortify themselves with snacks if they must be late.
- Plan make-ahead dishes. Some meals taste even better when they've been allowed to sit and the flavors meld. These include quiches, layered pasta dishes, casseroles, and even stews. Incorporate them into holiday entertaining plans, and then you can reheat as needed prior to dinner being served.
- Use the oven as a warmer. Even something like a roast or turkey can be kept warm for some time without compromising on quality. Foods can typically be kept hot in a preheated oven set to 200 F to 250 F. Even lower temperatures between 160 F and 170 F will keep food safe at an internal temperature of 140 F without it actually being cooked more. If it goes above 140 F, turn off the oven and then back on as needed.

• Choose foods that cook quickly. If you prefer to cook to order for guests, then have appetizers on hand to keep early guests satisfied. Then when everyone has arrived you can rely on fast-cooking items like steaks, chops and cutlets. Thin cuts of meats and poultry will take much less time to cook than briskets and roasts. Give them a holiday makeover

with innovative flavors and impressive garnishes.

• **Consider catering**. Catering companies are masters at keeping food at the ready for guests. A buffet service will keep food hot in chafing dishes, which is perfect for a holiday party with an open door policy on arrival time.



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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Entertain safely with proper food handling

Homes are brimming with holiday revelers throughout the last month of the calendar year. Serving food is par for the holiday season course, and some individuals wait all year to unveil their signature holiday feasts. There are many reasons to be joyful for the bounty of appetizers, main courses, desserts and sides available. However, one thing has the potential to put a crimp in any holiday gathering: foodborne illness.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services indicates about one in six people in the U.S. gets a foodborne illness every year. Salmonella, E. coli, listeria and campylobacter are all bacteria that can grow in food that is not properly handled. These bacteria can cause illness or even death.

The good news is that foodborne illnesses are largely preventable, and a big part of prevention is handling food before and after it is cooked. The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service says safe food handling largely comes down to four vital rules: clean, separate, cook and chill.

Clean

Anyone handling food should start with clean hands washed in warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Wash cutting boards, dishes, counters and utensils after preparing food as well. Consider using disposable paper towels to mop up juices from food to avoid the spread of bacteria. Remember to wash all produce (including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten) and clean

lids before opening cans.

Separate

Raw poultry, seafood, meat and eggs should be separated from other foods in grocery carts and bags and later at home in the refrigerator or on the counter during preparation. Use separate cutting boards for raw foods and fresh produce. Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw foods unless it has been washed. Marinades used on raw foods should only be reused if they have been boiled first.

Cook

A food thermometer is a home cook's best tool. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration says that texture and color are poor indicators of food doneness. A food thermometer is essential to ensuring the safety of cooked foods for all cooking methods. Internal cooking temperature minimums vary depending on the food and cut. A detailed list can be found at foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/safe-minimum-cooking-temperature.

Microwaves are notorious for heating food unevenly. When using a microwave, take the food out midway and stir the contents to help disperse heat accordingly.

Chill

Never thaw raw foods on a countertop at room temperature. Defrosting should take place in the refrigerator in a bowl of cold water or in the microwave. Also, marinate foods in the refrigerator.

Holiday hosts may want to leave food out

for guests who are late to arrive. The FDA says that leftovers should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking or purchasing. Keep this in mind when cleaning up the ta-

ble or packaging "doggie bags" for guests to take home. With buffet service, keep foods hot with sternos and chafing dishes and place cold foods on ice.



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Awards play important role for Herkimer High School students

Herkimer Central School District senior Josh Leskovar was recently named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program and was announced as this year's winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award.

Those recognitions set the stage for how Herkimer Jr./Sr. High School will continue to honor student achievements with awards throughout the school year, highlighted by the Academic H Awards in November and graduation awards in June, Principal Mary Tomaso said.

"This is just the beginning of the award season, when we recognize students for their leadership and the skills that they've developed throughout high school," Tomaso said.

Herkimer school administrators believe awards not only give students well-deserved recognition for their work but also help to motivate other students, so the awards are integrated into the school year.

The 2022 Academic H Awards took place Nov. 16 with a breakfast provided to students after the awards. Academic H Awards were presented to students in grades 10 - 12 who earned an average of 90 or above for every marking period of the 2021-22 school year.

"I hope these awards help motivate our students," Tomaso said. "Athletes, actors and actresses are naturally in the spotlight. Our scholars are equally deserving of recognition."

The Academic H Awards also feature a former Herkimer student returning to give current students some insights into life after high school. The guest speaker is traditionally the Student Council president from four school years prior and this year's speaker will be 2018-19 Student Council President Johanna Humble.

The Academic H Award winners receive certificates and "H" pins. "This is their varsity letter for academics," Tomaso said

The graduation awards in June are focused on graduating seniors but also include underclassmen awards. Students are recognized for a variety of academic achievements through the awards, most of which include cash prizes. More than 230 awards were given out during the 2022 Graduation Awards.

The value and importance of the awards are emphasized to students – especially for memorial awards, Tomaso said.

"A lot of the awards are in memory of people, so their legacy can be remembered," she said. "I always say to students that it's important to the people honoring them and they were selected to honor a legacy."

Two Recognitions

Leskovar was recently selected as the winner of the 2022 DAR Good Citizen Award for Herkimer Central School District.

Herkimer teachers and staff were asked to rank the top three seniors they believed were deserving of the award for representing leadership, dependability, service and patrio-

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tism, said Laura Scalise, a Herkimer government and economics teacher who is also the faculty facilitator for DAR.

After the top three were decided, senior students were asked to vote on their choice for the award out of those three seniors and Leskovar won.

To advance to the next level of the DAR competition, Leskovar then had to submit information including a grade transcript, a list of activities and information about his future plans. He also had to complete an essay within a two-hour time limit. He is eligible to advance through multiple rounds and receive awards, Scalise said.

Among the many school activities Leskovar is involved in, he competed in both cross country and soccer this autumn,

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Herkimer senior Josh Leskovar recently won a DAR Good Citizen Award and was named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. His recognitions are just the first of the hundreds of awards that will be given out this school year to Herkimer Jr./Sr. High School students.

Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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gathered supplies for the school homecoming bonfire, hosted the development of the class float for the homecoming parade and has been a great treasurer the past two years for the Student Council, said Scalise, who is also the Student Council advisor.

