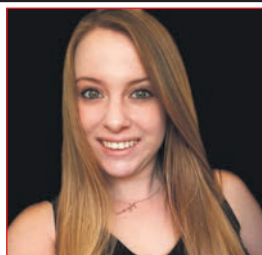


MOHAWK VALLEY Country Editor

Serving the Valley for Over 50 Years

JANUARY 10, 2023

FREE



**Courtney
Enwright**
AGENT | OWNER

courtney@insurewithenwright.com
www.insurewithenwright.com
518-673-7008

32 Church St.
Canajoharie, NY 13317

Providing Insurance
and Financial Services

State Farm™
Courtney Enwright, Insurance
Serving all New York State

THE FACTORY STORE



Winter Outerwear: Down-Wool-Fleece/Sweaters • Soft Shell • Adults-Youth
Snowpants - Bibs - Base Layer - Accessories - Footwear - Lounge & Cozywear

Spin & Save More! **MOHAWK** from underwear
@ Mohawk Station to outerwear
95 E. MAIN ST. • 315-717-5777 • Open Mon, Thurs-Sat

Valley
WINE & LIQUOR
326 S. Caroline St.
Herkimer
315-867-5800
Open Daily 9 to 8 & Sundays 12 to 5!
OPEN FRIDAYS UNTIL 9PM!
1 Hour Pick Up
2 Hour Delivery
www.shopvalleywine.com
**Happy
New Year!**



SUPER COUPON!
Valley Save BIG!
WINE & LIQUOR
326 S. Caroline St.
Herkimer
867-5800
Entire Purchase
10% OFF
Coupon Expires JAN 19, 2023
PLEASE NOTE: This coupon is Not Valid on
any Boxed Wine or Sale Items!

*He has shown you, O mortal,
what is good. And what does
the Lord require of you? To act
justly and to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your God.*
Micah 6:8

IN THIS ISSUE:

- AUTOMOTIVE
- DINING & ENTERTAINMENT
- FARM, HOME & GARDEN
- HEALTH & WELLNESS
- HOME IMPROVEMENT • PETS

WANT TO ADVERTISE?

Call Becky Mauk
518.673.0166
bmauk@leepub.com

800.836.2888
To Place
A Classified

Visit Us Online At
countryeditor.net

150+ Trailers In Stock

**IN STOCK
NOW!!**



Lightning 7'x16', AC, Microwave, Refrigerator, 15 Gallon Water Storage - **\$24,900**



WORK & PLAY by Forest River Camper/Toy Hauler
Several Sizes To Choose From



Belmont 30', 24K GVW
\$21,900



Rhino 18' - 10K Alum Car Hauler
\$11,900



Belmont Dump 16', 16K GVW
\$18,500



Belmont Dump 12', 12K GVW
\$11,800



Lamar Dump 14', 14K GVW
\$13,300



Tempte 7'x24' (18' Tilt, 6' Flat), 14K
4" HD Jack **\$19,900**



Belmont Car Hauler, 24', 10K GVW
\$8,500



STEALTH 7'x29' - 7K Predator Snowmobile Trailer
\$19,900



Trail Master 7'x14' Ramp Door
\$8,600



Stealth Snowmobile 7'x16'
\$13,900



Stealth 6'x12', Barn Doors w/Aluminum Ramps
\$10,500



Hours: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm & Saturday 8am-1pm

Sales & Service

95 Willet Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339

518-993-2543

dutchmanenterprise.com

dutchmanenterprise3@gmail.com

Division of Consumer Protection warns New Yorkers about dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, fire hazards & strenuous activities in upcoming winter weather

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection has alerted consumers of the dangers of fire hazards, carbon monoxide poisoning and performing strenuous outside activities in the upcoming cold weather. As the winter months set in and the temperatures drop, consumers may turn to dangerous heating alternatives to stay warm. Propane heaters, generators and space heaters all pose lethal risks of carbon monoxide poisoning and fire hazards when used improperly. As strong winter storms continue to hit the U.S., consumers need to exercise caution to stay safe and healthy during snow cleanup activities.

"Taking preventative action is your best defense against dealing with extreme cold weather," said Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez. "The Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection urges New Yorkers to take proper safety precautions while using candles and space heaters, install fire and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries in your alarms on an annual basis to help decrease the risk of fire hazards in your home."

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Daniel W. Tietz said, "In addition to providing assistance to help cover home heating costs, the Home Energy Assistance Program can help with getting heating equipment cleaned and serviced so it is safe and operating at peak efficiency, and even cover the cost of repairing or replacing faulty heating equipment. These services are vital to helping New Yorkers stay safe and warm through the harsh winter months. Anyone in need of this

assistance should apply as soon as possible."

The NYS Division of Consumer Protection offers the following tips to keep families safe and warm this winter. When temperatures plummet, home heating systems may run constantly and the potential for CO poisoning increases. During and after dangerous weather, using alternative sources of power can also cause CO to build up in the home.

Carbon Monoxide Dangers and Safety Tips:

- Install carbon monoxide alarms. Have a carbon monoxide alarm on every floor and outside sleeping areas.
- Inspect all fuel-burning equipment every year. Have a trained service technician inspect your home heating systems. Make sure that all gas heaters are properly vented to the outside.
- Use generators safely. Do not use a gas or electric generator in a home, garage, basement or any enclosed space. Plug in appliances to the generator using only individual heavy-duty, outdoor-rated electrical cords. When used, gas generators should be located at least 20 feet from any window, door or vent – preferably in a space where rain and snow does not reach them.
- Avoid build-up of carbon monoxide fumes. Open the fireplace damper before lighting a fire and keep it open until the ashes are cool. Never use a gas range, oven or grill to warm up a home. Never leave a vehicle running while parked in a garage attached to a home, even if the windows are open. Have vehicles' mufflers and tailpipes checked on a regular basis to

prevent accidental CO build-up.

- Keep furnace and dryer vents clear of ice and snow. Check furnace and dryer vents on the exterior of your house during and after heavy snowfalls, and clear snow away from the vents' openings if it builds up. When a furnace or gas dryer vent is blocked, carbon monoxide can build up inside the home, and on newer furnaces, the system may shut off completely as a safety measure leaving the home without heat. While electric dryers do not pose a risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, a blocked vent could still be a fire hazard.

- If one suspects carbon monoxide poisoning, they should get to fresh air immediately and then call 911.

Colder temperatures also increase the risk of fire hazards. Home fires can happen at any time, but they generally increase during autumn and winter, with December and January being the peak months.

Winter Home Heating & Fire Safety Tips:

- Working smoke alarms saves lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms so remember to have working smoke alarms on every floor and in every bedroom. The early warning provided by smoke alarms can save a life.

Division 3

12'x18' Cottage Only \$4,804

12x20	\$5,180
12x24	\$5,811
12x28	\$6,441
12x32	\$7,072

Standard Features

- Pressure Treated Skids & Joists
- 3/4" Tongue & Groove Flooring
- Shingle or Metal Roofing

YODER'S Quality SHEDS LLC

278 Atswell Red., Richfield Springs

315-858-0841

Mon-Fri 8am-5pm • Sat 8am-3pm • CLOSED SUNDAY

Marshall Agency

2769 St. Rt. 51

Ilion

315-895-4609

Need Your Porch Enclosed? Use ...

Palruf Corrugated PVC PANELS

26"x8' Call For Prices
26"x12'

10 TIMES STRONGER than fiberglass

Clear, Easy to Cut, Easy to Install.

We will be closed Sat., Nov. 19 thru Mon., Nov. 21.
We will re-open Tues., Nov. 22.

C.H. BURKDORF & SON

"Quality Building Materials"

35 Hough St., St. Johnsville • 518-568-7016

WANTED

BUYING STONEWARE

CALL/TEXT
315-736-2306

TOM GEHRIG

EVERGREENLAWNANDTREE@GMAIL.COM

OPEN SUNDAYS

T & J FRUITS/VEGETABLES & GREENHOUSES

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

We Carry McCadam Cheese, Hapanowicz Kielbasa & Queensboro Tub Butter

Now In:

- ★ California Navel Oranges 10/\$6.99
- ★ 10 Lb Bag of Potatoes \$4.99
- ★ 5 Lb Carrots \$4.99

Now Carrying... It's a Utica Thing

- MARINARA SAUCE - CHICKEN RIGGIE SAUCE
- ROASTED GARLIC RIGGIE SAUCE
- VODKA RIGGIE SAUCE + PIZZA SAUCE AND MACARONI

CROGHAN BOLOGNA & JALAPEÑO CHEDDAR CROGHAN BOLOGNA

NINE VARIETIES OF PIEROGIES

EXTRA SHARP CHEESE

NYS MAPLE SYRUP & HONEY

WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS & EBT CARDS

221 S. Caroline St., Herkimer • (315) 866-7272

Serving You 7 Days A Week All Year Round

Open: 8 am - 6 pm

THE GOLDMINE JEWELERS

Exceptional

4662 COMMERCIAL DRIVE, NEW HARTFORD

GOLD • DIAMONDS • GEMS • CUSTOM DESIGNS • REPAIRS

WWW.THEGOLDMINEJEWELERS.COM • 315-736-0662

Museum Monday programs planned for Schoharie Crossing

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is excited to announce the return of Museum Monday programs this winter. Each month the museum at the Visitor Center will be open from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on a select Monday and a brief discussion on a relevant topic will be offered.

On Jan. 9 we'll enjoy hot tea and discuss the tea trade. Some of what will be covered are European traditions and influence of tea drinking culture.

On Feb. 13, we'll explore some Mohawk Valley history regarding enslaved people and the lead up to the construction of the Erie Canal.

On March 13, we'll welcome Fulton County Historian Samantha Hall-Saladino to speak briefly on the Mohawk matriarch Molly Brant during Women's History Month.

And on April 10, we recognize Humor and Poetry Month with a reading of Mark Twain's

fine work, "The Aged Pilot Man," which takes a hilarious look at canal life.

For information about these programs, call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516, email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov or visit our Facebook page.

Division from 2

- Safely operate fireplaces, wood stoves and other combustion heaters. Use fireplaces, wood stoves or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside and do not leak flue gas into the indoor air space. If planning to use a wood stove, fireplace or space heater, follow the manufacturer's instructions. Do not burn paper in a fireplace.

- Keep your home properly ventilated. Ensure adequate ventilation if using a kerosene, propane or other fuel heater. Also, use only the specific type of fuel a heater is designed to use – don't substitute with another source.

- Keep space heaters away, stable and uncovered. Space heaters should be kept at least three feet away from beds, clothes, curtains and other flammable materials. Never cover a space heater or place on top of furniture or near water. Space heaters should not be left unattended when used near children. If a space heater has a damaged electrical cord or produces sparks, stop use immediately.

- Check your extension cords. Extension cords should not be overloaded or run where they can become a tripping hazard. Never run extension cords under carpets or rugs. Avoid using extension cords with a space heater.

- Prepare for emergencies. Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher near the area to be heated.

- Regularly review fire safety plans with your family, especially with homes with young children, older adults and persons with disabilities. Make sure there is a working smoke alarm on every level and outside of sleeping areas, and that the batteries in the alarm are functional.

- If there is a power failure at home, use battery-powered flash-

lights or lanterns instead of candles, if possible. If you must use candles, use extreme caution. Never leave lit candles unattended, and do not burn them on or near anything that can catch fire. Extinguish candles when you leave the room and before sleeping.

New York's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help eligible New Yorkers heat their homes. The program provides up to \$1,126 to eligible homeowners and renters depending on income, household size and how they heat their home. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, applications for HEAP are accepted at local departments of social services in person or by telephone, with funding provided on a first come, first served basis. Residents may also apply online for regular heating assistance benefits at mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin. To qualify for benefits, a family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,485 or an annual gross income of \$65,829.

For households facing no-heat situations due to non-working heating equipment, OTDA is also accepting applications for its heating equipment repair or replacement benefit. Eligible homeowners can apply for up to \$4,000 for repairs or \$8,000 for replacement of a furnace, boiler or other direct heating equipment necessary to keep the household's primary heating source working. Additionally, eligible households can receive energy efficiency services, which include the cleaning of primary heating equipment to allow for safe and efficient operation. Interested households can apply with their local HEAP contact.

As the recent historic storm in Buffalo showed, snow and winter storms can be dangerous and even deadly. Snow shoveling can contribute to a number of health risks for many people, from back injuries to heart attacks. New Yorkers must exercise caution when doing snow or ice cleanup as the strenuous activity can be

dangerous for vulnerable individuals.

Shoveling Safety Tips:

- Warm up. Warm your muscles before heading out to shovel by doing some light movements, such as bending side to side or walking in place.

- Push rather than lift. Pushing the snow with the shovel instead of lifting can help reduce the strain on your body. When lifting snow, bend your knees and use your legs when possible.

- Choose your shovel wisely. Ergonomically designed shovels can help reduce the amount of bending you have to do.

- Lighten your load. Consider using a lighter-weight plastic shovel instead of a metal one to help decrease the weight being lifted.

- Hit the pause button. Pace yourself and be sure to take frequent breaks. Consider taking a break after 20 to 30 minutes of shoveling, especially when the snow is wet.

- Consider multiple trips. Consider shoveling periodically throughout the storm to avoid having to move large amounts of snow at once.

- Keep up with snowfall. Try to shovel snow shortly after it falls, when it is lighter and fluffier. The longer snow stays on the ground, the wetter it can become. Wet snow is heavier and harder to move.

- Wear layers. Dress in layers and remove them as you get warm to help maintain a comfortable body temperature.

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated while shoveling.

Additional resources are offered through the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control's Carbon Monoxide Virtual Toolbox and the through the NYS Department of Health Cold Weather Tips page at health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/cold/cold_weather_tips.htm.

8 YEARS
IN BUSINESS

Manufacturer of Steel Roofing & Siding

COUNTRY METALS

232 Logtown Road
Fultonville, NY 12072

Winter Sale
All Roofing
& Siding
\$2.95 LFT

◆ #1 40 Year Painted Panel - Steel & Galvalume

◆ Also #2 Cut To Your Length ◆ Trim & Accessories

◆ Color Match Screws ◆ All Sizes Hant Nails & Decking Screws ◆ Seamless Gutters

~Before you buy, check us out at our low introductory price~

M-F 8-5; Sat 8-12; Closed Holidays & Sunday

MATTICE MECHANICAL, LLC

6054 State Hwy 5, Palatine Bridge

518-673-2925

matticeandsons@yahoo.com

Our Services Include:

- Air Conditioning
- Heating
- Drain Cleaning
- Water Heaters
- Bathroom Remodels

Keep Mattice Mechanical in your thoughts for any type of excavation work, including septic system installations, drainage installations & most any type of excavation work

We have emergency & after hours service 518-441-0142

Curious About Your Water Quality? Call the Expert!!!

COUNTRYMAN

WATER CONDITIONING

SALES • SERVICE • RENTALS

• A Family Business Since 1956 •

Certified Water Specialist

6880 State Hwy. 5S
Fort Plain

countrymanwater@yahoo.com

FREE
WATER
ANALYSIS

518-993-2888 • 1-800-993-2824

Trackside Wine & Liquor

518-853-2010

Mon-Sat 10AM-9PM;
Sun 12-5PM

51 West Main St., Fonda

BEST
PRICES
AROUND

• HARD SELTZER
• WINE
& SPIRITS

SPECIAL: 15% OFF CASE OF WINE

Family owned business to make your every occasion special!

Utica Zoo announces the passing of beloved cockatoo Polly



It is with a heavy heart that the Utica Zoo announces the passing of Polly, their Moluccan Cockatoo. Polly was a member of the Utica Zoo team for 53 years, where he spent a majority of that time as part of the education program.

Photo courtesy of Utica Zoo

It is with a heavy heart that the Utica Zoo announces the passing of Polly the Moluccan Cockatoo.

Polly was a beloved member of the Utica Zoo team. He was estimated to be between 70 and 80 years old and was at the Utica Zoo for 53 years. For a good portion of that time, Polly was part of the education program and was an ambassador for his species and those like him.

He was a favorite of many, including visitors, donors, docents and staff. Many visitors and community members may recall meeting Polly during presentations at their school or seeing him enjoying lunch in the grass with Utica Zoo staff.

Over the past few years, Polly was being monitored for age-related medical concerns by the Utica Zoo veterinary team. As he continued to age, he was retired from the Ambassador Animal Program and remained in the care of the Utica Zoo staff. Polly made the best of retirement, spending time during the day in staff offices, even chiming in on meetings and phone calls.

This past December Polly's health rapidly declined and the animal care team suspected he may have suffered a stroke. He received around-the-clock care and monitoring until the decision was made to humanely euthanize him.

"Polly has been a stalwart figure of the Utica Zoo and this was an incredibly difficult decision to make," Matt Ardaiole, Utica Zoo lead keeper said. "His quality of life had deteriorated, and he did not appear to have a path to recovery."

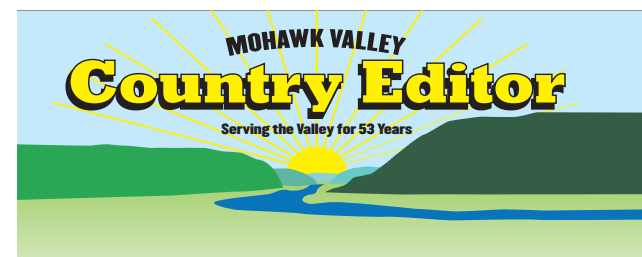
In recognition of the impact a loss of this nature can have on employees, grief counseling services have been made available to all zoo staff to help cope with the loss.

"After being a member of the zoo team for such a long period of time, there are many stories and legends passed among the zoo staff," Andria Heath, Utica Zoo executive director, said. "We hope that members of the community will share their memories of Polly."

If you have stories about Polly that you would like to share,

you may send them to allison.snyder@uticazoo.org.

To join us in honoring Polly, the Utica Zoo asks that you make a charitable donation to Polly's Fund. All gifts made to the designated fund will support the Utica Zoo Education and ZooMobile Program. Donations can be made at tinyurl.com/polysfund or mailed to 1 Utica Zoo Way, Utica, NY 13501.



Published weekly on Tuesday by Lee Newspapers, Inc.
6113 St. Hwy. 5, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428

Publisher, President **Frederick W. Lee**
V.P., General Manager **Janet Lee Stanley**

Classified Ad Manager.....Peggy Patrei
Controller.....Lyndsay Pickel
Managing Editor.....Joan Kark-Wren
Production Coordinator.....Jessica Mackay
Digital Media Specialist.....Christa Errigo
Shop Foreman.....Harry DeLong

Sip on something special.

ANN STREET
Wine & Liquors

We Deliver!

LITTLE FALLS

- 18 North Ann Street -

LaBella flowers LLC

Deliveries Daily Here to Help

All of Life's Events!
Birthday
Get Well
Weddings
Love You
Sympathy

View our gallery at Labellaflores.com

Mary LaBella ☎ 315.525.0888

VAN METER TAX SERVICE, INC.

IT'S TAX TIME

WE CAN HELP

www.vanmeterllc.com

59 W. Grand Street
Palatine Bridge
(518) 673-0002

536 East Main Street
Little Falls
(315) 823-9200

2502 St. Rt. 5
Schuyler
(315) 735-3684

Securities and Advisory Services offered throughout Cadaret, Grant & Co., INC., a Registered Investment Advisor and Member FINRA/SIPC. Van Meter & Van Meter, LLC and Cadaret, Grant are separate entities.