"If something's going on in school, he's probably around helping out," Scalise said. "He's just an all-around really good kid. I'm very proud of him, and he'll definitely do great things moving on."

Leskovar also received a Letter of Commendation for earning the status of a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed in the top 50,000 students nationwide through the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying

Leskovar said he knew he did pretty well on the test, but he didn't know if he would receive the recognition until he found out from the school about the Commendation Letter. "It was exciting," he said.

Leskovar is currently looking into college programs for engineering – focused on chemical science or biomedical engineering – and plans to start applying to colleges soon.

His decision to pursue an engineering career was influenced by his participation from grades 9 - 12 in Project Lead the Way, located at Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District. He took one class at Project Lead the Way each school year for grades 9 - 11. As a senior, he goes there for one class, has a study hall there and then has another class period there for a capstone project.

Project Lead the Way allowed him to learn about different types of engineering and what you can do with each path. It also helped him figure out that he definitely likes engineering, he said.

"I like problem solving," he said. "There's never one right answer."

He has always been interested in math and science, and Project Lead the Way presented him with an opportunity to find out more about engineering, he said.

"I thought it was worth trying and it definitely has helped me a lot," he said.

Did you know?

Thanksgiving is as synonymous with football as it is with turkey. When sports fans tune into the big games Thanksgiving Day, two teams are on the field every year: the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions. There is no rule in place that says these teams have to play on Thanksgiving, but it has become tradition. When the National Football League makes its Thanksgiving schedule each year, the Lions get scheduled for an early afternoon game and the Cowboys a late afternoon matchup. These traditions can be traced back to publicity stunts to draw in more fans. The Lions played their first Thanksgiving game in 1934, while the Cowboys started the tradition in 1966. Other teams had played on Thanksgiving prior to these years, but the Lions solidified their place when then-owner George A. Richards (also an NBC-affiliated radio station owner) established a contract with NBC to show his Lions games on Thanksgiving across 94 stations. In 2022, there is once again a tripleheader on Thanksgiving Day. The Buffalo Bills will play the Detroit Lions at 12:30 p.m.; the New York Giants will play the Dallas Cowboys at 4:30 p.m.; and the New England Patriots battle the Minnesota Vikings at 8:20 p.m. Fans can watch the Lions on CBS, the Cowboys on FOX and the Vikings on NBC.













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HUNTING

Safety measures all hunters should take

Hunting draws millions of people into the great outdoors every year. Many avid hunters feel hunting is a great way to actively participate in nature while also taking responsibility for procuring one's own food.

Hunting requires discipline, dedication, patience, and, perhaps most important, a commitment to safety. By prioritizing safety on each hunting trip, seasoned and novice hunters alike are acknowledging the potential dangers of this beloved outdoor activity while doing everything they can to ensure the trip is as safe as possible. Because safety plays such a vital role in successful hunting trips, hunters of all experience levels can benefit from a refresher course on the safety measures they should take each time they go on the hunt.

- Treat all firearms as if they're loaded. Treating all firearms as if they're loaded ensures hunters won't be tempted to engage in the kind of fooling around that can contribute to tragic accidents. This approach can reduce the risk of firearm-related accidents or injuries and can be an especially effective way to teach youngsters about the dangers of firearms and the correct ways to mitigate those dangers.
- Keep your finger off the trigger and only point at what you plan to shoot. Keeping your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot ensures you won't accidentally discharge your firearm. In addition, never point your firearm at anything other than what you plan to shoot.
- Know the forecast and dress appropriately. Firearms are not the only risk to hunters' safety. Inclement weather can put hunters at the mercy of Mother Nature. According to the Mayo Clinic, hypothermia, which occurs when the human body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, can affect hunters who are unable to get out of wet clothes or move to warm, dry locations as their bodies lose heat. In addition, hunters may be at risk of hypothermia even if temperatures are hovering around 50 F. Before

embarking on a hunting trip, hunters should read the forecast of the areas where they will be hunting and dress accordingly. Outer layers that repel water can help keep hunters dry, and hunters also should avoid wearing cotton, which retains moisture and can increase their risk for hypothermia. Clothing made with moisture-wicking fabrics is a great alternative to cotton.

• Share your plan with others. Returning home safe is the ultimate goal for hunters, and that's more likely to happen when hunters share their hunting plans with others. Let someone, ideally a spouse, parent, roommate or sibling, know when and where you will be hunting and when you expect to return by. Direct this loved one to call the local authorities if you do not call by a predetermined time. This can dramatically reduce the time it takes to find you if you become injured on your hunting trip and prove unable to get back to your vehicle safely.



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Popular songs to stream this holiday season

holiday season is steeped in tradition. One of the most popular traditions playing holiday music, which many retailers begin to broadcast over their PA systems shortly after people put their Halloween costumes in storage. The popular music streaming platform Spotify tracks the most popular holiday songs each year, and 2021 featured a mix of some newer songs and some alltime classics. According to Spotify, these five songs were the most streamed holiday tunes on the platform between Nov. 1 and Dec. 9, 2021.

- "All I Want for Christmas Is You" – Mariah Carey
- 2. "Last Christmas" Wham!
- 3. "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas" – Michael Bublé
- 4. "Jingle Bell Rock" Bobby Helms
- 5. "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" - Brenda Lee

Individuals who want to

stream something a little more contemporary this holiday season can consider these songs, which Spotify reports are the five most-streamed holiday songs that were released over the last half decade.

- 1. "Snowman" Sia
- 2. "White Christmas" Amy Grant
- 3. "Santa's Coming for Us"Sia
- 4. "Hallelujah" Pentatonix
- 5. "Merry Christmas" Ed Sheeran and Elton John



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Department of State's Consumer Protection Division issues warnings for holiday season

The New York Department of State's Consumer Protection Division (DCP) recently announced the rollout of a five-part consumer alert series to help cost-conscious New Yorkers navigate the holiday shopping season. In the coming weeks, consumers will receive guidance on charity scams, credit cards, gift cards, refunds, returns and warranties. In this first consumer alert, DCP wants to empower New Yorkers with actionable fraud prevention tips so they have greater awareness and control when shopping online.