Becky Mauk, Sales Manager
518-673-0166, bmauk@leepub.com

Liz Friers, Sales Associate
518-673-0113, efriers@leepub.com

Dave Hadasz, Sales Associate
315-796-0700, daveh@leepub.com
Herkimer, Ilion, Mohawk, Little Falls,
Dolgeville and Surrounding Area

Fred Mang, Sales Associate
518-673-0161, fmang@leepub.com

Jim Parente, Sales Associate
518-673-0140, jparente@leepub.com

Brian Johnson, Sales Associate
518-223-3157, brian.countryeditor@gmail.com
Amsterdam, Gloversville, Johnstown,
Fonda and Surrounding Area

Reader ads 518-673-0111 or 800-218-5586

Accounting/Billing - 518-673-0150

Commercial Printing

518-673-0101, commercialprint@leepub.com

6 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION – \$60
1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION – \$100

Send all correspondence to:
PO Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428
Advertising email: bmauk@leepub.com
Editorial email: jkarkwren@leepub.com
Website: <https://countryeditor.net>

We cannot GUARANTEE the return of photographs. Publisher not responsible for typographical errors. Size, style of type and locations of advertisements are left to the discretion of the publisher. The opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the publisher. We will not knowingly accept or publish advertising which is fraudulent or misleading in nature. The publisher reserves the sole right to edit, revise or reject any and all advertising with or without cause being assigned which in his judgement is unwholesome or contrary to the interest of this publication. We assume no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertisement, but if at fault, will reprint that portion of the ad in which the error appears.



Sixteen-year-old Wyatt Mitchell from Canajoharie. This is a corrected caption from the photo published in the Dec. 20 issue.

Miller family sends thanks

The family of Sandra S. Miller would like to thank everyone who sent cards or gave words of kindness and condolences in her passing. A special thank you goes to Pastor Aurand and Chris Hanley who helped us through our loss of our dear wife and sister.

Notable works by Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most influential Americans of the 20th century. A scholar and minister who played a leading role in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, King was tragically assassinated on April 4, 1968, less than three months after he turned 39.

Though King's life was far too short, he left behind a host of notable works. These works can provide significant insight into who King was and the legacy he left behind.

- "Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story." Published in 1958, this is King's account of the Montgomery bus boycott that began in 1955 and ended in 1956. The book includes information about the planning of the boycott as well as King's thoughts about it after it ended.

- "The Measure of a Man." A short book, "The Measure of a Man" is actually two sermons King delivered in August 1958. The sermons are titled "What is Man?" and "The Dimensions of a Complete Life." The Cornell University Library credits "The Measure of a Man" for offering insight into the theological

roots of King's philosophy of nonviolence.

- "Strength to Love." A more extensive version of King's sermons, "Strength to Love" focuses largely on racial segregation in the U.S. King wrote the sermons in "Strength to Love" during the struggle for civil rights, even composing some of them while in jail.

- "Why We Can't Wait."

Published in 1964, "Why We Can't Wait" focuses on the nonviolent fight against racial segregation in 1963 in Birmingham. The book includes King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail," which remains one of his most famous writings.

- "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?" This was King's last book before he was assassinated. King wrote the book from a rented house in Ja-

maica in 1967 after isolating himself from the civil right movement. In the book, King contemplates where things stand for the civil rights movement and what must be done to ensure equality for all Americans in the future.

The collective works of Martin Luther King Jr. provide unrivaled insight into the minds of the one of the most influential figures in American history.



COURTNEY'S GROOMING LLC

Gift
Certificates
Available

Family Owned & Operated

Open - Tuesday thru Saturday • Call for an appointment

- We do Cats and Dogs from just baths to a full groom (grooming by appointment only)
- Walk-in nail trims, teeth brushing, ear cleaning, anal glands and more

- Extras include de-shed treatment, flea treatments, skin treatments, nail dremmel
- Also offering hair dye & nail painting

Day Care
Now
Open &
Running
Call For
Appointment

20% off

The First 2
Day Care Appointments
for All New Clients



Courtney Smith
Owner & Certified Groomer
26 Dutchtown Plaza, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428
courtneysgrooming@yahoo.com

26 Dutchtown
Plaza
(Old NAPA Building)
518-673-6023



Wayne Freed presents Part 2 of China steam at railway meeting

The Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will meet on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church on the corners of French and Burrstone roads in New Hartford. There will be a business portion conducted by

President Harry Lenz with reports on the Adirondack Railroad, the Toy Train Collectors' Society Toy Train Meet at Utica Union Station, the Empire State Passengers Association Annual Meeting in Schenectady in March, the ongoing work on New York Central

6721 and the Amherst Model Train Show in Springfield, MA, along with many other activities and projects ahead for the society in the coming months.

After the break, past Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter president and current

Program Chair Wayne Freed will have Part 2 of his look at "Steam in China," where steam locomotives are in regular service as they were in our country years back. This video was made in 2001 with narration by former WKTV News Channel 2 Anchor

Susan Tran.

This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in railroads, railroad history and the railroads of China and Asia as well as North America. Those attending society meetings are offered the opportunity to join the chapter

as regular members. They also invite all retired and active railroad personnel to their meetings.

For more information, contact Bradford Paulson at 315.275.1223 or 315.853.5400 or at Bpaulson909@msn.com.

Creative Outpost schedules two-day documentary storytelling event

The folks from Floating Home Films will be giving a community presentation on Feb. 3 from 7 - 8 p.m. at Rock City Centre in Little Falls, followed by a two-day free workshop on documentary storytelling from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Feb. 4 and 5.

This event is part of the Creative Outpost's Content Creation Workshop Series, which started in summer 2022. The intent is to give people skills to help them compete in the Little Falls Smart Phone Film Festival, tentatively scheduled for October 2023.

In the community presentation, Alex and Ander will inform the audience about the power of telling a good story and how this media is used today in traditional filmmaking, social media and marketing. They'll show examples of their work with Floating Home Films to drive home the point.

Ander Kazmerski stated, "I'm sure many are aware of YouTube and social media

influencers. Our goal is to educate attendees that these paths are new content creation paths for anyone seeking to tell good stories. It's a viable path - and they should support their children by helping them explore local stories and help them tell their own stories if they choose to.

"The goal is to fight the notion of 'becoming a YouTuber' as frivolous by expanding the concept of making content and tying it to real, grounded business principles."

In the two-day workshop, they will teach attendees the power of telling a good story and how this media is used today in traditional filmmaking, social media and marketing.

"We're going to provide a well-rounded introduction to documentary filmmaking. We'll discuss what makes a good story, different ways to approach storytelling and cover the basic steps of pre-production, production and

post-production," stated Kazmerski.

The team will utilize discussions, show example footage and then bring those skills into practice by lighting and filming an interview.

Floating Home Films partners with marketing agencies, nonprofit marketing, advancement teams and small businesses to create authentic content that connects with audiences. They dig for genuine messaging in every project and provide three levels of service. Those three levels create content that can be used across multiple channels, remixed and repurposed over time. The company is located in the Philadelphia and Rochester areas, but they travel all over to gather those stories.

Space is limited to 50 people for the community presentation and 15 for the workshop. Both are free. Registration is required, so visit creativeoutpost.org/course-list/ to sign up now.

Gardening: Choose Your Own Adventure

In the dark days of January, gardeners sometimes find themselves overwhelmed by dazzling seed catalogs and online offerings. Everything looks wonderful and it is hard to decide what to pick or what to plant. Join Otsego Master Gardener Francine Stayter on Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. for "Gardening: How to Choose Your Own Adventure," a hybrid workshop in person at the CCE Education Center in Cooperstown or virtually via Zoom.

Cornell has many resources that can help you make decisions that suit your garden to give you the right plants for the right place. In this workshop, Stayter will discuss how to use some of these resources, from selecting from seed catalogs to seed starting to planting your 2023 garden, that will help you choose your best gardening adventure.

This workshop is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required by Jan. 18. To register and for more information, go to tinyurl.com/yc4the6x or call 607.547.2536.

Otsego Master Gardener Volunteers have been specially trained and certified by Cornell University Extension with a mission to provide education on a broad range of horticultural topics and practices based on university research and recommendations.

**Get Ready to hit the trails early
this year -
SNOW IS COMING...**



HBE Group, Inc. - Insurance -
Don't risk the Ride with No Insurance coverage:
Give us a call; Stop at one of our offices;
Send us an email or visit our website for a fast quote:



DOLGEVILLE Office
315-429-3181

HERKIMER Office
315-866-3140

hbe@hbegroup.com • www.hbegroup.com

HOT ASPHALT

Your Heated Driveway Specialist!!!

**No More Shoveling Your Driveway
With A Radiant Heated Driveway**



- Electric Radiant Heating
- Radiant Heated Driveways
- Electric Snow Melting Systems
- Custom Design Each System

Free Estimates

0 Down Financing

1-855-SAFE-TOP (1-855-723-3867)

www.heatyourdriveway.com

Fort Plain and the Town of Minden plagued by fires since 1780

by Eileen Chambers, Town of Minden Historian

The Village of Fort Plain and the Town of Minden have both been dealt serious blows over the years due to the disastrous fires that claimed many of the municipality's important structures.

In 1780 during John Johnson's raids throughout the Mohawk Valley the Dutch Reformed Church located on Sand Hill in Minden was burned to the ground by the Native Americans and Tories who sided with the British during the American Revolution. Not only was the church destroyed, but also the early church records.

The church was rebuilt following the war and served the Dutch Reformed community until 1831 when the congregation moved the church into the Village of Fort Plain. On Dec. 25, 1833, a year after the incorporation of the village, the newly constructed wooden Dutch Reformed Church on Canal Street

burned prior to its dedication and installation of the new minister. The church was rebuilt with brick in 1834.

A section of the block on Main Street in the village was destroyed by fire in 1855. Due to the generosity of John I. Diefendorf, a local businessman, the buildings destroyed by that fire were rebuilt and remain standing today. The building at 47 Main Street, now known as Diefendorf Hall, became the home for several businesses over the years.

Fire once again struck the building at 47 Main in 1989 resulting in damage to the upper floors. The Friends of Fort Plain are in the process of restoring the building to showcase the history of the Erie Canal in the area.

Forty-five years passed before the next disastrous fire occurred in the village. On March 26, 1900, the Clinton Liberal Institute located on Institute Hill burned to the ground during the school's spring break. Chemicals used to disinfect the school

after a scarlet fever outbreak were determined to be the cause. Firefighters were unable to save the building due to the difficulty of pumping water up the hill from Main and West streets.

The fire was a great blow to the community. The building had served as a school since 1854 when it was known as the Fort Plain Female Seminary. In 1879 the Clinton Liberal Institute purchased the seminary building and moved the institute from Clinton to Fort Plain. In 1890 a military academy was added. Ten years later, the fire struck and what was left of the building was razed. Several years later Fort Plain High School was built on the property left vacant by the fire.

Two smaller communities in Minden faced destructive fires in 1929 and 1939. In 1929 the Otsquago Grange Hall in Halls-ville burned to the ground and was rebuilt a year later. The grange was the center of social activity for the area's farming community. In 1939 the Mindenville school received extensive damage in a fire determined to have been a case of arson.

Fires 11

Mrs. M. LLC

LANDSCAPING & SNOWPLOWING

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL

Time to think of Snow Plowing for 2022-23 Season!



SNOW PLOWING

- Snow Plowing • Snow Removal
- Snow Stacking • Snow Blowing
- De-Icing (Salt or Sand) • Shoveling

**Now Accepting New Customers
For The 2022-23 Winter Season.
Call Brian For A Free Estimate**

518-673-5622 • 518-598-9116

Fully Insured • Sprakers, NY

Snyder's Welding

SINCE 1978 • FRANK SNYDER

WELDING AND FABRICATION

Steel & Aluminum
Hand Rails

Trailer Repair
& Hitches



339 East Main Street, Canajoharie, NY 13317

518-673-2797

In these difficult times, there is a place of refuge and peace anyone can access by calling these phone numbers to hear various offerings of spiritual inspiration assuring you of God's great love and power in your life.

1. The Daily Lift 1(617)450-3430 -
3 Minute Recording 24/7

2. Sunday Church Service, Live at 10AM
1(646)558-8656
(access code 96993928161#)

3. Spiritual uplifting ideas of various kinds
with a menu 1(214)447-9675

COUNTRY EDITOR

Wap-dap, da-da-di-da-da
G
**NEWS
WANTED!**

**PHOTOS
PRESS RELEASES
MEETINGS
SPECIAL
OCCASIONS
SPORTS
EVENTS**

EMAIL:

JKARKWREN@LEEPUB.COM

CHURCH SERVICE DIRECTORY

AMES
AMES - SPROUT BROOK UMC
613 Latimer Hill Rd., Ames, NY 13317
518-673-3495
Pastor Jan Markle
Sunday Service 9 AM

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Todd Lozier
Sunday AM Service 10 AM
Sunday School/Adult Small Groups 11:15 AM
Sunday Evening 6 PM
Wednesday PM Service 7 PM Via Zoom email us for the link
Youth Group Sunday Evenings during the school year.
Family Night - First Sunday Evening of the month from Oct - May
7274 St. Hwy. 10, Ames, NY 13317
www.cornerstoneames.com
info@cornerstoneames.com
518-673-3405

AMSTERDAM
THE TIME FOR TRUTH MINISTRIES
PO Box 351, Amsterdam, NY 12010
Phone 518-843-2121
Cell 518-774-8558

BARNEVELD
SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
140 Mappa Ave., Barneveld NY 13304
315-836-6707
Pastor Namoi Sorwar-Randall
Sunday Worship 10 AM
Sunday School 10 AM

CANAJOHARIE
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
26 Moyer St., Canajoharie
518-673-3440
The Rev. Virginia L. Ogden, Rector
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
with Communion
Church Email:
churchgoodshep26@gmail.com
Website:
www.churchgoodshepherd.com

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CANAJOHARIE
50 E. Main St.
518-673-2717
Jesus says - "Come Unto Me" Join us - Special Music Ministry, Beautiful Surroundings, Friendly People
Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Email: umc673@frontiernet.net
Communion Last Sunday of the Month

ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
143 Church St., Canajoharie
518-673-2224
Pastor A. Elisabeth Aurand
Remote & In-Person
Sunday Worship 11 AM;
email for link stjmc-canajoharie.org
office@stjm-canajoharie.org

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CHURCH
Rev. David W. Bowley, Pastor
Sundays, 5 PM at the Upstate Chapel
63 Cliff St, Canajoharie
Call 518-673-5128 or see Facebook
"Faith, Hope and Love Christian Church" and our website
faithhopeandlovechurch.com

NEW BEGINNINGS BIBLE CHURCH
63 Cliff St., Canajoharie, NY 13317
Pastor Larry Alkinburgh
518-848-4816
pastor@newbeginningsbc.org
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

REFORMED CHURCH OF CANAJOHARIE
15-19 Front St., Canajoharie
518-673-2816
Rev. Matt Draffen, Senior Pastor
Rev. James Peck, Jr., Associate Pastor
Saturday Evening Worship 4:30 PM
Sunday: Adult Bible Study 9 AM
Worship 10 AM,
Coffee Hour following Sunday service.
Tuesday: Knit & Stitch 9 AM
Bread Giveaway 10 AM - 12 PM
Weekly Prayer Meeting 12 PM
Wednesday: Rug Hooker's Group 9 AM
Women's Bible Study 4 PM
Thursday: ALPHA 6:30 PM
www.canjoreformed.org

CHERRY VALLEY
CHERRY VALLEY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
37 Alden St., Cherry Valley
607-264-3306
Pastor David Carpenter, Jr.
Sundays 9:30 AM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
1 Church St., Cherry Valley
607-264-3779
Masses Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM & 11 AM

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
24 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley
315-858-4016
Fr. Kyle Grennen, Rector
Holy Eucharist 11 AM
Sunday school 11 AM
Fully handicap accessible
Active youth group - call for details
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Cherry Valley

COLD BROOK
COLD BROOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
467 Main St.
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

NEW LIFE CHAPEL OF THE AEA
3447 St. Rt. 8
Pastors: Rev. Gail & Rev. Mike Jay
315-826-7115
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Intercessory Prayers Tuesday 7 PM (please call to confirm)

DOLGEVILLE
NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Peter Spiak
32 Spencer St. • 315-429-3630
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 7 PM

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF DOLGEVILLE
Pastor Len Byerly
12 Van Buren St.
Morning Worship 11-12:30 PM
Lunch 12:30-2 PM
Afternoon Worship 2-3 PM

DOLGEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Matt Worley
21 N. Helmer Ave.
Church Phone 315-429-7381
Sunday Church Service
Oppenheim @ 10 AM
Dolgeville @ 11 AM

UNITED LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN PARISH
26 E. Faville Ave.
Worship 11 AM

DOLGEVILLE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Marvin Isum
3 Elm St. Phone 315-429-8390
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Mid-week Service Tuesday 7 PM
www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
31 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville, NY
Phone 315-823-3410
Sunday Mass 9AM

EAST SCHUYLER
CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF SCHUYLER
Pastor Adam Coomes
3659 Route 5, East Schuyler
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Phone 315-895-0926
Christianassemblyofschuyler.com

EPHRATAH
EPHRATAH REFORMED CHURCH
140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY
To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally.
Everyday. Everywhere. Everyone.
Pastor Jeff Hindrliter
Sunday School for all ages 10 AM September-June
Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM
Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7 PM

ESPERANCE
ESPERANCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
129 Church St., Esperance NY 12066
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Rev. Bert Mayne
Simple, friendly, conservative worship in a beautiful 1824 sanctuary

FONDA
SAINT CECILIA CHURCH
26 Broadway, Fonda
518-853-4195
Sunday Worship 9 AM

NATIONAL KATERI TEKAWITHA SHRINE AND INDIAN MUSEUM
3636 St. Hwy. 5, PO Box 627
Fonda, NY 12068-0627
518-853-3646
Weekly Masses: Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 10:30 AM
friars@katerishrine.com
www.katerishrine.com

FORT PLAIN
AMAZING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
131 Clark Rd., Fort Plain
518-568-7606
Pastor Frank Calabrese
Sunday School 10 AM,
Morning Service 11 AM,
Sun. & Wed. Eve. Service 6 PM,
Youth Group Wed. 6:30 PM,
Sat. Visitation 10 AM
www.amazinggracebc.org

GRANDVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
15 Washington St., Fort Plain
518-993-9929
Pastor Sean Morin
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Service 11 AM
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:30 PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
36 Lydius St., Fort Plain, NY 13339
518-993-2040
Pastor Jonathan Litzner
405-250-8395
Church Service 11 AM

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
774 St. Hwy. 163, Fort Plain, NY
518-705-7552
Rev. David A. Johnson, Ph.D.
Sunday Worship 9 AM,
Sunday School 10 AM,
Ladies Aid W.E.L.C.A.
Handicapped Accessible

REFORMED CHURCH OF FORT PLAIN
165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339
518-993-4302
fortplainrca@yahoo.com
Rev. Nancy E. Ryan
Worship 11 AM,
AA meetings Mon. & Tues. 7 PM,
Emergency Food Pantry 518-993-4302

VICTORIOUS LIFE CHURCH RMI FELLOWSHIP
104 Main St. & 431 St. Hwy. 80
Fort Plain, NY
518-993-3102
Sunday School 9 AM,
Morning Worship 10:30 AM,
Youth Group 5 PM,
Evening Worship 7-8 PM

FORT PLAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
39 Center St., Fort Plain
Audie Miller, Lay Supply Pastor
Church Office 518-993-3863
Kitchen 518-993-3464
ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11AM

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

FREYSBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Freyzbush Rd., Fort Plain
518-429-9936 or 518-424-8488
Worship 9 AM,
Sunday School 10 AM
ALL ARE WELCOME

FRANKFORT
OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES
414 Frankfort St., Frankfort, NY
Pastor: Father Paul Catena
Deacon: Micheal Carbone
Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4 PM (May - October);
Sunday 9 AM; Tues & Thurs 9 AM

FULTONVILLE
FONDA FULTONVILLE
FONDA-FULTONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Kathy Reese
Sunday worship and Sunday school 10AM
Outdoor service: 11 Montgomery Street, Fultonville, May-Early Sept. (byo - chair)
Indoor service:
Winter and inclement weather
Glen Town Hall, 7 Erie Street, Fultonville
Community Outreach is very important to us
518 853-3311

FULTONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
Corner of 5S & 30
Pastor Jane Hubschmitt
Sunday School 10 AM
Family Worship 10:30 AM