"This holiday season, it's a one-two punch for cost-conscious New Yorkers as they battle rising prices and ever-evolving scams," said NY Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez, who oversees the Division of Consumer Protection. "New Yorkers need to know how to spot fake online reviews, fake texts impersonating package delivery companies and they should never keep their credit cards on file for future purchases. There are laws to protect consumers, but consumers also need to know how to protect themselves from scammers this holiday season."

The convenience of shopping online creates both opportunities and challenges for consumers. One of the major challenges is figuring out what is real or fake as scammers find new, more sophisticated ways to trick consumers.

Shop safely online with these tips:



Don't rush when buying online: Technology has simplified the way we shop. With a click of a button, we can quickly shop multiple sites, browse hundreds of items, comparison shop, find deals, read consumer reviews and make purchase decisions for a variety of items. Before you click, take the time to carefully read and review what you're buying and who you're buying it from.

Be careful when shopping on social media: Social media commerce is gaining ground among shoppers, and according to experts it's growing three times faster than traditional ecommerce. As more consumers browse and shop directly on social media platforms, we urge consumers to pay attention to brand imposters and fake retailers with fake consumer reviews. Avoid placing orders on these copycat sites for products that will never arrive.

Shop on trusted sites with retailers known to you. Consumers are exposed to hundreds of retailer websites, and some promote products that may not meet their expectation by offering a poor-quality version of the advertised item. Some consumers have also reported not receiving any product at all. Use caution on trusted sites that host items for third-party sellers.

Beware of third-party vendors. If redirected from a trusted site to a third-party site, read the seller's policies, review ratings, read consumer comments and most importantly do a broad internet search before making your purchase. Trusted retailers who host third-party sellers do not warranty their sales, thus you could get a substandard product or no product at all when you take the risk and purchase from an unknown third-party vendor.

Do your research if you want to try a new site or retailer. Performing a broad internet search will provide you with important feedback from other customers.

Learn how to spot a fake review: Watch out for fake reviews online. One red flag to look for is one-sided reviews with no specifics. Real reviews often reflect customer experiences that are balanced, descriptive and subjective. Also look for multiple reviews that look very similar and posted during the same timeframe. This is a sign that the reviewers are either copying information or were all written by the same person.

Read product specifications. Online marketing is geared to get you to buy, so it's important to understand the product you are purchasing and the terms of the sale to ensure you are getting what you want.

Don't be fooled by package and delivery scams. Keep track of your packages. Package tracking and delivery scams are common during the holidays. Review the tracking information for your package and note any issues right away through the retailer's websites.

Beware of phishing attempts. Another common scam this time of year is scammers using phishing emails and text messages to impersonate delivery companies (e.g., UPS, USPS, FedEx), banking and credit card companies and other large retailers (e.g., Netflix, PayPal, eBay, Amazon), which often include links to sites attempting to steal your information. Always open a browser and type the company's website address yourself instead of clicking on a link in an email or text message.

Tips for Using Credit Cards Online

Check the website's encryption: It's easier than you think. Before entering your credit card information, make sure that the website's address begins with "https" and that there is a closed lock on the website address bar or unbroken key symbol in the lower portion of your window.

Don't keep the credit card on file for future purchases. Provide your credit card number each time you make a purchase.

Designate one credit card and one email address for online shopping. This will allow for easy review of purchases and provide protection in case of a dispute.

The NYS Division of Consumer Protection provides resources and education materials to consumers on product safety, as well as voluntary mediation services between consumers and businesses. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1.800.697.1220 is available Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., excluding state holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection.

For more consumer protection tips, follow the Division on social media at Twitter @NYSConsumer and Facebook at facebook.com/nysconsumer.











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Tackle tailgate menus with fast, flavorful foods

(Family Features) While they may not strap on helmets and head to the field for kickoff, football fans often feel like they're as much a part of the game as the players themselves. When the team is in the locker room laying out the game plan, scores of fans are fueling up with tantalizing tailgate foods.

In fact, many tailgaters believe food is the most important aspect of the pregame festivities, and one trendy way to feed your crowd is with small plates, appetizers, samplers and innovative sides that feature a variety of flavors like these ideas from the experts at Aramark.

An easy hack for your next game day meal can be a recipe you prepare at home before heading to the stadium. The toppings are what set these Korean-inspired Sweet and Spicy Bratwurst Subs apart. Just make the crunchy kimchi, bright mango slaw and spicy sesame mayonnaise up to two days ahead of time so grilling the bratwursts is all you need to do before kickoff.

As tailgate grub continues to trend toward easy and quick, Sweet Heat Foil Packets provide another no-mess, single-serve solution. Load up individual packets with shrimp, chicken, andouille sausage and favorite veggies then head to the game and grill on-site for a hot meal to fire up your fellow fans.

Find more game day recipe inspiration by visiting Aramark's Feed Your Potential website, fyp365.com.

Sweet and Spicy Bratwurst Subs

Recipe courtesy of Aramark

Servings: 8

Kimchi:

- 1 1/2 cups green cabbage, cut into thick strips
- 1/4 cup water
- 4 teaspoons white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon gochujang paste
- 2 teaspoons fish sauce







1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

1/2 teaspoon minced, peeled ginger root

1/2 cup daikon radish strips

1/4 cup shredded, peeled carrot

1/4 cup sliced green onion

Mango Slaw:

2 cups shredded green cabbage

1/3 cup diced mango chunks, thawed from frozen

1/4 cup shredded, peeled carrot

1/4 cup sliced green onion

1/4 cup red bell pepper, cut into thin strips

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

2 tablespoons minced, peeled ginger root

2 tablespoons white vinegar

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon minced garlic

Spicy Sesame Mayonnaise:

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon sriracha

1 1/2 teaspoons sesame oil

1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned rice wine vinegar

8 bratwursts (4 ounces each)

8 hoagie rolls (6 inches), split

To make kimchi: Place cabbage in microwavable bowl. Add water. Cover and microwave on high 2 minutes, or until tender-crisp. Rinse with cold water and drain well.

In large bowl, mix vinegar, gochujang, fish sauce, garlic and ginger. Add steamed cabbage, daikon, carrot and onion; toss to coat. Cover and chill.

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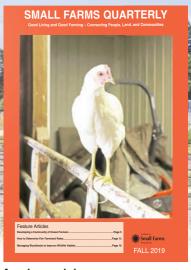


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16 extra-large shrimp, peeled, deveined and tails removed

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8 frozen mini corn cobs, cut in half (16 pieces)

Tackle from A20

To make mango slaw: Mix cabbage, mango, carrot, onion, red bell pepper, cilantro, ginger, vinegar, salt and garlic. Cover and chill.

To make spicy sesame mayonnaise: Mix mayonnaise, sriracha, sesame oil and vinegar until well blended. Cover and chill.

Heat grill to medium and lightly oil grill rack. Grill bratwursts 8 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 155 F.

Spread mayonnaise on rolls. Place grilled bratwurst on rolls and top with kimchi and slaw.

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Servings: 8

1/2 cup cold butter, diced

- 1 cup diced yellow onion
- 1 cup diced, peeled potatoes
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salt. to taste

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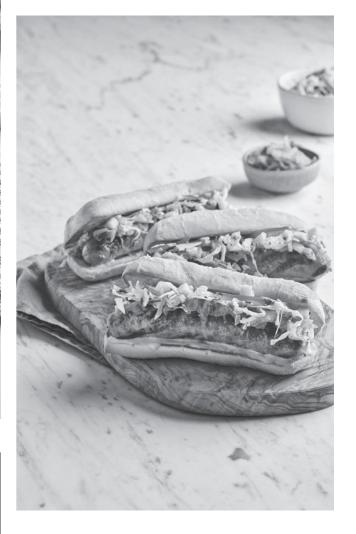
On half of each foil square, evenly layer butter, onions, potatoes, carrots, red bell peppers, chicken, shrimp, seasoning, pineapple, sausage, corn cobs and green onions.

Fold foil in half over filling. Fold edges of foil tightly toward filling to seal packets.

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- 22 Coffee variety
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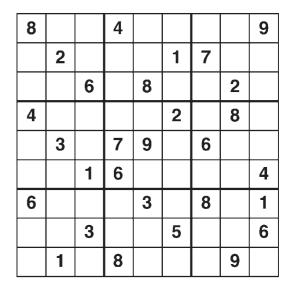
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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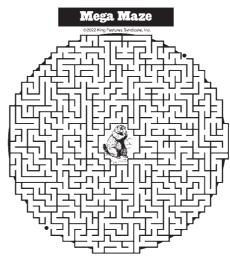
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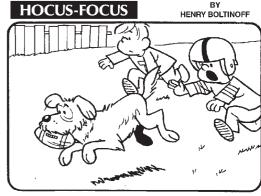
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TODAY'S WORD

Home Country

by Slim Randles

very now and then, thought Doc, that op-**■** portunity comes back to haunt me. Like it is right now on this crisp morning walk. It came early in his medical life, an invitation to join with a famous big hospital Back East. He'd

make more money, he knew, and there was the seductive challenge of being on the cutting edge of what the world of medicine had to offer to the world of people.

He stopped for a minute and looked up through the stark tangle of bare limbs on a cottonwood tree. The filigree patterns of early winter never grew old to Doc. Sometimes they reminded him of capillaries or the branching out of small spring creeks heading for a trout river. And sometimes, they were just pretty to look at and deserved a pause in Doc's morning walk.

He and his wife, known to everyone as Mrs. Doc,

had come here to the valley many years ago. Each had become a local institution the way these things go in a small, rural area. They both regretted not having any children of their own, but the devotion each felt for the other tended to at least partially fill that emotional cavity.

Jeffrey Martin came trotting along the sidewalk on his way to school. Had

his book backpack and lunch too.

'Mornin' Doc!" he said. "Hey Jeff. How's school?"

"Just fine. Gotta run. I'm late.'

Doc smiled after him. Third grade this year? Close to that anyway. Jeffrev had been a difficult birth. So had Jeffrey's mother. And Doc had been there for both of them.



There's more than one way to have a family, Doc thought, smiling.

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Stickley furniture

by Terry and Kim Kovel

Gustav Stickley has created icons of American design. Inspired by John Ruskin and William Morris of the English Arts and Crafts movement, Stickley started the Craftsman workshop in 1900. He originated what was later called mission furniture, with its simple, sturdy shapes, iron and hammered copper hardware, and emphasis on skilled crftsmanship and practicality instead of decoration. He favored oak because it is strong and heavy.

Like the movement in England, Stickley's style went beyond a furniture brand; it was an entire philosophy. He published a magazine called "The Craftsman."

This early Stickley desk, made around 1900, sold for \$3,900 at Cottone Auctions in Geneseo,

NY. It has a fall front that could be folded up when the writing surface wasn't in use, taking up less space in the room. Other adjustable or multifunction Stickley designs include an adjustable recliner and a bookshelf that could also be used as a table.

Q: I recently bought a cut-glass decanter at an auction. It has a white residue on the very bottom. How can I remove this without damaging the crystal?

A: The white residue is caused by calcium, lime and other minerals found in hard water. It can be removed by filling the decanter with warm water and adding white vinegar, vinegar and baking soda, or a denture tablet. Let it sit for several hours or overnight. Rinse out the solution and wash the decanter in a plastic tub or in

a sink lined with a towel or rubber mat to prevent chipping. Turn the faucet to one side or put a rubber collar on the spout to avoid hitting the metal. Wash in warm (not hot) water and detergent, rinse and put upside down on a dish rack to dry. The inside of the decanter can be dried by inserting pieces of an old cotton sheet and using the handle of a wooden spoon or a wooden dowel to wipe it.

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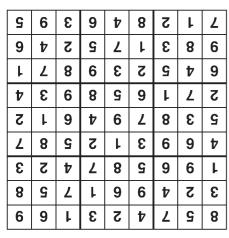
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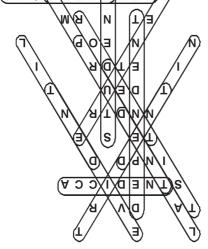
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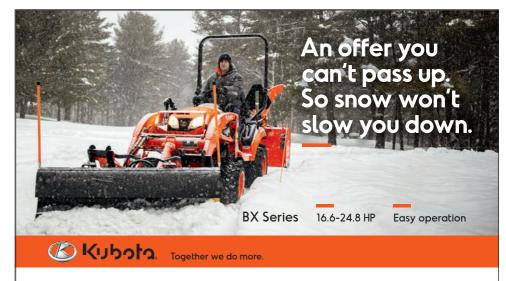


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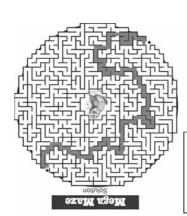
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Herkimer College President McColgin to retire Aug. 31, 2023

Herkimer County Community College President Dr. Cathleen C. McColgin has announced her retirement after serving as the college's fourth president since June 2015. McColgin's retirement will be effective Aug. 31, 2023.