GLEN
GLEN REFORMED CHURCH
State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen
4 miles South of Fultonville
glenreformed@nycap.rr.com
Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School immediately following Children's Message

HERKIMER
SS PETER and PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH
Fr Vasil Dubee
& Fr Dn Demetrius Richards
305 Main Rd., Herkimer
Phone 315-866-3272
Saturday Vespers -
5 PM (spring/summer months)
4 PM (fall/winter months)
Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
Sundays

TEMPLE BETH JOSEPH
327 N. Prospect St.
Phone 866-4270
Friday 7 PM

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH
Rev. Mark Cunningham, Pastor
219 N. Bellinger St.
Phone 866-4282
Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM
Sunday Mass 8 AM

CHURCH OF SAINTS ANTHONY and JOSEPH
229 S. Main St.
Phone 866-6373
Sunday Mass 10 AM
No Saturday Vigil

REDEEMER CHURCH
Pastor Michael Servello
931 Herkimer Rd., Utica, NY 13503
Phone 792-4748
Saturday 6 PM • Sunday 9 & 11 AM

OAK RIDGE FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Chris Schumske
838 W. German St.
Worship Service for adults & children 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
with Ridgekids for the children (0-5th grade)
Phone 866-0575

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S PROTECTRESS
326 Moore Ave.
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 AM
Holy Day Liturgy 9 AM
Phone 866-1336

NEW LIFE CHURCH
Pastor David Hayner
337 Protection Ave.
Phone 866-1164 • www.nlc-mc.org
Worship 10 AM
Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM

THE SALVATION ARMY
Lieutenants Derrick & Heather Purvis
431 N. Prospect St.
Phone 866-1240
Facebook.com/
TheSalvationArmyHerkimer
Sunday School 10 AM
Morning Worship 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HERKIMER AND LITTLE FALLS
Pastor Joelle Faulks
Prospect St & Park Ave.
Sunday Worship and Sunday School 9 AM

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

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Corner of West German & Henry Streets
Phone 315-866-6474
Sunday Worship Services 10 AM in person and virtually on Zoom, YouTube & Facebook
Bible Studies
Thursday mornings 10 AM on Facebook

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
317 Gros Blvd., East Herkimer
315-866-8095
Sunday Sacrament Meeting 10 AM
Sunday School/Primary 11 AM
- Visitors welcome -
Family History Center,
open by appointment

ILION
ILION COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Dean Mabry
44 Central Plaza
Sunday Worship 10 AM
Child Care/Kids Church Available
ilionchurch.com

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
78 2nd Street
Phone: 680-322-1034
or 315-895-0363
Email: staugustine3@gmail.com
Sunday Services at 10 AM

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

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

JESUS NEVER FAILS COMMUNITY CHURCH
Reverend Hans Drews
1161 Elizabethtown Rd., Ilion, NY 13357
518-568-7983
hansandrosaline@yahoo.com
Sunday Service 11 AM

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

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH
109 West Street, Ilion, NY
Pastor: Father Paul Catena
Deacon: Micheal Carbone
Mass Schedule:
Saturday 4 PM (November - April);
Sunday 11:30 AM;
Monday & Wednesday 9 AM

JOHNSTOWN
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
3316 St. Rt. 29 W,
Johnstown, NY 12095
Offices: 518-762-2982
Cell: 857-523-8417
Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler
Sunday Morning Service 11 AM
Sunday School for All Ages 10 AM

JOHNSTOWN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
37 South Market St.
Johnstown, NY 12095
518-762-8263
office@johnstownpresbyterian.org
Pastor George W. 'Blake' Blakesley
Church Service 10:30 AM in person,
Zoom and Facebook
Please call for more information about our free community lunch, thrift store & personal care shelf.

CHURCH SERVICE DIRECTORY

<p>LASSELLVILLE LASSELLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH State Hwy. 29 Pastor Robert A. Lindsay Worship: Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School to start soon</p>	<p>INGHAMS MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Gary L. Busch, Pastor Sunday Worship Service 10 AM 443 Inghams Mills Rd. Little Falls, NY 13365 Pastor's Phone (315) 717-9936</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN BIBLE CHURCH H. Ed Reed, Pastor/Teacher 167 Ward Rd. • Phone 858-1282 www.christianbiblechurch.us Sunday School 9 AM Sunday Worship 10 AM Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>PALATINE BRIDGE TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF STONE ARABIA 5430 St. Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge, NY Pastor A. Elisabeth Aurand Sunday In Person Worship 9 AM; email for link office@stjm-canajoharie.org 518-673-2224</p>	<p>SPRAKERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF CHARLESTON FOUR CORNERS 1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers 518-922-9088 Paster Brett Popp Sunday School (ages 3-adult) 9:45 AM Worship 11 AM Sunday Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM Thu. Evening of Encouragement & Community Kid's Bible Club 6:30 PM</p>	<p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 32 W. Main St., St. Johnsville, NY (next to NBT Bank) 518-568-3007 Church 518-568-2405 Parsonage Rev. David Johnson Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Tues. Bible Bungee-Jumping 7 PM, "Bible Study" that actually makes sense! A Vibrant, Welcoming Community of Faith & Vision</p>
<p>LITTLE FALLS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 555 Albany St. 315-823-3392 Morning Worship 9:45 AM Rev. Chris J. Wintermute, Lead Pastor Rev. William Whalen, Associate Pastor Nursery (infants through age 4) Meet and Greet Sunday at 8:00 AM Sunday School Classes 8:30 AM (nursery through adult) **Our Service is aired on 100.3 FM, 91.1 FM & 88.7 FM on Sundays from 11-12 with a 1 week delay. **LIVE on Facebook: "gingerleecase" account- 9:45 am on Sundays</p>	<p>THE HOLY SPIRIT POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH 618 E. Gansvoort St., Little Falls, NY 315-823-0793 Father Rafal Dadello Mass at 11 AM on Sunday www.holyspiritpncc.org</p>	<p>THE WORD CHRISTIAN CENTER Pastor Dan Annutto 27 E. Main St. • Ph (315) 985-3596 Sunday Services at 10 AM Intercession - Tuesdays at 6 PM</p>	<p>THE HOUSE OF ZION, INC. 580 Dillenbeck Rd., Palatine Bridge 518-577-3069 Pastors Richard & Denise Allen Saturday Morning Worship Service 11:30 AM Listen to UMT on live radio 97.5FM the 1st Sunday of every month 3-4 PM</p>	<p>THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF RURAL GROVE 170 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers, NY 12166 518-922-7831 Pastor Joshua Fetterhoff pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 AM, Morning Service 11 AM, Eve. Service 6 PM, Wed.-Family Night 7 PM, "Where Bible Teaching is Fundamental"</p>	<p>SEEKER'S FELLOWSHIP 14 Park Place, St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-7700 • Pastor Mike Yezierski Sunday Worship 6 PM, Tues. Prayer 7 PM, Bible Study 7 PM (Wed., Thurs. & Fri.) We teach the fullness of God's Word, a life of holiness for the believer, and salvation for all who trust in Christ's sacrifice.</p>
<p>ST. PAUL'S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Minister Jeffrey J. Frank Mark Bunce, Organist 565 Albany St., Little Falls, NY Phone 315-823-2284 Sunday Service & Religious Education 10 AM</p>	<p>MARSHVILLE MARSHVILLE EVANGELICAL CHURCH Route 10 South Pastor Mark Fowler Worship Sunday 9 AM</p>	<p>NELLISTON VALLEY ALLIANCE CHURCH 85 E. Main St., Nelliston 518-993-3458 Pastor Ken Gies Sunday School (all ages) 9:15 AM, Sunday Worship 10:30 AM, Wed. Praise & Prayer 7 PM, Fri. Youth Group 7 PM (7-12th grade)</p>	<p>RANDALL RANDALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH NY Rte. 5S Sunday Service 10:30 AM Worship Leader Darlene Spaulding</p>	<p>REFORMED CHURCH OF SPRAKERS 112 Sprakers Hill Rd. Rev. Nancy Ryan Worship ~ 9 AM All Welcome!!!</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'SVILLE METHODIST CHURCH 7 East Main St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Pastor Corey Jones 518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626 Worship Sunday 3 PM</p>
<p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Senior Pastor Timothy Parisi 559 E. Jefferson St. Phone 823-4043 firstaglf@gmail.com Sunday Morning All Worship 10 AM Thursday Bible Study 6:30 PM</p>	<p>MIDDLEVILLE MIDDLEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 24 Fairfield St. Sunday Worship 9:30 AM</p>	<p>NEWPORT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEWPORT 7497 Main Street Pastor's Phone 315-790-1877 Sunday Worship at 9:45 AM</p>	<p>RICHFIELD SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST UNITING PO Box 896, Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. Casey Bradley • 315-858-1553 Service: Sunday 9:15 AM Church School: Sunday 9:30 AM</p>	<p>CURRYTOWN REFORMED CHURCH 829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422 Rev. Donald Hoaglander Visiting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt 518-705-2201 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship Service 10 AM</p>	<p>EVERLASTING JOY BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP 14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fellowship) St. Johnsville, NY 13452 315-858-2112 • Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10 AM</p>
<p>HOLY FAMILY PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF LITTLE FALLS Father Brian Slezak 763 E. Main St., Little Falls, NY Phone 315-823-3410 Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM Sunday Mass 10:30 AM</p>	<p>MOHAWK DENNISON CORNERS COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Donald King 219 Robinson Rd. • Phone 866-5215 Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Evening Worship 6 PM Wednesday Prayer 7 PM</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST Pastor Robbin Harris • Ph 845-8730 Morning Service 11:15 AM</p>	<p>RICHFIELD SPRINGS BIBLE CHURCH 19 Church St., Richfield Springs, NY 13439 Rev. David Tosi • 315-858-0564 Sunday School (all ages) 10 AM Worship Service 11 AM & 7 PM Wednesday - Prayer & Praise Call for info on various Youth Ministries www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org</p>	<p>RIVER OF JUBILEE CHURCH 5057 St. Hwy. 5 S, Sprakers, NY 12166 Pastor: Gail Adamoschek Pastor: Steve Adamoschek 518-322-1427 / 518-224-4455 Sunday Service 10 AM Children's Church Available Other Learning Opportunities Avail- able Visit us on Facebook</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH 68 W. Main St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7396 Faithfully Following Jesus Christ Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</p>
<p>HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 512 E. Gansevoort St. Sunday School 9:15 AM Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Wednesday Worship 11 AM & 6 PM</p>	<p>MOHAWK REFORMED CHURCH Rev. Brian Engel, Pastor 20 S. Otsego St. Phone 866-4292 Email mohawkpastor@verizon.net Follow us on Facebook Morning Worship: 10:30 AM Sept. - June 9:30 AM July-Aug. Youth Sunday School (Pre-K - Sr. High) 9 AM Adult Sunday School (Men, Women & Couples) 9:30 AM September - June</p>	<p>KUYAHOORA COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Dwayne Durand West Canada Valley High School Auditorium 5447 St. Rt. 28 Mailing Address PO Box 50 Middleville, NY 13406 Phone 315-292-1303 www.kuyahorracc.org Weekly Service Sunday 10:08 AM</p>	<p>SALISBURY CENTER FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Robert Brent 106 Plant Road Sunday Worship 11 AM with Children's Church offered during the service</p>	<p>SPRINGFIELD CENTER ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 7690 Rt. 80, Springfield Center 315-858-4016 Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge Sunday Eucharist, 9:30 AM Coffee - Fellowship follows service Holy Days - as announced</p>	<p>GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH Pastor Michael Torres 20 Center St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-775-0366 Email gccpastor2021@gmail.com</p>
<p>EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH 588-594 Albany St. Sunday Schedule: High Mass, Rite II 10 AM Nursery & Sunday School 9:45 AM (Sept.-May) Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:30 AM Holy Day Masses as announced Confessions by appointment</p>	<p>EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH Pastor Gary Wilcox 54 W. Main St. • Phone 717-3011 Worship and Word: Sun. 10:30 AM Fellowship Lunch: 12:30 PM Discipleship Hour: Sunday 1:30 PM Bible Study & Prayer: Wed. 6 PM</p>	<p>ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH St. John the Baptist Parish 7516 N. Main St. • Phone 845-8017 Saturday Vigil 4 PM Sunday Mass 8:30 AM</p>	<p>SALISBURY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2545 State Route 29 Pastor Mark Hediger, 315-429-9085 pastormarkh@aol.com Sunday Worship 10 AM Thursday Bible Study 6 PM</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Springfield Center, NY Rev. Terence Brant 607-264-3035 Sunday School 10 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM</p>	<p>LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH 1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114 Stratford, NY 13470-0114 315-429-8854 • Pastor Martin Smith Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM; Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6 PM; 2nd & 4th Sunday Dinner following Morning Service with Afternoon Service following dinner "Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching"</p>
<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Tamara Razzano 16 Jackson St. Phone: 315-823-3004 Email lffirstpres@gmail.com www.presbylff.org Sunday Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10 AM</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Sr. Mary Jo Tallman, CSJ, Parish Life Director Rev. Leo Potvin, Sacramental Minister 71 E. Main St. Phone 866-1752 Sunday Mass 9:30 AM</p>	<p>OPPENHEIM OPPENHEIM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Route 29 Pastor Matt Worley 315-429-7381 Worship 10 AM Sundays, Totally Awesome God-TAG time 6:30 PM Wednesdays beginning in Oct., Sunday School 9 AM beginning September 18th</p>	<p>SLOANSVILLE SCHOHARIE VALLEY GOSPEL CHURCH Pastor Pat Andreoli 133 Sprakers Rd., Sloansville, NY 518-864-5397 svgchurch@gmail.com Wednesday Prayer 6 PM; Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:45 AM; Worship Service Sunday Morning 10:30 AM</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'SVILLE BETHESDA FELLOWSHIP 34 S. Division St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-2678 Summer Schedule Sunday Worship 10 AM Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM</p>	<p>TRIBES HILL SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 111 3rd Ave., Tribes Hill 518-829-7301 Mass Saturday 4 PM</p>



15 Herkimer St.,
Fort Plain, NY
13339
518-993-4121



Fell off the Truck Deals

EVERYTHING
IS
50% OFF Retail

Facebook
@felloffthetruckdeals
518-246-0711
eleinoine1234@gmail.com

29 Church Street, Canajoharie, NY

New stuff daily, Restock every week

THE MARSHALL
AGENCY

Specializing in
Medicare Health Insurance and
Senior Life Insurance

315-895-5609

True Value®

12 Willett St.,
Ft. Plain, NY 13339
518-993-3834

Mark Your Calendars!

JANUARY 12

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.

JANUARY 13

Herkimer College New Student Registration Day. Appointments are available for 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. To make an appointment, visit herkimer.edu/register. For more information, call 315.574.4028 or email admissions@herkimer.edu.

Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society meeting 7 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church on the corners of French and Burrstone Roads in the Town of New Hartford. Wayne Freed to present part two of China Steam. For more information, contact Bradford Paulson at 315.275.1223 or 315.853.5400 or at Bpaulson909@msn.com

JANUARY 18

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.

Gardening: How to Choose Your Own Adventure 10 a.m. at the CCE Education Center in Cooperstown or virtually via Zoom. Presented by Otsego Master Gardener Francine Stayer. Free, but pre-registration is required by Jan. 18. Register at tinyurl.com/yc4the6x or call 607.547.2536 x0.

Living Well With and After Cancer 1 - 3:30 p.m. on Zoom. Visit Bassett.org/LivingWell, or call 607.547.3948, or email LivingWellSessions@bassett.org for more information and to register.

JANUARY 19

Chicken and Biscuit dinner 4-7 p.m. or sold out at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 594 Albany St., Little Falls. \$12. Eat in and take out. Call 315.741.4672 to reserve your dinner. Free delivery.

JANUARY 20

Canajoharie Senior Citizens Club meeting 1 p.m. Directly following at 1:30 p.m. Nick Fitzgerald, Superintendent of Canajoharie School will speak. Call Joan Cimino at 518.673.4408 with any questions.

JANUARY 25

Weave a St. Brigid's Cross 6:30 p.m. January 25 at Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley - Museum, 623 Columbia St., Utica. Celebrate Ireland's St. Brigid's feast day by learning to weave the cross named in her honor. Materials from Ireland and instructions included. \$10 fee.

FEBRUARY 9

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.

FEBRUARY 11

Home Gardening Series: A Master Gardener's Favorite Plants 9:30 - 11 a.m. via Zoom. Register at tinyurl.com/6bmwcxak

FEBRUARY 16

Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 p.m. or sold out at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, The Parish Hall, 594 Albany St., Little Falls. \$13. Eat in, take outs or walk in curbside pickup. Free delivery. Call 315.741.4672.

FEBRUARY 24

Herkimer County 2023 Legislative Breakfast 8 a.m. at Herkimer College, 100 Reservoir Road, Herkimer. Contact Sarah Harrer at sharrer@herkimercountychamber.com

MARCH 9

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.

To promote your event, please contact us at cfeditor@leepub.com or 518.673.0143.

JANUARY

Herkimer County Office for the Aging

Meals on Wheels provides a well-balanced, hot, noon-time meal which is available Monday - Friday in most parts of Herkimer County. To be eligible, the person needs to be age 60 or older and be disabled due to a chronic or temporary condition. A temporary condition could be due to a recent hospitalization or accident. If you are interested in learning more about Meals on Wheels or signing up, please contact our office at 315-867-1204.

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
2	HAPPY New Year	3	Fish on a Bun Spinach Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges	4	Meatloaf Rice Pilaf Peas Pudding	5	Chicken & Biscuits Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Cookie	6	Omelette Hash Browns Sausage Muffin • Fruit Cup
9	Pizza Burger O'Brien Potatoes Warm Three Bean Salad Fruit Cocktail	10	Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole Beets • Cauliflower Pudding	11	Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Stewed Tomatoes & Zucchini Ice Cream	12	Roast Turkey w/Gravy Stuffing Corn Peaches	13	Ziti w/3 oz. Meatballs Tossed Salad Italian Blend Vegetables Garlic Roll • Cookie
16	CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.	17	Pulled Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Red Cabbage Pears	18	Lemon Chicken Mashed Potatoes Country Blend Vegetables Brownie	19	Goulash Corn Brussel Sprouts Fruited Gelatin	20	Baked Fish Au Gratin Potatoes Spinach Chef's Choice Pie
23	Beef Stew w/Vegetables Beets Biscuit Pineapple	24	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Sonoma Blend Vegetables Pudding	25	Turkey Divan w/Broccoli Sauce Egg Noodles Broccoli • Cinnamon Cake	26	Cream of Mushroom Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Fruit Cocktail	27	Roast Pork w/Gravy Sweet Potatoes Lima Beans Sherbet
30	Spanish Rice Wax Beans Squash Tropical Fruit	31	Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas Warm Three Bean Salad Orange	All Meals Served with Milk and Bread Daily.		If you are not going to be home for a meal, please call the office at 315-867-1204 at least a day in advance.			

Fires from 7

Through the years other fires have had a major impact on Fort Plain and Minden. In 1931, the Fort Plain Hotel was extensively damaged by fire. The building was owned by Shaheen Hage and despite the lack of insurance and the Great Depression, he was able to renovate and reopen in 1932. Seventeen years later, in 1949, the Yerdon building which housed the General Ice Cream Corporation was gutted by fire. The building, located on Mohawk Street, was demolished. Today the Frontier Communications building occupies the space where the historic Yerdon building once stood. The Yerdon Box Factory located on Canal Street, site of the present Senior Citizens Center, was destroyed by fire in 1952.

The 1960s brought further destruction to village blocks when in 1966 flames destroyed the American Hotel on the corner of Main and Hancock streets. Scholet's Furniture store was also affected by this fire and as a result both the hotel and the store were razed. The Hotel Greeley fire occurred two years later in 1968. This fire destroyed the entire business block between Division and Mohawk streets. Many businesses including Dave's Restaurant, the Snappy Dress Shoppe, Marsh's Meat Market, Sherman's Grocery Store and several other small shops were so severely damaged that the buildings were torn down.