McColgin said, "I am so proud to have worked with the dedicated faculty and staff at Herkimer College. Together we have realized so many accomplishments. While Herkimer College will always hold a special place in my heart, I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life and spending time with my husband and family."

During McColgin's seven-plus years as president, several new programs have been developed including Health Professions, Electrical Technology, Supply Chain Management and Communication and Media associate degree programs; Pre-Employment Police Basic Training and Emergency Management certificate programs; and a Supply Chain Management micro-credential program.

McColgin also led the multi-million-dollar construction project of an electrical technology smart grid lab in partnership with the New York Power Authority. Recent student success initiatives have included the Commit 2 Complete and BookMarket programs, a General's Cupboard food pantry and several new mental health and wellness services.

McColgin has been a staunch supporter of the Generals Athletics program, attending as many competitions as possible. Under her leadership, the Generals won national championships in baseball, men's basketball, men's soccer, track and field and cross country. Additionally, the college added men's golf and e-sports to its growing catalog of intercollegiate athletic teams.

McColgin led the college through the unprecedented, challenging pandemic, responding to the ever-changing information and guidance in a careful, compassionate and hands-on manner. Every decision made was guided by her commitment to continuing to provide an excellent education and student support, while ensuring the health and safety of the campus community.

McColgin led the college through a successful Middle States reaccreditation process and development of it's a new five-year strategic plan, "Building on Our Legacy: Investing in the Future."

Herkimer College Board of Trustees Chair Isabella Crandall said, "Dr. McColgin has been a tireless advocate for community colleges and especially for Herkimer College. She has led Herkimer through very challenging times including a worldwide pandemic and she is leaving the college positioned for growth in the future. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank Dr. McColgin for her outstanding leadership, service and commitment to Herkimer College and wish her all the best in her retirement."

McColgin serves as president of the New York Commu-



Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin. Photo courtesy of Herkimer College

nity College Presidents (NYCCAP) and is a member of the President's Advisory Council for the National Junior College Athletic Association Board of Regents. She is a member of the Higher Education Research and Development Institute, a national advisory board comprised of community college presidents; and serves as an evaluator for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

McColgin also has served on numerous boards and committees in the Mohawk Valley. She currently serves as vice president of the Board of Directors for the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley and is a member of SUNY Polytechnic Institute's College of Health Science Advisory Board, the Regional Advisory Board of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Utica Region, the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties Board of Trustees and the Mohawk Valley EDGE Board of Directors.



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Movember shines a light on various men's health issues

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Each November, men across the globe agree to grow a moustache in an effort to raise awareness about men's health issues. Dubbed Movember®, this annual effort is the brainchild of two friends, Travis Garone and Luke Slattery, who had been joking about how to bring moustaches back into fashion. The two men were inspired to tie their efforts into a campaign to raise awareness about men's health by the mother of a friend who, at the time, was raising funds for breast cancer.

Since its inception, Movember® has helped raise awareness about three particular issues, prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide, that might otherwise have garnered considerably less attention. Taking time to understand these issues can help make Movember® an even greater success than it already is.

Prostate cancer

The World Cancer Research Fund International reports that prostate cancer is the second most commonly occurring cancer in men and the fourth most common cancer overall. In fact, more than 1.4 million men across the globe are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year. Education about prostate cancer can include an emphasis on the factors and behaviors that increase a man's risk for the disease, which the WCRFI indicates include height-being tall increases a man's risk-and weight-being overweight and obese also increases risk.

Testicular cancer

The American Cancer Society reports that the average age at the time of diagnosis of testicular cancer is about 33. which underscores the notion that no man is too young to learn about men's health issues. Though testicular cancer is not as prevalent as prostate cancer, the American Society of Clinical Oncology notes that diagnoses of the disease have been on the rise for decades. The reasons for that are unknown, but lack of awareness of the disease and what can be done to detect it early could be contributors to the increase.

Men's suicide

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports that suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the U.S. The rate of suicide is highest among middle-aged white men, and in 2020 men died by suicide at a rate nearly four times higher than women. Globally, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation reports that suicide rates in men are just over twice as high as those for women. A greater awareness of suicide, including how much more prevalent it is among men than women, could help prevent more suicides. More information about suicide prevention is available at afsp.org.

What started as a playful way to restore moustaches to their once-lofty status has become a highly successful campaign that has helped to raise awareness about three significant men's health issues. More information about Movember® can be found at us.movember.com.







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MALL BUSINESS Saturday









Three fun event ideas that can benefit local businesses

The shop local movement is a worthy endeavor. A thriving Main Street can foster a sense of community, encourage entrepreneurs young and old to pursue their dreams and expose residents to a host of new ideas and products. But the benefits of a strong local business sector don't end there. In fact, communities have much to gain economically from promoting Main Street.

Though the numbers vary from year to year, a recent report from the U.S. Small Business Administration indicated that, for every \$100 a consumer spends at a small business, \$48 remains in the community where that business is located. By contrast, just \$14 out of every \$100 remains in the community when that money is spent at a big-box store or national retailer.

With so much to gain from a thriving local business scene, community leaders and residents can plan and embrace events

that showcase the many small businesses that make their munities cannot plan and promote similar fes-

There's no shortage of ways to promote local businesses. Special events in which local businesses are the star is a great way to inspire locals to support the companies that help make their communities unique.

towns and cities unique. There are many ways to promote local businesses, and the following are three creative event ideas to get locals and non-locals alike excited about the businesses that offer so much to your community.

- · Shop local at night: Many communities participate in restaurant weeks that draw scores of visitors to the cafes and eateries in their town. A similar approach can be employed to bring people to Main Street for something other than food. A shop local at night event can feature special discounts during a time of year when business might otherwise be slow. Community organizers can close Main Street to vehicle traffic throughout the week to encourage people to walk around and visit all the small businesses in their communities.
- · Holiday festivals: Holiday bazaars may be most often associated with the holiday season that runs from Thanksgiving weekend to New Year's Day. But there's no reason why com-

tivals during other popular holidays, such as Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. A Valentine's Day festival the week before the holiday can encourage locals to get out and shop for that special someone, while a Halloween festival can encourage people to spend time outdoors patronizing local businesses during a time of year when the weather is welcoming for all.