In 1972 the NBT bank, formerly Central National Bank, was built on the empty lot. The Muehleck building (also known as the clock tower building) sustained major damage in a fire in 1971. Two apartments were gutted by

the fire. The Town of Minden Office, located on the second floor, sustained smoke damage. Fortunately, firefighters were able to save the town's records. Dobber's Toggery, a men's clothing store, occupied a portion of the first floor of the building and sustained smoke and water damage. Repairs were made to the apartments and the store.

In 1987 Beany Swartz's garage on Hancock Street went up in flames and two years later in 1989 the old Roof Feed Mill on Canal Street burned and was later leveled.

The village and town have not escaped major fires in the 21st century. In 2006, the old Phil Wick Mill on upper Canal Street succumbed to fire. Today the Amish own the property and sell trailers on the land that once housed a textile business. Lastly, in the early morning hours of Dec. 18, 2022, the Town of Minden Barn, which housed the town trucks, tractors, road equipment and town records dating from the early 1900s, was engulfed in flames and destroyed, along with the supervisor's office and meeting room. The annex containing the clerk's office and the courtroom were saved but received extensive smoke and water damage.

This latest fire will have an impact on the community for a while, but as with many of the destructive fires of the past, both the village and the town have demonstrated their resilience. Where buildings were destroyed, new buildings arose. Where some buildings sustained damage, repairs were made. Fort Plain and Minden have always bounced back from the destructive force of fire and have always come back stronger.

Arc Herkimer receives NYSARC grants

This year, Arc Herkimer received two grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services.

The first, a grant in the amount of \$15,000, was awarded to support recreation programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The second grant, for \$30,000, was provided for guardianship of six individuals supported by Arc Herkimer.

"The goal of recreation is to empower individuals who receive respite and similar services to remain in our community with greater independence, while providing a unique outlet and peace of mind to their loved ones," said Audrey Piccione, Arc Herkimer supports and services director.

"From a guardianship perspective, we are providing that lifelong commitment of care, guidance and support for people who other-

wise would not have a legal guardian or advocate," said Tammy Helmer-Bergen, Arc Herkimer guardianship coordinator.

The funds have been utilized in a number of ways for both programs. Recreationally, individuals have enjoyed new avenues for art and creativity, indoor gaming and entertainment, outdoor sports, cooking and baking and attending sporting events in the community. In the Guardianship program, the grant has helped to facilitate day-to-day operations, as well as annual celebrations for the individuals, including group picnics, holiday festivities and birthday parties.

Grants from NYSARC Trust Services dramatically improve the lives of people with disabilities by enabling them to maintain comfort, increase independence and improve overall quality of life.



Open Wednesday - Saturday 4:30-8pm



the willows

A great place to eat

Contemporary American • Private Functions • Reservations Recommended

Chef/Owner - Luke Barrett

900 Culver Ave., Utica, NY 13501

www.willowsfutica.com

315-765-0271 





Family Focused Eye Care

Providing quality, affordable eye care for the entire family.

Participating with most vision and medical insurances; including Davis, Eyemed, Excellus, MVP, Medicare, WellCare, Empire and more.

Always accepting new patients at our 3 convenient locations:

394 East State St., Herkimer (315) 866-3751

8010 State Rt. 12, Barneveld (315) 896-3900

38 Roosevelt Dr., Whitesboro (315) 736-3217



www.WADASEYE.com





NATHAN GALINSKY

A p a r t m e n t s

PRESERVATION LLC

105 Protection Ave., Herkimer, NY 13350

Phone: 315-866-3611 • Fax: 315-866-6074

Call for a Tour



1 Bedroom
Apartments
Senior Citizens
& Disabled
Subsidized Housing



sherry.w@mgt26.com
Sherry Wellington - Director



MVC Kiwanis Club conducts drawing

Congratulations to Fran Madore for winning the Mohawk Valley Central TV drawing. Also thanks to all who bought tickets. The money will be used to help kids in the Central Mohawk Valley. All proceeds stay here to help as needed.

If you would like to make a donation or become a member, contact Kiwanis at MVC Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 231, Mohawk, NY 13407.



MVC Kiwanis President Gregory Riddle (L) with drawing winner Fran Madore.
Photo courtesy of MVC Kiwanis Club

Garramone addresses Palatine Literary Society

The Rev. Laurie Garramone addressed members of the Palatine Literary Society during their November meeting at the Fort Plain Free Library. The society's program focused on Garramone's trip to the Poland-Ukraine border with area resident Cheryl McGrattan to assist

with the World Central Kitchen's food relief effort for escapees of the Russia-Ukraine war.

Garramone is the rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Johnstown. The Palatine Literary Society is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.



Photo courtesy of the Palatine Literary Society

www.LeesShopsAtWagnerSquare.com

**LEE'S SHOPS at
WAGNER SQUARE**
CANAJOHARIE, NY

It's more than
shopping,
it's an
Adventure!

Over 40,000 Items & Over 8,000 Sq Ft

- Candles, Candles and more Candles!!!
- Toys - Puzzles - Games - Dolls - Art Supplies & More!
- Jewelry - in all price ranges for men, women and children!
- Country Decorations for Your Home- Wall Decor, Clocks, Signs, Metal Signs
- Linens, Aprons, Kitchen Gadgets Galore!
- Primitives
- Primitive Lighting by Irvin
- Charlie Bears® Collectible Teddy Bears
- German Made Smokers & Nutcrackers
- Pot Bellies
- Collectible Retired Pieces from Cherished Teddies, Raikes, Steiff and more!
- Kathy Kruse Dolls
- Artisan Products- Cutting Boards, Bowls, Jewelry, Wall Decor, Flags, Ornaments, Primitives
- NY Maple Syrup Products
- Honey Products
- Food Products- salsas, mustards, relishes, sauces, picked veggies, pickles, so much more
- Grandpa Joe's Nostalgic Candy
- Designers such as: Bethany Lowe, Karen Didion, Joe Spencer & MORE!!!

SHOP ON LINE TOO!



Open 7 Days a Week

24 CHURCH STREET
CANAJOHARIE NY 13317

Less than 1 minute
from Exit 29
off the NYS Thruway

518-673-0292



Flairs School of Performing Arts plans Winter Showcase



Class members from the Flairs School of Performing Arts in Palatine Bridge will have a Winter Showcase on Jan. 21 at Canajoharie High School. Photo courtesy of Jessica Paliling

Five tax prep tips

Tax season isn't something most people look forward to, particularly if they suspect they owe money. However, a few tax prep tips can make the process of filing a return and, if necessary, paying back taxes as pain-free as possible.

1. Call your tax preparer early. If you use an accountant or another tax preparer, be sure to book the appointment as soon as possible because slots fill up quickly. You don't want to wait until the last minute and find there are no remaining appointments.

2. Establish a tax preparation folder. Beginning in January, certain documents will arrive in the mail that will be needed to file your taxes. Documents include earnings statements, banking interest statements and documents indicating investment profits. When items arrive, stash them in your tax folder so you'll have all necessary paperwork at the ready.

3. Avoid tax scams. As tax season draws near, tax scammers target unsuspecting individuals. You may find that you receive calls or texts from those purporting to be with the IRS. However, financial experts say that the IRS or the U.S. Treasury will never call you on the phone; their mode of contact is via the

U.S. mail. Another scam is individuals advertising a bigger refund when you use their services. This is not how tax laws work nor is it possible to get a return larger than what is owed. Avoid anyone promising a bigger return, advises Bankrate.

4. Consider increasing health spending account contributions. Lisa Greene-Lewis, a blog editor at TurboTax, says HSAs are triple tax-advantaged, meaning you get an "above-the-line" deduction for contributing, and the growth in these accounts as well as withdrawals are tax-free if used for qualified health expenses. If you need to lower your tax burden, HSAs may be a safe and legal way to do so.

5. Utilize tax software. If you're not using an accountant and have a relatively cut-and-dry financial situation, modern tax software can be an easy and inexpensive way to do your taxes. These sophisticated programs ask a series of detailed questions and the entire process can be completed in relatively little time.

It's almost time to get income taxes in order. Certain tips can make the process go more smoothly.

Tractor Safety Certification

CCE Herkimer will be offering a Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program to youth and adults 14 years of age and older. CCE invites and encourages all farm and non-farm youth and adults who will be working on or around machinery to participate in the program. Youth ages 14 - 15 working for someone other than their parents must have successfully completed this course in order to be legally employed on a farm.

The program will take place at the VFW next to Clinton Tractor (49 Franklin Ave., Clinton) Feb. 21 - 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day. The cost for 4-H members is \$25. For non 4-H members the cost is \$35. Lunch and all program materials are included.

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 10. Register online at tinyurl.com/mvncypu or by calling the Herkimer County 4-H Office at 315.866.7920. If you have any questions, call or email Jennifer Collins at jl34@cornell.edu. Registration is limited to 15 participants.

This program is sponsored by Clinton Tractor and Implement Company as well as the Workforce Development Institute through a grant from the Department of Labor.

Masks will be required while in attendance at this program. All proper COVID-19 protocol and CDC guidelines will be followed.

- FILL A - BAG SALE

\$15 A Bag

Jan. 20th, 21st & 22nd

Emotional Outlet

89 Church St. Canajoharie • 518-224-8886

STIK N STONES

Top Dollar Paid Cash

**Firearms and Military Items
Buying and Selling
Guns and Ammo
Estates or Collections
Single Items or Entire Collections**

NEW LOCATION

121 South Street • West Winfield • 315-794-9134
Hartman_Richard@Ymail.com

AUTOMOTIVE

What to do about headlight glare when driving at night



The bright light emitted by LED headlights can increase glare for oncoming motorists, making the roads more dangerous for all.

In recent years, many a motorist has noticed how much more glare they encounter on the road at night than they used to. The headlights that are now standard in many vehicles can be a catch-22. Drivers of vehicles equipped with LED lights often find the road in front of them is much more illuminated than it was in the days when auto manufacturers built cars and trucks with incandescent lights. However, the bright light emitted by LED headlights can increase glare for oncoming motorists, making the roads more dangerous for all.

Headlight glare has long been a problem for many drivers. In fact, as far back as 2001 the Highway Traffic and Safety Administration sought input from the public regarding headlight glare. A subsequent report noted that the issue compelled more responses than any other safety concern, and it's likely that a similar request would generate an even greater response today.

LED lights might be a problem for millions of motorists, but the efficiency and longevity of these lights makes it unlikely that auto manufacturers will shift to an alternative light source anytime soon. Until that time comes, drivers can try these strategies to combat glare when driving at night.

- Avoid looking directly at oncoming headlights. It's important that drivers keep their eyes on the road at all times, but they should be able to do so without staring directly at oncoming lights. In North America, where oncoming traffic is always on the left, drivers can slightly shift their focus to

the right as lights are oncoming. Doing so should allow them to keep their eyes on the road without staring directly into oncoming lights.

- Purchase night driving glasses. Drivers can consider night driving glasses if they're having a lot of trouble with glare. Such glasses differ depending on the manufacturer, but they're generally intended to reduce glare and reflections from headlights and streetlamps.

- Investigate wiper blades. Glare from oncoming headlights contribute to visibility problems when driving at night, and old wiper blades can exacerbate those problems. Old wiper blades can be compromised by a buildup of dirt and often wear down over time. When coupled with glare, this can significantly reduce visibility at night. Each manufacturer is different, but Ford recommends replacing wiper blades once every 12 months.

- Clean the interior of your windshield. A dirty windshield interior also can exacerbate glare. Grit and dirt build up inside of a vehicle over time, and they can accumulate on the windshield just as easily as they do in a cup holder, on an armrest or on the dashboard. Various products are designed specifically for cleaning interior windshields, and these could help reduce glare at night.

Glare can make nighttime driving very difficult. Fortunately, drivers can take many steps to reduce glare from oncoming headlights.

Stock the car for roadside emergencies

Disasters can happen in a flash, and having a plan in place for common emergency situations can make it easier to handle adverse conditions, particularly when away from home.

According to MFASCO Health and Safety, a supplier of first aid supplies and kits, 90% of people do not carry first aid supplies or other emergency gear in their vehicles. Among those who may carry supplies, 30% never check to determine if they're in good working order.

The National Safety Council says that drivers should always keep emergency supply kits in the trunks or cargo areas of their vehicles. Kits should be inspected every six months and worn out items should be replaced.

Roadside emergency kits can make the difference between getting back on the road safely or being stranded for hours. Such kits also may help prevent or treat injuries, potentially saving lives. Weather should be considered when preparing vehicle emergency kits, which should include the following.

- A properly inflated spare tire and tire-changing equipment
- Jumper cables
- A multipurpose utility tool and/or tool kit
- Flashlight and batteries
- Flares or triangle reflectors
- An extra quart of motor oil
- A first-aid kit containing at the least, gauze, tape, bandages, antibiotic ointment, aspirin, nonlatex gloves, scissors, hydrocortisone, thermometer, tweezers and instant cold compress

- A blanket
- A tire pressure gauge
- A portable tire inflator
- Paper towels
- Nonperishable, high-energy foods
- Drinking water
- A reflective vest
- Duct tape
- A fire extinguisher
- An ice scraper
- A folding shovel
- Coolant and washer fluid
- A phone charger
- Baby/child supplies, if pertinent
- Rope

Keep roadside emergency kits organized at all times. Store items securely in a milk crate, box or backpack so they are always readily available. People should familiarize themselves with the items in the kit so they know how to use them correctly and quickly.

With some planning and organization, drivers can have the supplies they will need to make it through roadside emergencies safely.



With some planning and organization, drivers can have the supplies they will need to make it through roadside emergencies safely.

Since 1992

Gift Certificates Available

CUSTOM AUTO CLEANING

1 Maple Ave., Herkimer, NY 13350
315-866-5285

Open All Year Round

CELEBRATING 31 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Washing • Waxing Shampooing Full Detail Packages

Ben Migliore, Jr. ~ Owner

MasterCard VISA

Prime's Garage

18 River Street, Fort Plain
 Mon-Fri 8AM - 4:30PM
(518) 993-3555

COLLINS REPAIR SERVICE

Collision, Auto Body

INSURANCE CLAIMS WELCOME

Over 30 Years Experience

RUSSELL COLLINS, OWNER

2923 State Route 168, Mohawk
 (315) 866-7040 • collinsrepair58@gmail.com

Your Choice Your Vehicle

Gift Certificates Available

A&N AUTO DETAILING

All Your Car Cleaning Needs All Makes and Models

Clean and protect your vehicle before the harsh and salty winter months Call For Details

UNDERCARRIAGE WASH

Give The Car A Refresher

Detailing Packages Available

262 St. Rt 55, Mohawk
315-866-9547

Spring Is Coming!

SITTERLY'S

QUALITY AUTO SALES, INC.

7826 State Hwy 5 • St. Johnsville, NY 13452

518-568-2416 Call & ask for Bob or Denise

**All Come with
NYS Inspection**

Bob Sitterly, Owner
"I Don't Forget"

• **Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30a-5:00p • Sat. 8:30a-2:00p**
Robert Sitterly, Owner • Denise Sitterly, Office Manager



**2014 Nissan
Murano S AWD**
6 Cyl, Silver, AC, 135,626 Mi.
\$7,500



2012 Chevy Traverse
This is a Very Nice AWD 7 Passenger
SUV, 100% Rust Free w/ 97,000 Miles
\$7,995



2014 Ford F150
2WD, 5.0 Motor, Fully Equipped w/
Lobo Package. Must See Ohio Truck.
\$12,700



**2014 Chrysler Town
& Country**
7 Passenger
\$7,995



2009 Ford F250
6.4 Diesel 4 Door, Brand New Turbo,
Hard to Find, Heavy Duty
\$10,750



2012 Ford F150
4x4 4 Door, New Arrival, 154,000
Miles
\$11,400



**2014 Ford
F150 STX 4x4**
Super Cab, Silver, AC, 212,734 Mi.
\$12,900



**2012 Ford
F150 XLT 4x4**
8 Cyl, Silver, AC, 206,024 Mi.
\$11,900



2013 Ford F150 4x4
Nice, clean truck, 5.0 motor,
144,000 Miles
\$11,800



2014 Ford Focus
99,000 Miles, nice clean car, very
good gas mileage
\$6,250



**2012 Dodge
Grand Caravan**
7 passenger
\$6,650



2012 Ford Flex-Sel
7 Pass., nice family auto, very clean
\$7,500

◦ **SPECIAL** ◦



2009 Cadillac CTS AWD

2010 Lincoln MKS

2011 Cadillac SRX AWD

2012 Cadillac SRX AWD

Here Are 4 Very Nice Ones!

All At a Very Affordable Price!

**CALL
FOR
PRICES**

AUTOMOTIVE

What maintenance schedule does my car need?

Vehicle maintenance schedules vary depending on manufacturer recommendations. In addition, the way a car is driven and the environment it's driven in can dictate if routine maintenance like oil changes needs to occur more frequently or if belts and hoses need to be replaced sooner than manufacturers recommend.

Many people drive in ways that align with routine maintenance schedules. However, drivers who put excessive wear and tear on their vehicles may have to follow a "severe" maintenance schedule. According to the automotive information site Car Gurus, many manufacturers adhere to a 30-60-90 schedule, meaning certain items need to be inspected, changed or replaced at 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles. Certain vehicle parts wear out at predictable intervals, while others, such as rubber gaskets, windshield washer blades and tires, will degrade at irregular intervals.

It is generally recommended to speak with a mechanic and discuss driving habits to ensure vehicles operate efficiently and at peak capacity. The following are some conditions that may necessitate frequent maintenance.

• **Urban driving:** Stop-and-go traffic in an urban setting can wear cars out more quickly than highway driving. Experts say lubricants found in motor oil break down rapidly under these and other conditions, including espe-

cially hot temperatures.

• **Short trips:** Frequent, short trips can take a toll on a vehicle. Again, this may be a problem for those who reside in cities or bustling suburbs. Short trips of no more than five miles can contribute to an accumulation of water vapor that dilutes motor oil and adversely affects its efficacy.

• **Heavy loads:** Advanced Auto Parts says transporting or towing heavy loads can put more wear and tear on a vehicle. Loads can include cargo or passengers.

• **Dusty or salty environments:** Dust can accumulate in air filters and clog internal engine components. Similarly, living close to the coast and salt-water also can cause car parts to rust or degrade quickly.

• **Extreme temperature conditions:** People who reside in extremely cold or extremely hot climates may find that their vehicles have to work that much harder to operate, reducing the life span of automotive fluids, parts (especially car batteries) and the overall vehicle unless action is taken.

For those who frequently encounter these severe conditions, switching to a severe maintenance schedule with the guidance of an automotive service shop can help. The added cost of more frequent fluid changes and other maintenance can be recuperated by fewer breakdowns and the reduced need for potentially costly repairs.



Short can contribute to an accumulation of water vapor that dilutes motor oil and adversely affects its efficacy.

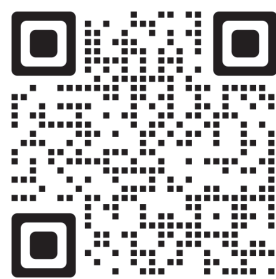
**CARS WANTED
DEAD OR ALIVE!**

(PICK UP AVAILABLE)



**WE PAY
YOU \$\$\$**

CALL 315-883-8288



WALLY'S of Amsterdam

4589 State Highway 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010
518-684-5663 • www.wallycdjramsterdam.com

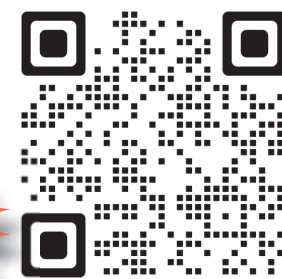


WALLY'S of Nelliston

6500 State Highway 5, Nelliston, NY 13410
518-993-5555 • www.wallyscdjrnelliston.com



Don't Forget!
\$250 Refer A Friend



COME DOWN, HAVE FUN
AND GET A GREAT DEAL!

WOO HOOO!