· Workshop week: Workshop weeks can be great ways for local businesses to inspire interest in their offerings while showcasing the many talented individuals who help them thrive. Each night can feature a different workshop hosted by local businesses. For example, a Monday night restaurant workshop can feature chefs from local restaurants teaching locals how to prepare a certain dish. Another night during the week can feature local artisans offering lessons on the basics of their skills, such as woodworking, framing or gardening. Such an event is a great way for local businesses to put a face on their companies and meet locals who appreciate their talents.

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Beth and Tom O'Leary at the Freedom Liquidators on Main Street in Nelliston. Beth describes her shop as a "mini de-

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Five reasons to shop small versus big box

The importance of small businesses to the economy cannot be overstated. Though national chains often garner publicity, local businesses are equally, if not exceedingly, worthy of attention.

What defines a small business as "small" varies significantly, but these businesses are generally privately owned and generate far less revenue than big corporations. General consensus also defines small businesses as companies with fewer than 500 paid employees, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Here's a deep look at why small businesses are so vital, and why consumers should direct more of their purchasing power to smaller companies rather than the big box retailers and other national chains.

1. Autonomy and diversity

The layout and offerings at national chains will be identical whether you live in the mountains or at the beach. Big box stores follow a consistent marketing strategy and look the same regardless of where they are located. That familiarity can come at the cost of variety. On the other hand, an independent business offers the products and services that are reflective of the customers and the community they serve.

2. Local hiring strategy

Certain big box retailers will hire local residents but hiring policies may push for promoting from within the organization. This could mean relocating an employee rather than bringing in someone from the community who may be more in tune with local sensibilities. Small businesses may be more inclined to hire residents they know and keep hiring centralized to the local area—something that keeps more resources and money in the

3. Adaptability and change

Local businesses can move more quickly to respond to economic factors that require change. Since they are focused more on the needs of their customers rather than stockholders, changes can be implemented rapidly without having to go through red tape, meetings and updates to corporate policies. Changes also can be customized to the local community at large.

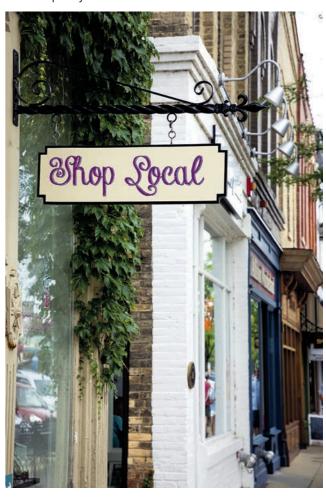
4. Investing in the town

According to the financial resource Financial Slot, shopping at locally owned businesses rather than big box retailers keeps more money in the community. Local property taxes and other taxes paid by the businesses go right back into the community. This helps raise overall value for homeowners and can even reduce their taxes. The funding helps keep police, fire and school departments functioning properly.

5. Turnover is greater

While no one wants to see a small business fail, that fate is sometimes unavoidable. However, that turnover helps teach communities what was done poorly and helps others learn from those mistakes. It also means fresh businesses will come in and replace the old, driving new growth, opportunity and competition that keeps prices competitive.

The benefits of a thriving small business sector are numerous. Consumers can do their part by patronizing these firms more frequently.





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The benefits of in person holiday shopping

The 2020 holiday season was unlike any other. The COVID-19 pandemic was still affecting daily life across the globe over the final months of 2020, prompting many families and individuals to alter holiday traditions they'd embraced for decades. That included how people shop. Many people avoided in person holiday shopping in 2020. However, the successful rollout of various COVID-19 vaccines has made in person shopping safe again. That's good news for local businesses and great news for shoppers, who may have forgotten just how much they can benefit from shopping in person.

• In person shopping is convenient. Much is made of the convenience of online shopping. And it's undeniable that the ability to shop at all hours of the day and night is convenient. However, in person shopping, especially when shopping for others, is much more convenient than shoppers may realize. When shopping in person, shoppers can get a feel for an item, size it up and even inspect its quality prior to purchasing it. That can save shoppers from that disappointing feeling of receiving an item in the mail only to realize it's poorly made or oddly sized and therefore unlikely to fit its

eventual recipient. · In person shopping isn't all about shipping. Shipping speed is a significant factor for online shoppers, and that may affect just which gift they give come the holiday season. According to a Dot-com report titled "How Fast Delivery and Quality Packaging Drives Customer Loyalty," 87 percent of shoppers surveyed indicated shipping was a key factor when deciding whether to shop with an e-commerce brand again. That's an important consideration, as shoppers may be more inclined to buy an item from a retailer simply because of their shipping speed capabilities and not because of the quality of the item and whether or not it's what they want to give to their loved one. Shopping in person removes shipping from the equation, ensuring gift givers will give a gift they truly want to give and not just the one that will arrive on time.

In person shopping allows for more accessible

browsing. Within minutes of entering a store and walking around, shoppers may see a handful of gifts that will ultimately be great for various people on their lists, even if they had no idea what to get prior to entering. That ability to browse is more difficult when shopping online, especially when buying from online retailers with massive inventories of a range of products. Such sites often require visitors to pick a category to streamline their searches. That's not always easy or enjoyable for shoppers who cherish

the opportunity to uncover hidden gems or more unique gifts that aren't available all over the internet.

• In person shopping gets shoppers out of the house. Since the onset of the pandemic, people have spent more time than ever within the confines of their homes. The 2021 holiday shopping season provides a great opportunity to get out of the house and disconnect from devices. Shoppers can even do so alongside friends and family members they weren't able to see last holiday season.

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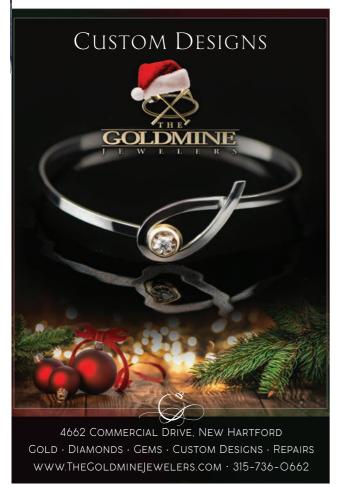












Tips to master comparison shopping

Savvy shoppers recognize the value of comparison shopping. By comparing prices of the same or similar products at various retailers, consumers can save considerable amounts of money. That's especially true during the holiday season, when shoppers are looking for items for everyone on their shopping list and hoping to find them without breaking the bank.

Though comparison shopping may fall short of being a science, skilled shoppers know that some proven methods can greatly increase the chances of finding gifts that will make loved ones' eyes light up this holiday season.

• Track prices over time. Successful comparison shopping takes time and patience, as savvy shoppers recognize that prices on an array of items fluctuate over time. Holiday shoppers should not wait until the unofficial beginning of the holiday season to start tracking prices, as that leaves little time for prices to change. The earlier you start, the better a feel you'll develop for how much an item might cost and how much the item might come down in price before it's time to pounce.

• Establish a price you're comfortable paying. It's beneficial to determine a price you're comfortable paying for each item when comparison shopping during the holiday season. This reduces the chances that you'll delay buying an item until it's too late to find a bargain. If you set prices you're comfortable paying and items hit that mark, then purchase them right away and shift your attention to gifts for others on your list.

• Utilize alerts. Various comparison-shopping sites allow users to set up email alerts that can inform them when items are being sold for a certain price determined by the shopper. Utilizing these alerts essentially lets the comparison tool do the work for you. Once you receive an alert, all you need to do is purchase the item.

• **Ask around**. Technology has made it simpler than ever to comparison shop, but it's important that holiday shoppers do not discount the value of word-of-mouth shopping. When speaking to neighbors or loved ones, ask if there are any

local businesses that offer great deals or websites that they rely on to find budget-friendly items. Word-of-mouth shopping was once the norm, and it can still pay dividends when looking for holiday gifts.

Comparison shopping is a must for budget-conscious holiday shoppers. Various strategies can help shoppers score great deals without feeling as though an item could have been found for less at a different retailer.



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Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts is excited to announce our first Holiday Art Sale in the 401 Gallery. Artists throughout our region are creating and selling their original art from Dec. 1 - 24. Sizes range from 36 inches down to works of art eight inches and smaller. All art is framed. Pricing is under \$500 and set by the individual artist.

Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon - 4 p.m. at 403 Canal Place, Little Falls. Extended hours will be announced.

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How to find bargains this holiday shopping season

The cost of living has risen dramatically in 2022. In a reflection of just how much the cost of living has increased over the last year, the Social Security Administration announced a 5.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment for 2022. That marks the highest adjustment in four decades.

The pinch of inflation has been felt throughout the last year, and that



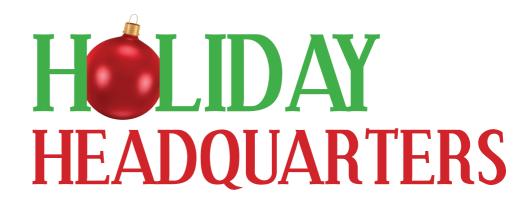
The holiday season could be especially expensive this year, but there are still bargains to be had and ways to rein in costs.

squeeze could feel even tighter as the holiday season draws closer. The holiday season can be an expensive time of year. Holiday celebrants must contend with the costs associated with hosting holiday gatherings, travel and spending nights out celebrating with loved ones. But the biggest added expense many people must confront during the holiday season is the cost of buying gifts for family and friends. Though inflation might be beyond consumers' control, there are still ways to find bargains when holiday shopping this year.

• Start comparison shopping early. In addition to the rising cost of living, modern consumers also must contend with supply shortages and shipping delays. Shopping early is a great way to get around those lingering effects of the pandemic, and it also affords shoppers more time to find great deals. Comparison shopping sites like Shopzilla.com make it easy to comparison shop by breaking items down into categories and producing a list of vendors and prices for an assortment

of products. Utilizing these sites and shopping early is a great way to find bargains.

- Shop on consumer holidays. Black Friday used to be the only game in town in regard to holiday bargains. Consumers can still find great deals on Black Friday and also benefit from reduced prices on days such as Cyber Monday and even Prime Day, which is a two-day event from the online retailer Amazon that occurs in summer.
- Attend local holiday bazaars and markets. One of the great things about holiday bazaars and markets is that many of the businesses that set up shop at these events are local. They also tend to sell an array of items, including small items that can easily fit into shoppers' holiday budgets.
- Pool your resources. Another way to get around rising costs this holiday season is to pool your shopping resources with another friend or family member. The cost of a new tablet for a parent can be easier to bear if it's split with a sibling.







Simple ways to prolong the life of poinsettias

Poinsettias and their rich red, white or variegated color schemes are the ideal backdrop for Christmas celebrations. In fact, poinsettias are among the most popular decorative flowers during the holiday season.

According to the 2013 USDA Floriculture Statistics report, poinsettias accounted for about one-quarter (23 percent) of all flowering potted plant sales that year. Roughly 34 million poinsettia plants are sold in a given season. Indigenous to Central America, the plant was introduced to North America in the 1820s when Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. Minister to Mexico, brought the red-and-green plant back with him from a trip abroad.

While millions of poinsettias will be purchased for the holiday season, many mistakenly think their utility ends once New Year's Day has come and gone. But with proper care poinsettia plants can continue to thrive and bring warmth and beauty to a home long after the holiday decorations have been tucked away.

• Choose a hearty plant. Experts with the University of Vermont Extension Department of Plant and Soil Science say that many people mistake the plant's leaves for

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its flowers. The red, white or pink bracts are actually modified leaves. The flowers of the plant are the yellow clustered buds in the center called "cyathia." Choose poinsettia plants that have buds which are, ideally, not yet open.

- Keep the temperature consistent. Poinsettias prefer a room temperature between 60 and 68 F during the day and 10 degrees cooler at night. Humidity levels between 20 and 50 percent are ideal. Group plants on water-filled trays full of pebbles to help increase humidity levels.
- Place near sunlight. The United Kingdom-based Perrywood floral company advises placing poinsettia plants near a bright windowsill but not in direct sunlight. Do not let a poinsettia touch cold windowpanes.
- **Avoid drafts**. The plants are sensitive to drafts and changes in temperature. So it's best to keep poinsettias away from drafty doors, windows, radiators, or fireplaces.
- **Don't drown the roots**. Wait until the surface of the compost dries out before watering the plant anew. Also, the decorative foil wrapper that covers pots can trap water and lead to root rot. Remove it or poke holes in the bottom to allow for drainage.