2019 Jeep Cherokee Latitude
93,494 Miles, Stock # AM287452K



2022 Ram 2500 Power Wagon
47391 Miles, Stock # AM125333T



2018 Ram 3500 Laramie
42,313 Miles, Stock # CN372832K



2018 Jeep Renegade Sport
25,260 Miles, Stock # CN00463T



2016 Chevrolet Traverse LTZ
93,203 Miles, Stock # AM138500P



2019 MINI Cooper Classic
28,219 Miles, Stock # AMH91038K



2019 Ford Escape SEL
13,836 Miles, Stock # AMA33443P



2018 Jeep Renegade Sport
58,958 Miles, Stock # AMJ22714R



2018 Jeep Compass Latitude
71,420 Miles, Stock # CN336431T



2019 Ford F-150 XLT
25,666 Miles, Stock # FNA27206T



2015 Chevrolet Equinox LT LT
68,931 Miles, Stock # FN124239T



2020 Chevrolet Impala LT
57,307 Miles, Stock # CN103733R



2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited
58,720 Miles, Stock # AM730666K



2019 Ram 1500 Big Horn/Lone Star
49,615 Miles, Stock # AM817328T



2015 Dodge Durango SXT SUV
84,541 miles, Stock # AM101760T



2015 Nissan Rogue SV SUV
87,699 Miles, Stock # AM505282K



2020 GMC Acadia SLT
58,560 Miles, Stock # CN150708R



2019 Ford F-150 Lariat
44,410 Miles, Stock # FNC59596T



2020 Hyundai Santa Fe SEL 2.4
16,204 Miles, Stock # CN230510R



2019 Ford Edge SEL
45,626 Miles, Stock # FNC56718T



2020 Chevrolet Malibu LT
Grand Sport 3LT
56,999 Miles, Stock # AM094037R



2020 Ford Fusion SE
51 Miles, Stock # AM172732R



2017 Ford F-150 XLT
84,375 Miles, Stock # AMC2863T



2018 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport 3LT
52,254 Miles, Stock # AM300586P



2014 Chevrolet Impala LT 2LT
108,409 Miles, Stock # CN106819T



2019 Ford Edge SEL
32,784 Miles, Stock # FNC56671T



2017 Ford F-250SD Lariat
50,637 Miles, Stock # FND22604T



2018 Lincoln Continental Select
15,186 Miles, Stock # FN609762P

HOME IMPROVEMENT

The basics of estate sales

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

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

How are estate sales conducted?

Many estate sales are conducted in person. In person estate sales are typically conducted at private residences and items will be marked with price tags. Buyers at estate sales typically

walk through the home at their leisure. Sellers may be willing to negotiate sale prices, though buyers should not count on that. The sheer volume of items available for purchase at estate sales means sellers typically don't have the time or energy to haggle over prices for individual items, so buyers who love to negotiate may not get the opportunity to do so at estate sales.

Are estate sales and estate auctions the same?

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

picking up items typically rests with the buyers.

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

How long do estate sales last?

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

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

Fort Plain Free Library hosting introductory meditation workshops

This January, the Fort Plain Free Library is hosting an ongoing six-week introductory meditation workshop on Zoom for adults and youths aged 16 and up.

Fort Plain resident Harold Rolls, a fully ordained Buddhist monk and Fort Plain resident who lived and taught in a Buddhist monastery in Katmandu, Nepal, for over 20 years, will facilitate the program. Each free session will take place from 6 - 7 p.m. on consecutive Wednesdays. The series started Jan. 11.

Rolls, whose spiritual name is Lama Tenzin Yongdu, said that each class will consist of meditation and discussion.

He said, "For this class, we will focus on meditation's potential to reinforce our inherent ability to be friends with our-

selves – that is, to accept ourselves with openness, generosity and compassion. [That] doesn't necessarily change the world around us but it can make it much easier to live in and work with the world around us: more effectively, more skillfully – beneficially."

He explained, "Basic meditation, in one form or another, to one degree or another, is the foundation for spiritual practice in all religious traditions, some medical practices and is the subject of scientific research. It is referred to as contemplation, centering prayer, being in the presence of God, tranquility, relaxing in our pure nature or relaxing with yourself. It can be and, for different people, is each and all of those things."

To register or for more information, call the 19 Willett St. library at 518.993.4646.

Follow the library on Facebook for updates.



METOTT'S
Plumbing and Heating

24 West Mill Street, Little Falls, NY 13365

24 Hour Service - Fully Insured

"You know the name -

We have been doing this for 65 years"

(315) 823-0720

(315) 868-8939

**PEACHEY
EXCAVATING**

MAHLON PEACHEY, OWNER

496 CONWAY ROAD

CANAJOHARIE, NY 13317

518-646-1435

* Driveways * Foundations *

* Land Clearing - Demolition *

* General Excavation *

WWW.PEACHYEXCAVATINGLLC.COM



MOSHER'S
PLUMBING & HEATING LLC

• Roto Rooter Services • Air Conditioning
• Home Heating Systems • Water Heaters and more
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

BRIAN & AUSTIN MOSHER WITH OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

315-868-1846 518-568-7939

J.D. JUNK &
CLEAN-OUT
SERVICES

SAME DAY SERVICE

Since 1995

Any place
you live -
WE GO!



Make that
JUNK Go
Away Today!

Rates
Starting at
\$39.00

ALL CREDIT CARDS
Prompt Same -
Day 24/7 Service

315.735.2900
315.450.2230

**SUMMER
CLEANOUTS**

Want Your Junk Gone?
WE WORK
YEAR 'ROUND!!

THIS IS WHAT
WE CLEAN OUT

Homes • Attics • Basements
Garages • Buildings • Barns
Almost Anything from A-Z

THIS IS WHAT
WE TAKE DOWN

Decks • Pools • Garages • Sheds
Almost Anything

WE ALSO DO

Brush & Tree Removal, Yard Cleanups,
Painting, Handyman Service

**LITTLE FALLS
LUMBER**



BUILDING SOMETHING?

House
Garage
Pole Barn

Deck
Addition
Camp

Stop By For a Free Estimate

73 Southern Ave., Little Falls

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM; Sat. & Sun. Closed

Curbside Service Available - Call Ahead

(315)823-2470

SPRING DISCOUNT
for Orders Placed Before March 1st
BUILT STRONG. TO LAST LONG.

Dream Floors
Concrete Coatings

518-937-0907

Garage Floors • Pole Barns
Basements & More

SEE THESE SPECIALS AT ILION LUMBER Co.

Milwaukee

Packout Tool Box

3 Drawer 50lb
Capacity
\$131.39ea
383067

22' Rolling
250lb Capacity
\$119.99ea
303070

2 Drawer 50lb
Capacity
\$131.39ea
347831

10pc Fixed Bar
Screwdriver Set
\$17.19ea
364439

DEWALT

10pc Fixed Bar
Screwdriver Set
\$17.19ea
364439

BEST LOOK

Interior
Semi-Gloss Paint
Bright White
1 Gal
\$26.49/gal

780836

WERNER

Type IA Fiberglass
Extension Ladder 300lb Capacity
20' 16'
\$251.29 \$233.99
782122 786591

**ILION
LUMBER
COMPANY**

INC.

161 Main Street
Ilion, NY 13357
315-895-7437
www.IlionLumber.com

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Home repairs that can sink budgets fast

A home is the most substantial investment many people will ever make. Once down payments have been made and closing costs have been paid, homeowners may still be staring down sizable expenses as they begin to tackle any repairs that need to be made.

• Home maintenance and renovations involve a certain measure of trepidation. Even after vetting contractors and establishing budgets, homeowners may worry that repairs will unearth problems that snowball into expensive fixes. Planning ahead for such projects and learning to recognize issues that tend to be costly can help homeowners weather any storms that may arise.

• Foundation issues: A strong foundation is key to any home. If there is a problem with the foundation, it can be unsafe to live in the house. The foundation repair company Foundation Experts advises that foundation fixes can range from \$4,000 to upward of \$100,000 depending on the scale of the job. Clogged gutters and water pooling around the foundation can contribute to damage, so water issues must be remedied first.

• Roof damage: A roof is a key barrier between the indoors and outdoors. Roofs must remain in tip-top shape. The home improvement resource HomeAdvisor says that a roof repair or replacement can cost between \$3,000 and \$12,000. But homeowners also must budget for the cost of removing the old roofing materials and fixing any damage to the interior of the home. Inspecting the roof and making repairs as you go is key to avoiding a big headache.

• Siding replacement: Another costly project can be replacing the siding. Siding may need to be replaced if there is water/wind damage or penetration from insects. Spot repairs may be relatively inexpensive. However, the home improvement resource Modernize says the average siding installation project can cost between \$5,500 and

\$15,000 depending on the materials homeowners choose.

• HVAC update: Keeping a home at a comfortable temperature is also a matter of safety. If a system gives out, homeowners may be scrambling for a solution. Yearly inspections and upkeep, which includes changing system filters regularly, can help identify potential problems. Neglect is one of the main contributors to the failure of heating and cooling equipment. Based on national averages, a whole-house HVAC system can cost between \$4,000 and \$12,000.

These are some of the more costly repairs homeowners can expect. Keeping on top of the home will help mitigate damage and could extend the life of major home components.

It's important to keep a roof in tip-top shape.

Sunny Acre Plumbing LLC



Jerry Esh
Fort Plain, NY
518-568-2543

Plumbing & Heating
Radiant Floor Heating Systems
On Demand Propane Boilers
Complete bathroom remodels



We strive to distribute nothing but the highest quality products from the most reputable brands in the industry. Combined with our friendly, customer first mentality we give homeowners and contractors alike an unrivaled, enjoyable experience!

For your building needs, big and small.
Bonded Building Materials Inc. is your hometown supplier.

COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL

BONDED

BUILDING MATERIALS, INC.

1329 Amsterdam Road
Scotia, New York 12302

518-346-2395



ROOFING - SIDING - WINDOWS

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Notable moments in the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Few individuals in American history have made an impact as sizable as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King wore many hats throughout his tragically short life, from minister to activist to scholar, leaving behind a legacy that is worthy of celebration.

Though King was assassinated before he even reached his 40th birthday, his life was filled with many notable events. Many of those events positively affected, and continue to affect, the lives of millions of others. The Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University notes that the following are some of the major events of King's life:

- Jan. 15, 1929: Now commemorated annually as Martin Luther King Jr. Day (in 2023, the holiday is observed on Jan. 16), Jan. 15 marks the day King was born in 1929. King was born in Atlanta, where his father was a pastor at the Ebenezer church.

- Sept. 20, 1944: Despite being only 15 years old, King begins his freshman year at Morehouse College. King was only a high school junior in 1944, but he was admitted to Morehouse, where his father studied for his ministerial degree, after passing the school's entrance exam.

- Aug. 6, 1946: King's letter to the editor of the Atlanta Constitution is published. The letter reflects King's belief that Black Americans are entitled to the same rights and opportunities as White Americans. King's father later admitted this letter was the first time he and his wife recognized their son's "developing greatness."

- Feb. 25, 1948: Following in his father's footsteps, King is ordained and appointed assistant pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in his home-

town of Atlanta.

- June 8, 1948: King earns his Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Morehouse College.

- May 6-8, 1951: King graduates from Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, PA. He delivers the valedictory address during the graduation ceremony.

- June 18, 1953: King marries Coretta Scott near the bride's family home in Marion, AL. Coretta Scott King would also become a vocal activist, advocating for peace and gay rights and expressing her opposition to apartheid in the 1980s. She would not remarry after her husband's assassination.

- June 5, 1955: King earns his doctorate in systematic theology from Boston University.

becomes president of the Montgomery Improvement Association after the organization is formed at the Holt Street Baptist Church. MIA is formed in response to the arrest of Rosa Parks five days earlier after she refused to vacate her seat for a white passenger.

- Jan. 27, 1956: A threatening phone call late in the evening inspires King to carry on with his activism.

- Jan. 30, 1956: King's home is bombed while he is elsewhere delivering a speech. His wife and daughter are not injured in the blast.

- Jan. 10-11, 1957: King is named chair of what becomes the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which was an organization of southern black ministers working together to

- June 23, 1958: King and other leaders meet with U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Washington, D.C.

- Sept. 17, 1958: "Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story" is published. It is King's first book.

- Sept. 20, 1958: King survives a stabbing during a book signing in Harlem, NY. During a surgery after the stabbing, doctors remove a seven-inch letter opener from King's chest.

- April 16, 1963: King writes his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in response to criticisms of the Birmingham Campaign, a collective effort on the part of the SCLC and the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR) to combat segregation in the Alabama city. The letter becomes one of King's most famous writings.

- Aug. 28, 1963: King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

- Jan. 3, 1964: King is

named "Man of the Year" by Time Magazine.

- Dec. 10, 1964: King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.

- March 17-25, 1965: King helps to lead civil rights marchers from Selma to Montgomery.

- June 7, 1966: King and other leaders resume James Meredith's "March Against Fear" from Memphis, TN, to Jackson, MS. Meredith was unable to continue after he

was shot and wounded.

- April 3, 1968: King delivers his final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," as he returns to Memphis to lead a peaceful march of striking sanitation workers.

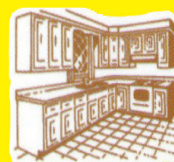
- April 4, 1968: King is shot and killed on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. He is buried in Atlanta five days later.



Martin Luther King Jr. King combat segregation.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."

COUNTERTOP CREATIONS



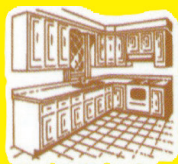
Custom Built
COUNTERTOPS



315-867-4189

713 State Hwy. 162, Sprakers, NY 12166

BYLER'S CABINETS



Custom Built
KITCHENS



315-429-3061

**713 State Hwy 162
Sprakers, NY 12166**



GOLD STAR
ROOFING

• Shingles • Metal Roof • Standing Seam
• Free Estimates • Fully Insured

518-281-6455

191 Hessville Rd., Fort Plain, NY 13339

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Popular trends in the restaurant industry

Dining out is no longer reserved for celebrating milestones or other special occasions. Many people dine out regularly for meals. A 2016 Gallup poll found that 61% of Americans eat dinner out at least once a week, and 16% are frequent diners, eating out three or more times per week.

People who regularly dine out may have noticed some of the growing trends that have emerged in recent years that are helping to shape dining experiences.

- **Picked-on-property offerings:** Many restaurants now serve foods grown, picked and processed on the premises. Rooftop or small courtyard gardens enable restaurateurs to pass the freshness on to customers. Chefs grind their own spice blends, harvest their own eggs, cure their own bacon,

and embrace other hyper-local fare.

- **Gut-friendly foods:** Some restaurants are experimenting with preparing and offering foods that are friendly to the di-

gestive tract. These establishments emphasize prebiotic and probiotic ingredients and focus some of their efforts on producing menus with foods that boast anti-inflammatory properties.

- **Streamlined menus:** Food waste is a problem across the globe. Operating a sustainable restaurant requires careful decisions about the foods that make it onto the menu. Instead of offering five different chicken dishes, a restaurant may focus on two or three popular standards to cut back on waste.

- **Fast casual:** Fast casual restaurants do not offer full table service, but offer a higher quality of food than traditional fast-food restaurants. These establishments also may be headed by trained and experienced chefs who add unique twists to popular menu items.


- **Extended delivery options:** Dining out doesn't have to mean eating away from home. A growing number of restaurants are emphasizing their curbside takeaway, drive-throughs and delivery services. Travel-friendly fare and heat-and-eat meals are competing with convenient options available at grocery stores.

- **Back to basics:** More and more customers are looking for classic dishes they equate with home cooking. As a result, many restaurants are stripping away the pretense and extra ingredients and turning to traditional recipes.

Restaurant trends continue to evolve as a greater number of diners are going out to eat.



Over 60% of Americans eat dinner out at least once a week, and 16% are frequent diners, eating out three or more times per week.



**Bridge Street
DINER
St. Johnsville**

Wednesday-Monday
6 AM-2 PM (Closed Tuesday)

10 Bridge St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 • **518-568-8018**

**Fish
Fry Friday
Til 7**

RT. 80 BOWL

315-858-2149

• SMÖRGÅSBORD •

Saturday, Jan. 14th • 4:30-8:30 PM

Roast Beef, Ham & Turkey

\$14 Adults • \$7 Kids Under 12

Take Out Available

Bowlers Wanted, Call for Details

315-858-2149



**Green View
Restaurant**

LOCATED AT THE CANAJOHARIE COUNTRY CLUB

152 Golf Club Road
Canajoharie, NY 13317
518.673.3635
greenviewcanjo@gmail.com

OWNER/CHEF - JESSICA HALL

Friday-Monday 12 Noon-8PM

**DELIVERY
NOW AVAILABLE
SATURDAY
& SUNDAY**



ALL YOU CAN EAT





PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Benefit Ames Volunteer Fire Department

SUNDAY

January 15, February 19, March 19

7AM -to- 2PM

AMES FIREHOUSE

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Liver Sausage, Homefries, Sausage Gravy,
Applesauce, Donuts, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea & Milk

ADULTS: \$10 • CHILDREN: \$5 • Children Under 5: FREE

Fresh - Quality - Local



More than just tacos!

Burritos
Nachos
Quesadillas
Rice Bowls
Taco Salads
Soft Ice Cream
Desserts
And more...

**NOW
OPEN
MONDAY**

**36 Church St., Canajoharie
(518) 673-6084**

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT





*What is cold
and bites but
has no teeth?*

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Stick to a diabetes meal plan with a delicious dinner

Individuals with diabetes understand the importance of maintaining a doctor-recommended diet to help keep blood-sugar levels in check. It's not always easy to stick to a healthy diet but choosing versatile and tasty recipes can help make healthy eating that much easier.

Individuals managing diabetes, or even people without the condition, can dig into this popular dish, which is perfect in cooler temperatures. Try "Beef Stroganoff" from The Mayo Clinic's Diabetes Meal Plan Recipes.

Beef Stroganoff

Serves 4

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 pound boneless beef round steak, cut 3/4-inch thick, all fat removed
- 4 cups uncooked yolkless egg noodles
- 1/2 can fat-free cream of mushroom soup (undiluted)
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose (plain) flour

1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup fat-free sour cream

In a nonstick frying pan, saute the onions over medium heat until they're translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the beef and continue to cook for another 5 minutes or until the beef is tender and browned throughout. Drain well and set aside.

Fill a large pot 3/4 full with water and bring to a boil. Add the noodles and cook until al dente (tender), 10 to 12 minutes, or according to the package directions. Drain the pasta thoroughly.

In a saucepan, whisk together the soup, water and flour over medium heat. Stir until the sauce thickens, about 5 minutes. Add the soup mixture and paprika to the beef in the frying pan. Over medium heat, stir the mixture until warmed through. Remove from heat and add the sour cream. Stir until combined.

To serve, divide the pasta among the plates. Top with the beef mixture and serve immediately.



Individuals with diabetes understand the importance of maintaining a doctor-recommended diet.

For the Love
of
Your Health

Mel's Cuts & Styles LLC

Owner • Melissa Mosher

(315) 717-2780

4214 Acme Rd., Frankfort, NY 13340

Gina Dm Spa INC

315-612-6888

703 Rte 28 Middleville Rd.

Herkimer, NY 13350

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

2023 HARD HAT EXPO

March 22 & 23

New Hours!

WEDNESDAY 10-7 • THURSDAY 8-3

New York State Fairgrounds • Syracuse, NY

LOCATED IN THE EXPO CENTER

Giveaways, door prizes & don't miss the Skid Steer Rodeo on Wednesday!!

www.hardhatexpo.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-800-218-5586

35th HARD HAT EXPO

BBB scam alert: Copycat crowdfunding campaigns popping up following Buffalo Bills player's injury

Millions of people watched as Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest during a game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Millions of dollars have also flowed into the children's toy drive Hamlin supports in his hometown of McKees Rocks, PA, as fans all over the country want to support the 24-year-old, who has been hospitalized since being carted off the field. In the days since the incident, more than \$7 million in donations have been made to the toy drive.

Of course, where there is a lot of money, there are scammers looking to cash in. The Better Business Bureaus of Upstate New York and Western Pennsylvania are warning fans to look out for fake or fraudulent crowdfunding campaigns.

"Everyone feels awful

about what happened to this young man and just wants to help in any way possible," said Warren Clark, CEO of BBB of Upstate NY. "It's understandable and commendable that people want to donate money to his cause, but we must be vigilant. We must take the time to ensure the money is going to the right place."

This fundraiser has been verified on behalf of the Hamlin family; it was started by Damar Hamlin in 2020 to benefit the Chasing M's Foundation.

GoFundMe, a BBB accredited business, is monitoring the requests for donations. According to them, any fundraiser that is not authorized by the recipient of the funds will be removed.

"When suspicious activity is flagged – whether through

our tools, our community or simply because a fundraiser starts gaining momentum – our team will immediately



investigate to verify its legitimacy," said a GoFundMe spokesperson. "We have zero tolerance for the misuse of our platform."

BBB offers these tips to those who are looking to donate:

- Don't assume pictures represent an official connection to the person or family identified. Unfortunately, some crowdfunding postings may be using pictures of victims without the permission of their families. As a result, you can't assume the poster has an official connection. Again, each site has different rules on what they allow. As a donor, it is up to you to approach with caution, especially after a tragedy or disaster.

- Not all crowdfunding sites operate alike. Some crowdfunding platforms do a better job of vetting postings

and projects that appear on their sites than others. Review the site's description of its procedures. If they do take precautions, they generally announce that fact loudly to help encourage giving. For example, if a posting is claiming to be raising funds to help a victim and/or their family after a tragedy or disaster, some sites may hold the funds collected and distribute them directly to the identified family or charity. Other sites may rely on the individual soliciting funds to follow through on their promised assistance.

Visit the BBB Wise Giving Alliance website, Give.org, for more information on charitable giving.

If you've been the victim of a charity scam, help others avoid the same fate by reporting your experience at BBB.org/scamtracker.

Assemblyman Smullen appointed as Assistant Minority Whip

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C - Mecos) has been appointed assistant minority whip of the Assembly Republican Conference for the new legislative term. Since Smullen's election in 2018, he has been a leading voice for the Second Amendment, lowering taxes, broadband access and decreasing wasteful spending.

Smullen will also serve as a member of the following committees: Higher Education Committee, Environmental Conservation Committee, Banks Committee, Labor Committee and Ways & Means Committee.

"It is an honor to represent the Assembly Republican Conference in a leadership role and continue to advocate for upstate New York within the Assembly," Smullen said. "I vow to assist the conference in any way I can as we enter the 2023 legislative session. I would like to specifically thank Minority Leader Will Barclay for entrusting me to this role and believing in my approach to bettering New York."

Smullen represents the 118th Assembly District, which includes Hamilton and Fulton counties as well as parts of Herkimer, Oneida and St. Lawrence counties.

How to confront frequent increases in costs of living

Prices on the majority of goods and services have increased significantly over the last year-plus. Financial analysts report that inflation has reached heights that haven't been seen in 41 years. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the consumer price index, which measures changes in how much Americans pay for goods and services, rose 0.4% in September.

As prices soared, families' budgets were being pushed. What can people do in the face of rising costs on items they need, including those who may be on fixed incomes? These suggestions may help.

- Frequently review your budget. Keep track of how much items cost right now. Document all spending by writing down a list of weekly expenses or utilizing any number of free budgeting apps available. Tracking what is going out may make it easier to cut costs on less essential items, such as streaming services or gym memberships.

- Contact service providers. You may be able to negotiate better deals with a service provider, such as a mobile phone company or a cable TV provider, if they learn you are considering leaving. If they can't work out a deal, go with the less expensive provider. You can always switch back at the end of the term if you desire.

- Stop automatic payments. Having subscriptions and other bills automatically deducted from your checking account is convenient, but those rising costs may be overlooked. By viewing your bill and paying it each month, you can see where costs have increased and where you might need to rethink services.

- Carpool to work or school. Reduce expenditures on gasoline by sharing the costs with another person. Determine if public transportation is more cost-effective than driving to work or school each day.

- Consider alternative retailers. Brand loyalty to one supermarket or a particular retailer is quickly becoming a thing of the past. Nowadays it is wise to comparison shop across various stores to figure out where you're getting the best deal. Venture into stores you may not have considered previously. Divide your shopping list by store category, visiting several for different items if it leads to big savings.

- Unplug, literally and figuratively. Cut down on energy costs by unplugging items when not in use. Reduce dependence on devices to further stem costs on electricity and gas-powered appliances.

HOSKING SALES LLC – CERTIFIED ORGANIC MARKETING AGENCY

Weekly Sales Every Monday – Misc. items, Poultry & produce etc. will start approx. 12:00. 1:00 we will start Dairy followed by all other livestock. **Let's keep the cattle in the market place to help the competition – sending direct gives you no competition.**

Mon. Jan. 2nd – Sold 122 head – Cull Dairy ave. \$.70 top cow \$.90, cull beef cows \$.66 – \$.69, bull calves top \$1.50 top beef calf \$2.75, heifer calves \$.40 – top beef calf \$1.75, Dairy feeders \$.74 – \$.98. Dairy top Milking age \$1300.

Mon. Jan. 16th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale.

Mon. Jan. 23rd – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day.

Mon. Jan. 30th – Normal Monday Sale.

UPCOMING SALES:

2023 – Sat. Mar. 25th – 11:30 AM – Spring Premier All Breeds Sale – Selling 125 Head of Registered All Breed Dairy Cattle – this is the place to find those early showage heifers and cows! TAKING CONSIGNMENTS FOR THIS SALE NOW IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO STOP BY GIVE US A CALL.

****OUR CAFÉ IS ALWAYS OPEN EVERY SALE DAY – COME IN AND ENJOY A GREAT MEAL WITH MISSY!****
WATCH FUTURE ADS ON UPCOMING SALES WE HAVE IN THE WORKS IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL IF ITS ONE OR A WHOLE HERD LET US HELP YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS.

****Trucking Assistance** – Call the Sale Barn or check out our trucker list on our website. Call to advertise in any of these sales it makes a difference. Watch website for any last minute updates.

Directions: Hosking Sales LLC, 6096 NYS Rt. 8, 30 miles South of Utica & 6 miles North of New Berlin, NY.

www.hoskingsales.com Like us on Facebook



Tom 607-972-1770 • Brenda 607-972-1771,
Dan Hosking 607-972-8773 – Office 607-847-8800.

CHARLES D. STAHL

GREENWOOD TRUCKLOAD SPECIALS

Approx 5+ facecords \$500

Approx 7+ facecords \$700

Approx 10+ facecords \$975

Approx 11+ facecords OUTSIDE CHUNK split \$1000

Ask about SEASONED SPLIT PRICES • HEAP VENDOR for over 25 yrs

Prices include delivery within 15 mile radius

*prices and delivery subject to change

315-823-1982



Mental Health Therapy

Currently accepting new clients

Location: 175 Main St., Office 2, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Katavia DeLong, LMHC and Karrie Crippen-Hotaling

518-573-7468 and 804-435-9380

In-person, video and telephone

appointments available

Country Editor

**PO Box 121, 6113 State Hwy. 5
Palatine Bridge, NY 13428
800-836-2888 • Fax: 518-673-2381
classified@leepub.com**

Number / Classification

20 Air Compressors
25 Air Tools
35 Announcements
45 Antiques
55 Appraisal Services
75 ATV
80 Auctions
82 Auto Body
110 Bedding Plants
120 Bees-Beekeeping
130 Bird Control
140 Books
155 Building Materials/Supplies
157 Building Repair
160 Buildings For Sale
161 Bulk Foods / Spices
165 Business Opportunities
170 Butchering Supplies
173 Carpentry
175 Cars, Trucks, Trailers
180 Catalogs
182 Catering
190 Chain Saws
195 Cheesemaking Supplies
205 Christmas
214 Clocks & Repair
215 Collectibles
216 Clothing
235 Computers
253 Consignment
265 Construction Equipment For Rent
275 Construction Machinery Wanted
277 Construction Services
280 Construction Supplies
312 Crafts
325 Custom Butchering
330 Custom Services
360 Deer-Butchering & Hides
370 Dogs
410 Electrical
415 Employment Wanted
440 Farm Machinery For Sale
445 Farm Machinery Wanted
447 Farm Market Items
460 Fencing
470 Financial Services
480 Fish
483 Flooring
494 For Lease
495 For Rent
500 For Sale
510 Fresh Produce, Nursery
525 Fruits & Berries
527 Furniture
529 Garage Sales
530 Garden Supplies
535 Generators
537 Gifts
575 Greenhouse Supplies
585 Guns
587 Hair Styling
589 Hardware
600 Health Care/Products
605 Heating
610 Help Wanted
653 Hotel / Motel
683 Jewelers
700 Lawn & Garden
711 Lessons
760 Lumber & Wood Products
790 Maple Syrup Supplies
805 Miscellaneous
810 Mobile Homes
811 Monuments
812 Multi Media
813 Music
815 Motorcycles
817 Nails
820 Nurseries
910 Plants
950 Real Estate For Sale
955 Real Estate Wanted
960 RVs & Motor Homes
975 Rentals
980 Restaurant Supplies
1040 Services Offered
1075 Snowblowers
1080 Snowmobiles
1096 Sports
1109 Thrift
1140 Trailers
1147 Trains
1148 Travel
1165 Trees
1170 Truck Parts & Equipment
1180 Trucks
1187 Vacuum
1190 Vegetable
1200 Veterinary
1205 Wanted

Announcements

ADVERTISING DEADLINE

FRIDAY • 2:00 PM

(Week Prior to Each Friday Dated Paper)

For as little as \$4.00 - place a classified ad in

The Country Editor

Call Peg at **1-800-836-2888**

or **518-673-0111**

or email classified@leepub.com

Announcements

BANNERS: VINYL - Single Sided - Double Sided, various sizes. Set up, sales tax, & shipping additional. **Call Lee Newspapers Inc.** at **518-673-0171** commercialprint@leepub.com

CHECK YOUR AD - ADVERTISERS should check their ads on the first week of insertion. Lee Newspapers shall not be liable for typographical, or errors in publication except to the extent of the cost of the first weeks insertion of the ad, and shall also not be liable for damages due to failure to publish an ad. Adjustment for errors is limited to the cost of that portion of the ad wherein the error occurred. **Report any errors to 800-836-2888 or 518-673-0111.**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS: Save 10% on auto insurance, January 21st, Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, Gloversville. 9am - 3pm, \$39. Call: 518-784-5009

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ADVERTISERS

Get the best responses from your advertisements by including the age, condition, price and best calling hours. Also, we always recommend insertion for at least 2 issues for maximum benefits. **DEADLINE** for placing ads is **FRIDAY** at 2:00 PM - **Week Prior** to Each Friday Dated Paper. **Call Peg at 1-800-836-2888 or 518-673-0111**

Antiques

Paying CASH for OLD Stuff... Tin Toys, Beer Signs, Lunch Boxes, Postcard Albums, Pocket Watches, Pocket Knives, Fritz Vogt Drawings, American Coins, Advertising Crates, Jewelry, Comics, Christmas, Halloween, Linens, 1960-70's Clothing, Lots More! **FREE HOUSE CALLS** or Bring to Showcase Antiques 11-4pm (closed Wed), 375 Canal Place, Little Falls, 315-823-1177.

Announcements

Attachments

UNIVERSAL ATTACHMENTS

PALLET FORKS

- ◆ 2000#
- ◆ 4200#
- ◆ 5500#

BALE SPEARS

LP BUCKETS MATERIAL BUCKETS ROCK BUCKETS MANURE FORKS

**529 Hardscrabble Rd.
Little Falls, NY
315-823-1342**

Building Materials/Supplies

TIME TO SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME - Remodel with SHEETROCK, CEILING TILES, WALL PANELING and LAMINATE FLOORING. Also, paint will brighten up your world. We stock PITTSBURGH PAINT - interior paint and primer in one product. C.H. BURKDORF & SON, 35 Hough St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7016

INSULATION: All Types. New/ Existing Buildings. Free Estimates. Fully Insured. Call Upstate Spray Foam Insulation 315-822-5238. www.upstatesprayfoam.com

Scratch & Dent Appliances

Refrigerators\$85-\$979
Washer-Dryers\$500-\$700
Freezers\$369-\$1,120

#2 Building Material

Plywood 1/2" \$18, 5/8" \$20, 3/4" \$22
2x4x8' to 16'\$2.80-\$4.60
2x6x8' to 16'\$3.40-\$6.75
1/2"x16" T&G PVC ..\$2.80 LF
Exterior Doors ..Starting at \$170
#2 Metal Roofing\$1.80-\$2.65
9x100 House Wrap\$45.00
Singles\$22.00 Bundle
1" - 4" Foam Board\$14-\$40

Adirondack Discount Sales
302 Bacon Brook Rd, Dolgeville, NY
315-429-3184

Clothing

Do you need winter boots? Check our selection of Dry Shod boots and lightweight Tingley Boots. Mohawk Valley Ag, 95 Willet St., Fort Plain 518-993-2543

Clothing

We have Rocky insulated waterproof hunting boots in stock. Mohawk Valley Ag, 95 Willet St., Fort Plain 518-993-2543

Custom Services

BUSINESS CARDS: 1,000 for only \$60.00, full color glossy. Give us your existing card or we will design one for you! Set up & sales tax additional. **FREE SHIPPING** included. Call Lee Newspapers Inc. at 518-673-0171 email commercialprint@leepub.com

Dogs

BORDER COLLIE Puppies, first shots, dewormed, ready January 17th. Leroy Frey, 386 Fisher Rd., Fultonville, NY 12072

GERMAN SHEPHERD Border Collie mix puppies, 2 males, \$100. 315-823-0866, leave message.

VALENTINE PUPPIES: Miniature Schnauzer, AKC, smart & sassy, blacks and salt & pepper, allergy free and no shedding. First shots, tails, dewclawed, wormed, vet checked. 30 years experience. A lot of TLC. \$800. For more info. call 315-894-1335, Ilion, NY.

Feed, Seed, Grain & Corn

Is hay hard to find? We carry a grass/alfalfa hay pellet in 40lb. bags and bulk tote bags. Mohawk Valley Ag, 95 Willet St., Fort Plain 518-993-2543

For Rent

CANAJOHARIE APARTMENTS

Now Taking Applications for

Modern 1 BR Apartment

Rent **\$775 Month**

Heat, Hot Water, Dishwasher, Range,
Refrigerator & AC All Included

No Pets - No Smoking

Call **518-673-8500**

For Rent

1 BR APARTMENT FOR RENT, Van Hornesville, no large dogs. 315-542-4370

ILION: One bedroom apartment. Upstairs. Newly remodeled. No dogs. Rent \$650 plus security. Electric not included. 315-894-4411



For Sale

UTILITY TRAILER black with drop gate, 4x6, \$300 firm; indoor fuel tank, kept in basement, 175 gal. w/stand and all the set-up accessories, covers on, \$300; 2 refrigerators, apartment size (black) \$75, table top \$40; 1 standard refrigerator, \$75.00. 315-894-1335

2000 Chevy Silverado automatic 6-cylinder 4WD 95,000 miles runs well. new parts. 2 Goodyear Wrangler Tires LT265 70R 17. 2 Dakota Futura Tires good condition 31x10 50R 15 LT. 2 Arctic Claw Winter TXI snow tires 215 65 R15. Miscellaneous Tires- Best offer. 315-866-9131

RAFFLE TICKETS - 100-\$35, 250-\$60, 500-\$65, 1,000-\$80. Other quantities available. Set up, sales tax, & shipping additional. **Call Lee Newspapers Inc. 518-673-0171** or email commercialprint@leepub.com

Furniture

KITCHEN TABLE oak, round with 4 chairs, must see, remodeling will sell for \$100.00; 4pc. bedroom set, nightstand, tall dresser & dresser w/mirror, exc. cond. \$100.00. 315-894-1335

WALNUT full length tilting floor stand mirror, \$10.00; walnut desk, \$15.00; deluxe office chair, never used, \$100.00; solid oak single bed frame with bookcase headboard, \$25.00. 315-894-1335

For Rent

Heating

WOOD PELLETS - BUY THE BAG OR BUY THE TON. New England Premium Wood Pellets - low ash, low maintenance and clean burning. C.H. BURKDORF & SON, 35 Hough St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7016

WANTED: Vermont casting (Dutchwest) wood stove model #2462 any condition. 315-444-8073

Heating

Try our quality wood pellets, stove, nut, rice & pea coal in stock. Mohawk Valley Ag, 95 Willet St., Fort Plain 518-993-2543

Help Wanted

LEGAL SECRETARY: Experience a must, work from home, part-time into full-time. Call Rita, 646-771-5247.

HELP WANTED: Part time Bookkeeper needed. Computer & internet literate. Applications available at C.H. BURKDORF & SON, 35 Hough St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7016

Insulation

DON'T LET YOUR HOME BE COLD THIS WINTER! - Insulating with fiberglass insulation is the way to go to save money & keep it warm. Kraft faced, unfaced, and Rockwool insulation available at C.H. BURKDORF & SON, 35 Hough St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7016

Legal Notices

LITTLESEA LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/30/22. Office: Herkimer County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agents Inc. at 90 State Street, Suite, 700, Office 40 Albany, NY 12207, USA Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Lumber & Wood Products

PREMIUM PINE - 1" x 4". 6", 8", 10", 12"; 1" x 6" tongue & groove, and 1" x 12" rough cut. Available at C.H. BURKDORF & SON, 35 Hough St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7016

PLYWOOD - 7/16 OSB, CDX, UL and Wall & Roof ZIP - all available at C.H. BURKDORF & SON, 35 Hough St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7016

Magnets

MAGNETIC TRUCK SIGNS. Call with your needs. Lee Newspapers Inc. 518-673-0171

BUSINESS CARD MAGNETS. 50-\$35, 100-\$55, 200-\$75. Set up, sales tax, & shipping additional. Please allow 7-10 business days for delivery. Call Lee Newspapers Inc. at 518-673-0171 or commercialprint@leepub.com

Country Editor

PO Box 121, 6113 State Hwy. 5
Palatine Bridge, NY 13428
800-836-2888 • Fax: 518-673-2381
classified@leepub.com

Miscellaneous

Corrugated Signs, Shopping Bags/Totes, Gift Certificates, Invitations, Labels, Magnets, Business Cards, Rack Cards, Banners, Postcards, Business Forms, Non-Carbon Reproduction Forms (NCR), Signs, Pull-Up Banner Stands, Feather Banner Stands, Door Hangers, Envelopes, Posters, Calendars, Self-Inking Stamps, Flyers/Brochures. Call with your needs. Set up, sales tax, & shipping additional. **Lee Newspapers Inc.** 518-673-0171 or commercialprint@leepub.com

FREE: 2 Female cats, very clean, affectionate, make great companions; 315-360-1163, 315-866-1471

Check our selection of feed. We carry Poulin Grain, Hunters Special dog food, Buttons & Bows cat food, Beaverdam dog & cat food, wood shavings in paper & plastic bags, Black oil sunflower seed, suet cakes & more. Mohawk Valley Ag, 95 Willet St., Fort Plain 518-993-2543

Professional Services

PAINT AND PAPER Specializing in historic and higher end homes. 1 room or all plus cabinets, decorative painting, faux finishing, murals, furniture, and cosmetic wall repairs. Since 1995 and local to Otsego County since 2015. Excellent references. Fully insured. Serving most areas within 25 miles of East Springfield, NY. 732-239-1054. Ask for Marianne.

13 OR 14-MONTH PHOTO WALL CALENDARS ONLY \$15.00!

- Bring in your USB, SD card, or photos for us to scan
 - Email your photos to: commercialprint@leepub.com
- Set up & sales tax additional
Call **518-673-0171**
Lee Newspapers Inc.
6113 State Highway 5,
Palatine Bridge, NY 13428

Real Estate For Sale

TOWN OF OPPENHEIM, Fulton County, 86.5 acres woods with trails and creek, \$135,000; 34.7 acres mostly woods, \$87,000. Owner financing. 518-861-6541 www.helderbergrealty.com

Rentals

CORPORATE RENTAL, all amenities. Contact Rita V. Shapiro for details, 646-771-5247. Immediate occupancy.