• Cut back plants. Come mid-March, cut back the plant by half to encourage new shoots, suggests the University of Illinois Extension. The plants also can be placed outside in the spring after the risk of frost has passed. Bring poinsettias back in around mid-September to early October to force them to bloom again.





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What to do about returns after shopping early

The adage "the early bird gets the worm" certainly applies to holiday shopping. By shopping early, holiday shoppers can avoid long lines, shipping delays and crowded parking lots. Shopping early also increases the chances shoppers will find what they want, making for a happier holiday season for their loved ones.

If holiday shopping early increases the chances of finding the perfect gift, it also can make returns a little more difficult. That's

an even bigger consideration for shoppers who get an especially significant head-start on buying gifts for their loved ones, as many stores have airtight and time-sensitive return policies. Despite that, holiday shoppers who like to shop early can employ various strategies that could make it easier for loved ones to return gifts.

 Shop at retailers who offer extended return policies. Many retailers recognize the popularity of shopping early for the holidays and tweak their standard return policies during this time of year. Prior to purchasing any gifts, shoppers can shop around for retailers who offer extended holiday returns. Pandemic-related supply shortages and shipping issues may compel more retailers to offer such policies as a greater number of people shop early to ensure they get what they want and that their purchases arrive on time. But it's still wise for shoppers to confirm if an extended return policy is in place prior to purchasing anything.

Ask recipients to avoid opening packages if they might return items. The excitement of receiving a great gift may compel recipients, especially children, to immediately open the box. But early shoppers can request that packages remain intact until recipients confirm that they want to keep the gift. Some retailers may offer full returns or store credits on unopened items even if the

return window has closed.

• Urge recipients to return items during off-peak hours. If recipients want to return an item in person, urge them to do so at a time when the story isn't likely to be busy. Staff might be more willing to work with people returning gifts at times when they aren't overwhelmed by lots of people returning items at once.

 Keep tags and receipts. Recipients are more likely to get full refunds or store credit if tags are still attached and gift givers have saved their receipts. This applies even to items that were purchased months before they're being returned.

In an era dominated by supply shortages and shipping issues, it makes sense to shop early for holiday gifts. And some savvy strategies can make it easier for recipients to return gifts purchased well before the holiday season.



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Sports experiences make great gifts this holiday season

The thrill of sports has inspired billions of loyal fans and athletes across the globe. Professional, collegiate, scholastic, and even recreational sports entertain people all year long. That popularity is something shoppers can keep in mind as they look for the perfect gift for the family sports fan this

holiday season.

Many adults undoubtedly recall receiving sports equipment as a holiday gift when they were children. Whether it's a baseball mitt or a field hockey stick or a new ball, these gifts tend to light up kids' eyes come Christmas morning. Adult sports fans may

not need such equipment, but they might be just as excited to receive these unique sports experiences this holiday season.

• Tickets: For diehard sports fans, nothing is better than going to the big game. Perhaps in acknowledgment of the growing popularity of following a favorite team on the

road, many professional sports leagues now release team schedules months in advance of the first game of the season. For example, the National Football League released its 2022 schedule in mid-May, despite the fact that the season does not begin until September. Shoppers can peruse schedules

and circle a must-see home game or lay the foundation for a memorable trip by giving tickets to a road game.

- Stadium tour: Stadium tours are another great experience the family sports fan will undoubtedly appreciate. Many professional sports teams now welcome fans to tour their stadiums both in-season and during the offseason. These tours offer a behind-the-scenes look at stadiums, arenas and ballparks. Teams may even host tours on game days, making this a great stocking stuffer to pair with tickets to a game.
- Fan fest: Fan fest tickets make an ideal gift for individuals who can be accurately described as "diehards" for their favorite teams. These family-friendly gatherings tend to happen in the weeks leading up to the start of a new season. A handful of current and former players typically attend fan fests, which are hosted by the team and typically include activities for adults and children alike.
- Lessons: Holiday shoppers may have a sports fan on their list who still enjoys lacing up their cleats. For example, pro golf fans may still enjoy hitting the links themselves. In such instances, lessons from a nearby golf pro can be just the thing to make sports fans smile this holiday season.

Sports experiences make an ideal gift for individuals whose passion for a favorite team is a big part of their life.



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How to navigate potential supply shortages this holiday season

The COVID-19 pandemic might not be over, but for much of the world, its darkest days are well in the rearview mirror. Despite that progress, a few lingering non-medical issues remain, including supply shortages.

Consumers across the globe have been forced to contend with supply shortages since the early days of the pandemic, and that same issue could cause problems this holiday season. Holiday shoppers can consider these tips as they try to navigate their way through another holiday season that could be affected by global supply chain issues.

• Shop local. By mid-spring 2022, the National Retail Federation indicated that congestion at ports on the west coast of the U.S. had lessened significantly. But the NRF noted that the same could not be said for ports on the east coast. Many big box retailers rely on imports to fill their shelves, and that could make it hard for such sellers to deliver items in time for the holiday season. Shopping local and buying items directly off the shelf can ensure no one is given an IOU this holiday season.

• Give gift cards. If shipping estimates make it unlikely that gifts will arrive on time for the holiday season, pivot to gift cards. Put the amount of money you would have spent on the item on the card instead. For example, if an e-reader costs \$150, give a \$150 gift card in its place.

• Ship directly to recipients. It might not offer the same heartwarming charm as handing a loved one a gift in person, but shipping gifts directly to their recipients increases the likelihood that the person will receive the gift by Chanukah or Christmas morning. Many



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online retailers now offer wrapping at additional cost, and shoppers can splurge and have directly shipped gifts wrapped to add a more traditional feel to gift-giving.

• Give homemade gifts. Homemade gifts, whether it's baked goods or crafts, don't need to be shipped, so there's no way such items will spend the holiday season sitting on a ship in a congested port. If you choose to make crafts, decide early what you want to create so you can secure all of the necessary supplies in plenty of time to deliver the items during Chanukah or on Christmas morning.

Supply shortages could make for a tricky holiday season again this year. Planning ahead for such shortages can ensure gifts make it into the hands of loved ones without delay.







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