Services Offered

DO RIGHT CONSTRUCTION

- Sheetrock • Remodel • Flooring
- Bathrooms • Kitchens • Plumbing
- Electrical Work • Swirl Ceilings
- Painting • Foundation/Chimney Repair
- Roofing • Framing • Additions • Siding
- Decking • Pressure Washing

Free Estimates • Insured **315-272-9644**

Want your local Country Editor delivered to your mailbox?

We are now offering subscriptions!

6 Months Only

\$60.00

1 Year Only

\$100.00

Contact your sales representative or call

518-673-0166



Services Offered

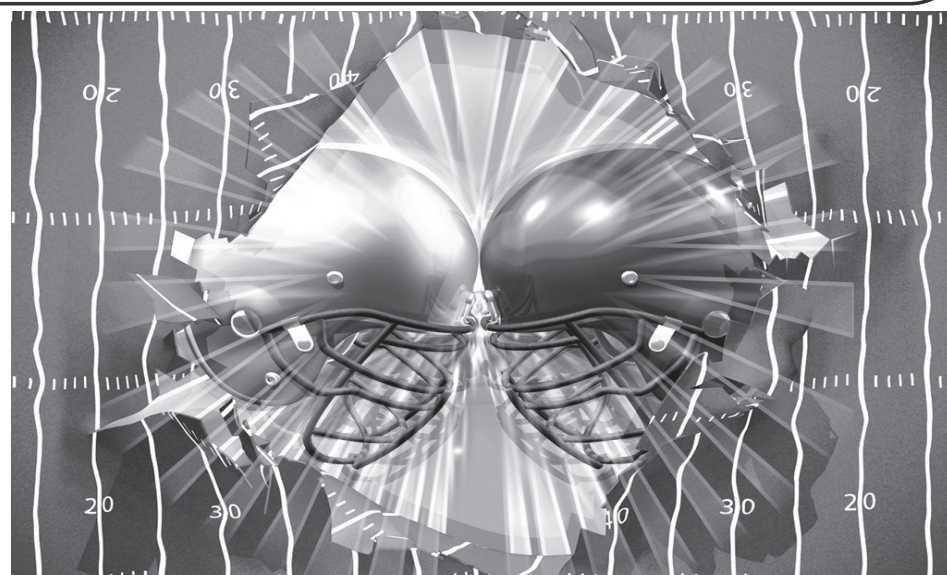
PHOTOS: 8x10- \$3.00, 11x17- \$4.00, 13x19- \$6.00. (2)8x10's, (4)5x7's, (9)4x6's, (12)3x5's. Lee Newspapers Inc., 6113 State Hwy. 5, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428. 518-673-3237

Truck Parts & Equipment

LOOKING FOR 1992 Toyota club cab truck bed and other misc. parts. 315-894-1335



Services Offered



GIFT CERTIFICATES (8.5" X 3.625")

Full Color Incl.
30¢ ea.

Set Up: \$15.00

Custom Sizes Available - Call For Quote
& Large Quantities



6113 State Highway 5 Palatine Bridge, NY 13428
Phone: 518-673-0101 • Fax: 518-673-3245
commercialprint@leepub.com

*NYS tax applies for in-state orders.



CLIP & SEND

MAIL
OR CALL



Country Editor

PO Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 • Ph: 800-836-2888 OR 518-673-0111

\$4.00/14 words
\$0.10 each additional
per word

Deadline Friday 2pm - Fill Out This Form OR
Call Us To Place Your Reader Ad

CLASSIFIED READER AD FORM

Today's Date _____ # of Weeks to Run _____ Starting Issue Date (Friday Date)

COPY: (First 14 words \$4.00, each additional word 10¢, phone number counts as one word)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14 words - \$4.00	15 words - \$4.10			
16 words - \$4.20	17 words - \$4.30	18 words - \$4.40	19 words - \$4.50	20 words - \$4.60
21 words - \$4.70	22 words - \$4.80	23 words - \$4.90	24th word - \$5.00	25 words - \$5.10
26 words - \$5.20	27 words - \$5.30	28 words - \$5.40	29th word - \$5.50	30 words - \$5.60
31 words - \$5.70	32 words - \$5.80	33 words - \$5.90	34th word - \$6.00	

Name (Print): _____

Farm/Company Name: _____

Street: _____ County: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment Method: ☐ Check/Money Order ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Visa ☐ MC

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ MM / YY

* (REQ.) Card Security Code # _____

Name on Credit Card (print): _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Ph: 800-836-2888 or 518-673-0111 • Fax: 518-673-2381 • Email: classified@leepub.com

Mail: Country Editor, PO Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Justice Dept. agency

4 Physician's nickname

7 Grating

12 Vintage

13 Away from WSW

14 Mountain crest

15 Set afire

16 Yosemite peak featured in "Free Solo"

18 "CSI" evidence

19 Dewy

20 Billboard

22 Swiss peak

23 Bloke

27 Author Fleming

29 Abrasion

31 Planet circlers

34 Heart line

35 Coffeehouse bill collector

37 L-P link

38 Utah ski resort

39 "Yoo- —!"

41 Pottery oven

45 Quotable Yogi

47 Eastern path

48 Bygone Cadillacs

52 Copper head?

53 Tierney of "The Affair"

54 Superlative

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14

15 16 17

18 19

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

27 28 29 30

31 32 33 34

35 36 37

38 39 40 41 42 43 44

45 46 47

48 49 50 51 52

53 54 55

56 57 58

suffix

7 Engrossed

33 Choose

55 Texter's chuckle

8 "Exodus" hero

36 Mother of Zeus

31 Planet circlers

56 Velocity

9 Fixed

37 Gloomy

34 Heart line

57 Irish actor Stephen

10 Sch. org

40 Sequence

35 Coffeehouse bill collector

11 Hankering

42 Tuscany setting

37 L-P link

58 Decade parts (Abbr.)

17 Nile vipers

43 Hard work

38 Utah ski resort

21 Martial arts warrior

44 Seasonal songs

39 "Yoo- —!"

23 Swindler

45 Thin nail

41 Pottery oven

24 Guffaw syllable

46 Nick and Nora's dog

45 Quotable Yogi

25 Suitable

48 Ambulance initials

47 Eastern path

26 Green shade

49 Napkin's place

48 Bygone Cadillacs

28 Simile part

50 Payable

52 Copper head?

30 Paint container

51 Mine material

53 Tierney of "The Affair"

31 1959 Kings-ton Trio hit

54 Superlative

6 Director DeMille

32 Texas tea

MAGIC MAZE • LAST NIGHT'S PARTY

F Q O T M J H F C A Y G W U R

P N L C H A M P A G N E J H F

D B N Z X G S V T I O R S Q O

M E K W I H I R C T F G K D B

C S V Z O Y H N E W V N R T R

S A D I Q D A L D M O I O N L

K T B N T D T M I I A R W H F

D C S R E S S N U A M E E Z E

X W V A I I E U U S S E R R N

Q O N M O D R F M O I H I T Y

K J I I T T E F N O C C F H S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: AULD LANG —

- Cab ride
Champagne
Cheering
Confetti
- Countdown
Dancing
Festive
Fireworks
- Friends
Hats
Midnight
Mistletoe
- Music
Streamers
Toasts

©2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	8		2		9		
2				1		8	
		4		6	5		3
1				8	6	2	
		5		9	3		
	9		3	4			1
	6			2			5
8			7		1		
		7		3		9	

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

THE TIRE SHOP

Multi Line New Tire Dealer

Tire Repair

Oil Changes

Custom Wheels

Auto Accessories

Interstate Batteries

Century Pickup Truck Caps

Lawn and Garden Tires

ATV & UTV Tires

Semi-Tractor & Trailer Tire Service

Semi-Tractor & Trailer Computer

Spin Balancing

Semi-Tractor & Trailer Recapping Available

Goodyear National Accounts

NYS Contract Pricing

OTR Tires

Log Skidder Tires

Agricultural Tires

Tire Chains

Ag-Bags

Net Wrap

Bale Wrap

Financing Available

518-673-5399

THETIRESHOP.BIZ

OPEN MON.-SAT. 8-6

155 Erie Blvd., Canajoharie, NY

ON THE FARM TIRE SERVICE

These pages sponsored by

Country CULTURE

Visit the countryculture.co.

Mega Maze Solution

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mailbox is missing. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Number is different. 4. Sign is missing. 5. Bricks are missing. 6. Chair is missing.

SCRAMBLERS

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

Volunteer

SILENT

Quick

GAILE

Vast

ABORD

Band

ESPRIT

TODAY'S WORD

"Locate any _____?"

Home Country

Slim Randles

I don't mind Boots. He just curls up quietly against my belly and stays put. But sleeping with Desdemona can be a bit unnerving. She snores. Sometimes she gets little bad dreams and scratches me, too. But hey, I get to come in out of the cold and sleep with Aunt Ada's cats on her sofa, and a guy can tolerate a certain amount of cat snoring for that.

I was glad when I heard Aunt Ada pattering in the kitchen because I knew it was time to get up. After she let me out, she fed me and let me tell you – that kibble was just as good this morning as it was yesterday. And

then she petted me, called me her dear Billy and let me out to do my rounds.

Don't let anyone tell you being the official town dog is easy. Nossirree. First, there are the kids. Me and Martin, the crossing guard, have to see them safely across the street and to school each morning. Must be band day, because I see a lot of instrument cases. Martin gets smiles from the children. I get smiles AND ear rumples, so what do you think of that!

Once those kids are safely across, the time is pretty much my own until the final bell rings in the afternoon. That would be after I get snacks at the back door of the Mule Barn and after my nap curled up against the brick wall of the drugstore downtown. You ever notice how those bricks hold the sunshine in them? Better than that white wall on the newspaper office.

This is a good day to

stop by the Rest of Your Life retirement home and check on Pop Walker and Mabel Adams. Oh, I make the rounds and check on everybody, of course, but I have to admit those two are my favorites.

If today is band day at school, tomorrow will be sale day at the sale barn at the edge of town. That's when the men bring their dogs in from the ranches to look at cows. They yell and talk funny. Not the dogs, of

These pages sponsored by

Country
CULTURE

visit the countryculture.ca.

course. Getting your sniffing up to date is always a good thing.

Love, Billy

Give a great nose a helpful lift. Send a gift to the East Tennessee Bloodhound Rescue at etbloodhoundrescue.org.

Around the Kitchen Table: What is clutter anyway?

by Tamra M. Bolton

Every January I get the overwhelming urge to organize and de-clutter my house. A few months ago, however, something happened that changed my outlook on not only my annual organizing frenzy but my perception of "clutter." I was visiting a friend who had lost her husband and she was in the process of sorting through not only his belongings, but his mother's as well. Her husband hadn't wanted the job of going through his mothers' things, so he kept procrastinating. Now Carol was left with the job.

As she surveyed the mountain of stuff, she threw her hands up in exasperation and said, "What is clutter anyway?! What looks like clutter to me may not be to someone else. Where do I start?" Good question.

I wouldn't call myself a minimalist, but I wouldn't say I'm a cozy type either. I guess I fall somewhere in between. Maintaining any type of "look" requires too much maintenance for realistic daily living. I admire people who can keep their house picture-perfect, but I don't want the stress. Taking an honest assessment of what you want from your home and what makes you comfortable is the most important thing.

Once, I asked a friend if she would give me honest feedback on my home. Did she think I had a style and could she give me some suggestions? (Make sure you really like this friend and you really want to know the truth.)

My friend looked at me, then around my sizeable living

space, then back at me. She shook her head and said, "You have the weirdest house I've ever seen, but I love it! It's interesting and every time I come over I see something I didn't see before. And it's, well, it's YOU!"

I burst out laughing. "That's the nicest thing anyone has ever said about my home! Thank you!" I meant it. I wasn't offended that she thought it was weird, because she's right. Nothing matches. Most of my furniture is old, some antiques. I have framed railroad maps and old tickets, pen and inks of unicorns and horses, black and white photographs from a century ago, my late brother's watercolor paintings, old Coca-Cola signs, botanical prints – and that's just the walls!

I have a peach couch, pea green club chairs, an upright piano as old as Methuselah, bowls of nature finds (acorns, cones, feathers, moss, etc.), stacks of old board games and puzzles, two saddles on a rack, family photos and the list goes on.

My friend helped me see my space with a new eye and I appreciated the revelation. If you want a certain look, go for it, but sometimes just looking at things with fresh eyes can help. Maybe rearranging things or paring

down some will help you achieve what you want.

Back to Carol and her dilemma – I was able to help her make a start on her project and even though it will take her some time, she has made progress. I believe she will finish this year.

Her question is foremost in my mind as I face 2023 and the prospect of making my space more comfortable. When I look at my rooms, I ask, "What is MY clutter?" and go from there.

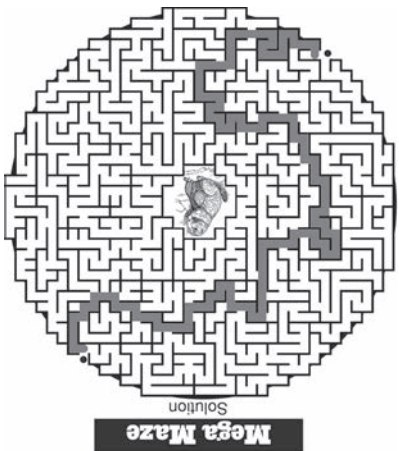
Your living space affects your mood, your level of stress and even how you feel about yourself. If it's that important, taking a little time to make a happier, more inviting space is definitely worth it.

Treat yourself to this easy yummy, low-cal dessert after you finish your project.

Berry Bliss

¼ cup blueberries
¼ cup sliced strawberries
½ cup crushed bran flake cereal
½ cup low-fat Greek vanilla yogurt
1/8 cup finely chopped walnuts
Layer ingredients in a parfait glass or tall tumbler. Enjoy!

S	R	A	E	D	E	E	S	P	E	E	S
L	O	L	E	S	T	A	R	A	E	S	T
A	B	E	S	O	S	A	D	O	R	A	E
T	A	O	B	E	R	R	A	E	S	T	A
K	I	L	N	O	H	O	A	L	T	A	E
O	N	O	M	N	A	R	J	P	T	I	A
A	O	R	T	A	S	N	O	O	M	O	S
C	R	A	P	E	S	C	R	A	P	E	S
C	H	A	P	S	I	G	N	A	L	P	C
T	S	T	M	O	I	S	T	D	N	A	E
A	P	I	T	A	N	E	L	C	A	P	I
E	A	R	E	T	E	O	L	D	E	N	E
P	Y	R	A	S	P	I	C	D	O	C	R



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

5	1	7	4	3	6	8	9	2
8	3	2	7	5	9	1	6	4
4	9	6	1	8	2	7	3	5
6	9	8	3	2	4	5	7	1
7	2	5	6	9	1	3	4	8
1	4	3	5	7	8	6	2	9
9	7	4	8	6	5	2	1	3
2	5	6	9	1	3	4	8	7
3	8	1	2	4	7	9	5	6

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

LAST NIGHT'S PARTY

CHAMPAGNE

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Broad; 4. Stripe; 1. Enlist; 2. Agile; solution

GORILLAS

Husqvarna Snowblowers

IN STOCK

All On Sale - Great Prices

Service You Can Depend On

2991 State Highway 5S
Fultonville, NY
518-853-4500
www.randallimpls.com

FARM, HOME & GARDEN

Growing African violets

by **Deborah J. Benoit, Extension Master Gardener, UVM**

You've probably seen African violets with their neat rosettes of fuzzy leaves and clusters of purple flowers.

Native to Africa, the species were discovered in 1892 by Baron von Saint Paul-Illaire in the mountainous rainforests of Tanzania. Today, there are over 16,000 registered hybridized varieties.

African violets come in miniature (six-inch), semi-miniature (eight-inch) and standard (12-inch) sizes. There are even trailing varieties. Flowers can be single or double, with colors ranging from

violet and white to pinks, reds and even pale yellows.

Leaves come in solid greens or variegations of green, cream and pink. Leaf edges can be smooth, scalloped or serrated.

With the exception of trailing varieties, African violet foliage forms a circular rosette around a central crown. Secondary crowns, called "suckers," sometimes form and should be removed (except on trailing varieties). As it grows, the sucker will affect the plant's shape. When small, suckers can be easily removed with tweezers.

If not removed, a sucker can grow large enough to compete with the original crown. A large sucker can be removed intact and potted up to grow into a clone of the original plant.

If the secondary crown is near the soil, it may already have its own roots. To divide the plant, remove it from its pot. Insert a clean, sharp knife between the original crown and the secondary crown, and cut through the root ball. Return the original plant to its pot, adding soil as needed, and pot up the new plant.

An African violet's pot should be about one-third the diameter of the leaf rosette. Use a soil mix that is light and airy. You can lighten a standard potting soil by adding coarse perlite in a ratio of two parts potting soil to one part perlite. Some growers mix

their own using equal parts peat, perlite and vermiculite.

African violets prefer bright, filtered light and temperatures between 65° and 80° F. They can do well on an east or north windowsill or on a plant stand using grow lights. Place grow lights about 12 inches above standard-sized African violets and eight inches above miniatures or semi-miniatures.

When the soil feels dry,

water from beneath the leaves, giving the soil a good drink. Or fill a saucer and allow the soil to soak up the water. Remove any water that remains in the saucer after 30 minutes. Excess water can lead to root rot.

Fertilize using a flowering houseplant food or African violet food according to package directions.

African 29



A native plant of Africa, African violets with their rosette of thick, fuzzy leaves and beautiful blooms are a popular houseplant.



An African violet with multiple crowns can be removed from the pot and divided into two plants for repotting into separate containers. Photos courtesy of Deborah J. Benoit

MAC HYNEY & SONS CONSTRUCTION

**OWNER MAC HYNEY • CELL 518-857-1411
NOAH • 518-727-5163**

Our Services Include, But Are Not Limited To
DEMOLITION DRAINAGE TILE
SITE CLEARING DITCHING
FOUNDATIONS ALL TYPES OF DIRT WORK

OVER 50 YEARS EXPERIENCE

MACRI LAW OFFICE

Attorney and Counselor at Law



**A Full Service Law Firm Specializing
in Criminal & DWI Law**

315-866-6144

203 North Prospect Street, Herkimer
macrilawoffice@gmail.com



Wednesday
thru Saturday
10-6
Sunday 10-4
facebook.com/freedomliquidators

Freedom Liquidators

**The Valley's Mini
Department Store**

55 Main Street East, Nelliston • 518-993-8077

Something for the farmer in you!

- Animal Husbandry
- Land Maintenance
- Outdoor Recreation
- Household Topics
- Lifestyle Focuses

Country
CULTURE
THE LAND THE FOOD THE PEOPLE



**A Digital Publication
Platform for the Rural
Lifestyle Market**

NLee Newspapers Inc.
TRADE PAPERS • TRADE SHOWS

Country Culture
P.O. Box 121,
6113 St. Highway 5,
Palatine Bridge NY 13428

**Helping You Create a More
Sustainable Existence for You and Your Family
And Live Country Life to the Fullest**

WWW.COUNTRYCULTURE.CO

PETS

The Sportsman's Den
 *Hunting *Fishing *Archery

D&D's Pet Supplies
 *Fish *Critters *Birds *Reptiles

Move postponed until further notice. We will remain at
 36 Canal Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339
 www.thesportsmansden-ny.com
 countrytowne@yahoo.com 518-993-1010




Barney's Angels

Boarding, Kennel & Daycare Services
 Check out Barney's Angels Dog Sitters on Facebook!
 315-525-3330 • 4361 Acme Rd., Ilion



Home Environment
 Clean ~ Safe
 Daily Facebook Dog Videos
 Friendly & Spacious
 We take cats and big & small dogs!



*"An animal's eyes
 have the power
 to speak a
 great language."
 — Martin Buber*



African from 28

Unlike most plants, African violets can be propagated from a single leaf. To do so, carefully remove a healthy leaf. Make a clean cut at the bottom of the stem. Prepare a container with moistened potting mix. Make a hole in the soil, and place about one inch of the stem in it at a 45° angle. Gently press the soil around the stem.

Cover the pot with a plastic bag or

an inverted glass jar to retain humidity. Place in indirect light.

Release excess moisture as needed by opening the cover. In three to four weeks, roots should form, and about month later, tiny leaves will emerge at the base of the stem. When they're about the size of a dime, the plantlets can be separated and transferred to their own pots.

African violet leaves also can be root-

ed by placing a leaf, with its stem submerged, in a container of room temperature water. Roots should appear in a few weeks. When they've grown more than a quarter inch, the leaf can be planted in potting soil as above.

For more information on African violets, check out the African Violet Society of America's website at africanvioletsofamerica.org.

www.LeesShopsAtWagnerSquare.com

**LEE'S SHOPS at
 WAGNER SQUARE**
 CANAJOHARIE, NY

It's more than
 shopping.
 it's an
 Adventure!

Visit the most talked about gift shop in Central New York!

"Be prepared to say, WOW!" ~ A. Menge, Amsterdam, NY

"You truly could win awards with the interior design of this shop, simply gorgeous!" ~ G. Downes, Canajoharie, NY

Over 40,000 Items & Over 8,000 Sq Ft



Open 7 Days a Week

24 CHURCH STREET
 CANAJOHARIE NY 13317

Less than 1 minute
 from Exit 29
 off the NYS Thruway

518-673-0292



FAMILY OWNED & LOCALLY OPERATED SINCE 1992

**Benson's
 Pet Center**

**Find all your
 pets' favorite food,
 treats & toys!**

Visit us in Johnstown
 and
 See what's on sale



The Family Counseling Center offers advice on goal setting for the new year

The start of a new year often brings with it the expectation of resolution making – and the universal experience of dropping our resolutions within the first few weeks. Experts in mental health, however, suggest that instead of making resolutions, we consider focusing on setting goals. Goals involve a process of planning, intention setting and action that resolutions often do not.

The impact of goal setting on mental health can be extremely positive. The new year is the perfect time to take a moment for self-reflection, checking in on your mental and emotional health and finding goals you can work toward achieving. Studies have shown that individuals who consistently set and achieve goals have a more optimistic view of life, are more resilient when facing failures or roadblocks and have higher self-esteem.

Regardless of the goal, self-reflection is key. “Goals are very personal,” said Dana Collier, LMHC, NCC, CASAC-T, MBA, director of clinical services at the Family Counseling Center in Gloversville. “Because of this, an individual needs to reflect on their personal values, self-evaluate their strengths and weaknesses and have a realistic outlook on what they can achieve. The purpose of goal setting is to stretch our personal growth in some form or another.”

As you begin to set your goals for 2023, here are a few questions to help you in the process:

- What is important to you?
- What are your hopes and dreams for this year?
- What would you like to do more of?
- What does being happy mean to you?
- What is an area in life you would like to improve?

There are many different strategies for goal setting; below are some tips to help you set goals.

Goals should be achievable, believable and require commitment to working on them.

Achievable goals are targeted and individualized. They take into account your ability and are set in a way that encourages growth and success.

Believable goals are practical and planned out in a way that can be easily done in real life.

Commitment to the goal is critical to successfully accomplishing it. Creating a means of accountability – for example, having a friend to whom you update on where you are in achieving the goal – is a good way to maintain commitment.

Making a plan on how you are going to achieve your stated goal helps to make the goal attainable.

“Great big goals are wonderful things to reach toward,” said

Collier, “but you need to set smaller goals, both long- and short-term in order to achieve success. Having a solid plan, plotting out the how and celebrating each and every time you cross one of those smaller goals off the list helps you stay motivated. Success, no matter how small, is important to our view of ourselves and the world around us.”

Check in with your progress and adjust your strategy if needed.

Life has a funny way of making us adjust carefully laid out plans. The ability to evaluate our progress and re-adjust creates resiliency. Check in with your goals often, perhaps monthly, in order to see where you are, how far you’ve come and what you need to change in order to keep moving forward.

A final word of advice? Collier said it’s important to be accepting of our failures and forgive ourselves. “Any progress is a measure of success. That’s why small and large goals are important to the process. For some of us, just the act of setting the goal, taking time to self-reflect and the exercise of making the goal plan is a success. For others, overcoming a roadblock is a success, whether the final goal is reached or not. Celebrate each and every success as you work toward your goals.”

Interesting facts about Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most influential figures of the 20th century. King’s tireless activism during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s improved the lives of millions of people and his tragic assassination on April 4, 1968 marked one of the darkest days in American history.

King’s oratory prowess is well-documented. Individuals across the globe are familiar with his “I Have a Dream” speech, which King delivered during the March on Washington. Less familiar are some other notable facts about the life of King.

- If he were alive today, Martin Luther King Jr. would still be years away from his 100th birthday. King was assassinated in 1968, when he was not yet 40 years old. Born in Atlanta in 1929, King could still be alive today and would have celebrated his 94th birthday on Jan. 15, 2023.

- King was an extraordinarily gifted stu-

dent. At an age when many students were preparing to enter their sophomore or junior year of high school, King began his freshman year of college at Morehouse College. King enrolled at Morehouse when he was 15 after the school opened enrollment to junior high students in an effort to overcome a dip in enrollment related to World War II. King passed the entrance exam and enrolled in autumn 1944.

- King was ordained as a minister prior to graduating from Morehouse. The Baptist ministry was something of a family business for the Kings, as his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all Baptist ministers. However, King did not initially intend to follow that path. He ultimately changed course and entered the ministry at age 18, graduating from Morehouse with a degree in sociology a year later.

- King survived a knife attack years before his assassination. King was stabbed in

the chest with a letter opener during a book signing event in Harlem in 1958. His assailant, Izola Curry, was ultimately deemed mentally incompetent to stand trial. Though the attack did not kill him, King had to undergo intensive emergency surgery and was hospitalized for several weeks.

- Conspiracy theories surround King’s assassination. King’s assassin, James Earl Ray, was found guilty and sentenced to 99 years in prison. Authorities, including the U.S. Department of Justice, concluded Ray, a career criminal, acted alone. However, some, including surviving members of King’s family, believed his assassination was part of a conspiracy.

Despite his tragic assassination in 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. left his mark on the world. That legacy is even more remarkable when considering the unique twists and turns King’s life took prior to his death.

Ron Fobare’s Painting & Home Remodeling

Painting, Dry Wall & Dry Wall Repair, Textured Ceilings, Water Damage, Replacement Windows & All Home Repair

Fully Insured

No Job Too Small
Over 35 Years Experience
315-570-1985

Shults INSURANCE AGENCY

3 Canal Street
Fort Plain, NY 13339
(518) 993-2387
Fax: (518) 993-2302

Briggs Street Plaza
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 762-8200
Fax: (518) 762-1400

CALL US FOR A QUOTE ON ALL OF YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS!

(800) 836-2885
mail@shultsagency.com

shultsagency.com

INTEGRITY • VALUE • SERVICE

Gram Lorraine Project hosted at Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks



The Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks participated with the Fort Plain Central Schools’ Gram Lorraine Project. Through the generosity of the Elks National Foundations Beacon Grant, the lodge was able to purchase gifts and dinners for area families that could use a helping hand.
Photo courtesy of Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks

A. HAMAN CREATIVE SOLUTIONS
Since 2015

BASIC SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT DIGITAL ARTWORK

EFFICIENT & COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS.

AHAMANCREATIVE@GMAIL.COM

Facebook Instagram

Fell off the Truck Deals

EVERYTHING IS 50% OFF Retail

Facebook @felloffthetruckdeals
518-246-0711
elemoine1234@gmail.com

“Where Everyday is Black Friday!”

29 Church Street, Canajoharie, NY

New stuff daily, Restock every week

Did you know?

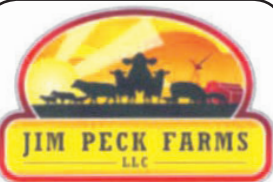
Comic books have inspired countless Hollywood blockbusters over the last 20 years, but even the most devoted comic book fan may not recognize just how influential the genre was more than a half century ago. Comic books and the Civil Rights Movement may seem like an unlikely pairing, but

History.com notes that a 1957 comic book titled "Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story" affected a generation of activists more than 50 years ago.

The book, written by activist Alfred Hassler and illustrated by Sy Barry, highlighted the heroic efforts of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. during the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 and promoted the merits of nonviolent protest. A quarter million copies of the book were printed and

distributed by churches and civil rights groups. Among the many individuals to credit the comic book were the late U.S. Congressman John Lewis, a widely respected civil rights activist who admitted reading the book as an 18-year-old.

History.com notes the book's reach extended beyond the U.S., ultimately inspiring anti-apartheid protesters in South Africa before it was banned by the South African government.



**Custom
Livestock
Hauling**

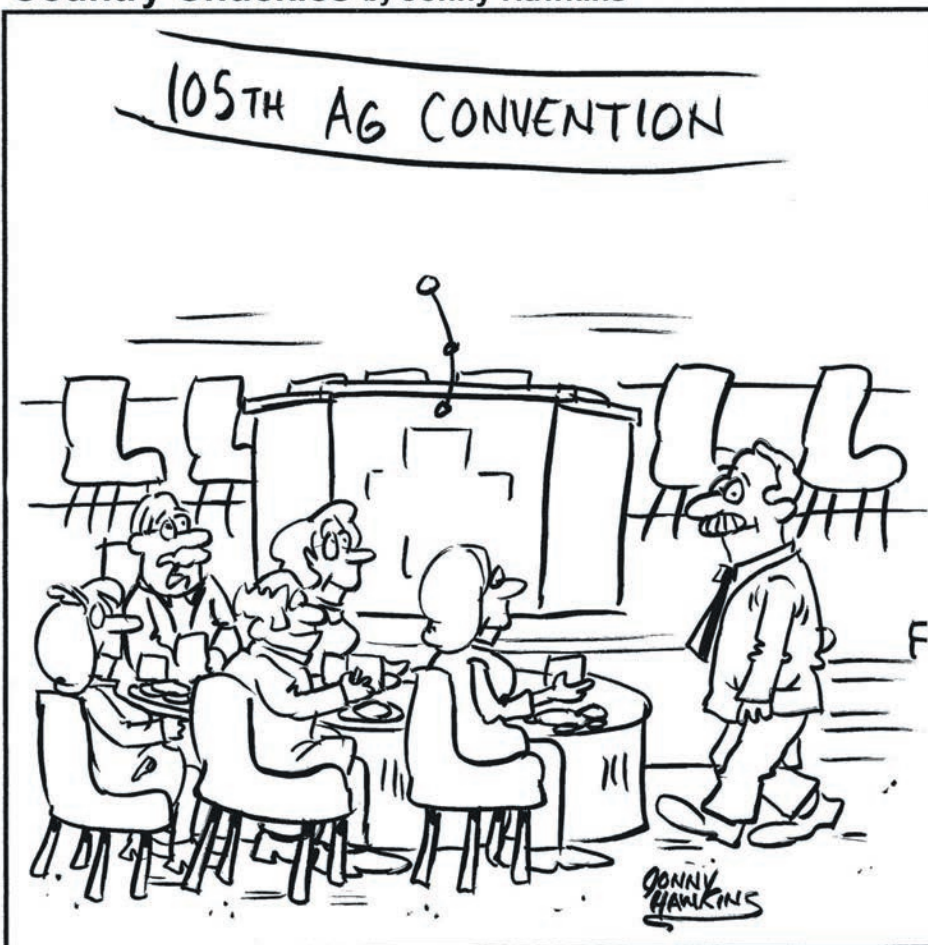
Jim Peck Farms LLC
518-844-9304
jgp@jimpeckfarmllc.com



Donna

**Congratulations on
25 Years of
Dedicated Service
At Lee Newspapers!**

Country Chuckles by Jonny Hawkins



"He raises grains. He's the keen oat speaker."

Freddy Bear riddle contest winners



Beverley Gloskey of Canajoharie won the Freddy Bear riddle contest in the Dec. 13 issue. Her answer to "What has needles but can't sew?" was a Christmas tree. She won a \$20 gift card to Fell Off the Truck. Renee Betty of Frankfort was the winner of the Dec. 6 riddle. She was awarded a \$20 gift certificate to Fell off the Truck for "A fiery shrub around Christmas time you'll you see - it looks like flowers but is just leaves on a small tree!" (Answer: Poinsettia.)



585-735-6973
REASONABLY PRICED
CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

- Clothing Alterations
- Zippers • Hems
- Prom Dress Alterations
- Hems/Zippers Repaired or Replaced
- Household Items Repaired or Customized

211 Bellinger Ave., Herkimer, NY

MASSAGE THERAPY

- Relaxation
- Improve Circulation
- Relieve Stress
- General Well Being

SHARON NARE
NYS Licensed Massage Therapist

1 Tryon Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010
518-842-7420



**Seasoned Mixed
Hardwood Firewood**

Call for price and delivery options
518-603-6833
Sprakers, NY 12166

**We Want To Celebrate
With You!**

Have a loved one with a birthday, anniversary, or graduation? Showcase any special occasion or remembrance in the **Country Editor** for a nominal fee!

EMAIL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS
TO BMAUK@LEEPUB.COM
You can include a photo and a brief message.



518-568-3562
360 County Highway 151
St. Johnsville, NY 13452



Complete Post Frame Designs
Premium Quality Building Materials
WE DELIVER!



The Area's Most-Read Publication with the Largest Circulation!

**The Country Editor is available at various community locations for everyone to enjoy.
Serving the Mohawk Valley from Amsterdam to Richfield Springs and EVERYWHERE between!**

Be sure to stop by any of these locations and pick up a copy!

Amsterdam

- ADK Feed
- Chatterbox
- Country Feed • Dutch Mart
- Fastrac Amsterdam
- Fastrac Vails Mills
- Hannaford • Jackie's Diner
- Jin's Wine & Liquor
- Karen's Produce (seasonal)
- Knights Inn Laundromat
- Mobil Mart • Mobil Station
- Outdoor Motorsports • Peking
- Price Chopper • Raindancer
- Southside Beverage
- Star's Cafe • Town & Country Deli
- Route 30 Wine & Liquor
- Four Corner Tire
- Tribes Hill Deli

Broadalbin

- Café in the Village
- ADK Country Store

Buel

- Buel Road Repair

Canajoharie

- Arkell Museum
- Berean Bean • Betty Beavers
- Brotherhood Antiques
- Canajoharie Golf Country Club
- Cornerstone Baptist Church
- Fell Off The Truck • Gino's
- Lee's Shops at Wagner Square
- M'Lady Salon • NBT
- One Stop & Shop
- Shults Market & Deli
- Smoker's Choice • Taco29
- The Tire Shop • Village Diner

Cherry Valley

- Cherry Valley Market
- Cherry Valley Post Office
- Mirabito
- The Teepee
- Tryon Inn

Dolgeville

- Big M • Chester's Sunoco
- Dolgeville Public Library
- George Lumber
- Southern Girl Diner • Stewart's

East Springfield

- Kelly's Deli • Turnpike Auto Sales

Ephratah

- Brittany's Diner
- Granny's Ice Cream (seasonal)

Esperance

- Dollar General • Hannaford
- Iroquois Museum
- Stewart's

Fonda

- Cumberland Farms
- Fairway Oil
- Frothingham Free Library
- Fulton-Montgomery CCE
- Kateri Shrine
- Stewart's • Winner's Circle

Fort Plain

- Big E's Feed & Seed (formerly Fort Plain Agway)
- Dutch Country Market
- Dutchman Enterprises • 5S Diner
- Esther's Budget Shop
- Fort Plain Public Library
- Pickle Hill Produce & Bulk
- 7M Supply • Save A Lot
- Sheila's Hair Salon
- Sleepy Forest Bakery
- Sportsman's Den • Stewart's (Both)
- The Rustic Crow
- True Value
- Mohawk Valley Produce Auction

Frankfort

- ADK Food & Fuel • Country Farms
- Dollar General
- Melrose Grocery

Fultonville

- Fultonville Redemption Center
- McDonald's
- Michael's Diner
- Onvo Travel Plaza
- Randall Implements
- TA Travel Center • United Ag & Turf

Glen

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

Gloversville

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

Herkimer

- Citgo • Dick's Wheel Shop
- Empire Diner • Fastrac • Fat Cats
- Frank J. Basloe Library
- Hannaford
- Herkimer Co. Office For Aging
- Renewed & Rescued
- Sam's Deli • Smoker's Choice
- Subway in Sunoco
- T&J Fruits & Vegetables
- True Value • Tractor Supply
- Nathan Galinsky Apartments
- Massaro & Son Florist, LLC
- Stewart's

Ilion

- Beer Belly Bob's
- Cliff's • Colonial Laundromat
- 4 Seasons Tire
- Dollar General • Lombardos
- Sorrento's • Stewart's

Johnstown

- Clyde's Stop & Shop • Gulf
- Harvey's Pet
- Johnstown Moose #1185
- Miss Johnstown Diner
- Price Chopper • Stewart's (3)
- Super 8 • Whitey's
- Wemple & Edick's

Little Falls

- Ace Hardware
- Ann Street Restaurant & Deli
- Bonitas
- Café at Stone Mill
- Circle K/Nice N Easy
- Dollar General • George Lumber
- Keep Making Suds Laundromat
- Kinney Drugs
- Little Falls Antique Center
- Little Falls Library
- Little Falls Lumber
- Mangia Macrinas
- Paca Gardens • Price Chopper
- RD's Redemption • Runway Sunoco
- Sam's Deli • Showcase Antiques
- Charles Stahl
- Stewart's • Travelodge

Mayfield

- Food & Fuel • Hart's Motorsport

Middleville

- Stewart's

Mohawk

- Family Dollar
- Smoker's Choice
- Fastrac • Mohawk Post Office

Nelliston

- Eisenadler Brauhaus
- Freedom Liquidators
- Midvale Vet • Q's Mart

Newport

- Bradford Library
- Newport Marketplace
- Village Laundry & Car Wash

Palatine Bridge

- Ace Hatchet Hardware
- Below Zero • Big Lots
- Courtney's Grooming
- Country Farms
- Laundromat
- Lee Newspapers, Inc. • McDonald's
- Palatine Nursing Home

Palatine Bridge

- Price Chopper • Stewart's
- Tractor Supply

Poland

- Circle K Nice N Easy
- Poland Library • Stewart's

Richfield Springs

- Aubuchon Hardware
- Cassidy's Diner
- Dollar General • Kinney Drugs
- McDonald's • Mirabito
- Price Chopper • Stewart's

Salisbury

- Covered Bridge Convenience
- Kirby Library
- Nichols Country Store
- Spruce Creek Campground (summer)

Sharon Springs

- LOG House Minimart
- Sharon Springs Free Library
- Stewart's

Sloansville

- Mobil • Sloansville Wine & Liquors

Sprakers

- Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter
- Byler's Custom Cabinets
- Sprakers Post Office
- Sprakers Produce
- Stockyard

St. Johnsville

- Bridge Street Diner • C.H. Burkdorf
- Country Farms • Dollar General
- Kinney Drugs • Monte Grab & Go
- Sitterly's
- St. Johnsville Marina (seasonal)
- St. Johnsville Rehab & Nursing Home
- Stewart's
- Two Brothers Laundromat

Subscriptions Now Available! Easily upload photos for the Kid's Community Corner or press releass right from our website

In addition to the articles and calendar of events you enjoy, we will also be including obituaries.

Send your articles and calendar of events items to Gary Elliott at cfeditor@leepub.com or call 518-673-0143.

For any other information or questions please contact Becky Mauk at 518-673-0166, bmauk@leepub.com, fax 518-673-2381.

Follow us on Facebook 

Upload photos on our web page! - Visit us online at www.countryeditor.net