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Digital coupons offer another way to score deals

Coupons enable cost-conscious consumers to save money on the goods and services they frequently use. As a marketing tool, coupons can help drive up sales and promote brand or store loyalty, leading to an increase in repeat customers.

The first coupon issued in the United States was believed to be a ticket for a free glass of Coca-Cola, issued in 1888. Grape Nuts soon followed, offering one-cent coupons for discounts on cereal. Today, billions of dollars are saved thanks to the use of retail and manufacturer coupons.

Although coupons help people save money, they also serve as important market research tools and a means to advertise products. Today, coupons come in many different forms.

According to the coupon provider Red-Plum, 76 percent of coupon-seekers utilize newspapers as their primary sources for deals and coupons. Coupon book publishers and those that produce coupon magazine vouchers still promote paper coupons, which remain popular among consumers. However, thanks to the ever-growing popularity of mobile phones, digital coupons have carved out a place in the retail environment. Savvy shoppers use both traditional and digital coupons to earn big savings, according to Valassis, one of the nation's leading media and marketing services.

Digital coupon is a broad term used to represent various deals offered in digital form. Rather than clipping paper coupons, shoppers can access online and in-store discounts in various ways. Some of the coupons available to consumers include:

- Downloaded coupons: These types of coupons can be downloaded from a company's website, through email or through social media.
- Mobile coupons: Mobile coupons are created by ecommerce platforms to drive mobile shopping.
- Coupon codes: Shopping online has contributed to the rise of coupon codes. A code is entered at the point of sale, and the discount is automatically deducted.
- Loaded coupons: One of the more popular ways to redeem digital coupons, particularly those offered by supermarkets and other high-volume retailers, is to "load" coupons to a smartphone through an applicable store app. Shoppers often create an account that is tied to their store's loyalty card number. By browsing the online circular or sales/coupons listed in the app, consumers can select the deals they want to load to their accounts. The deals are then redeemed at checkout either by scanning a code or automatically when the loyalty card is activated at the register.

Just like traditional paper coupons, digital coupons feature expiration dates. Many such coupons are only redeemable once and are not subject to doubling unless advertised.

For time-strapped individuals, digital coupons can be an efficient way to save on products without worrying about forgetting paper coupons at home. However, paper coupons still are widely available and continue to dominate the discount market.



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To your good health: Tracking osteoporosis through testing

by Keith Roach, M.D.

Dear Dr. Roach: I have mild osteoporosis in one area. I was on Fosamax for seven years. I have been off for two years. My doctor is suggesting I go back on Fosamax. Your thoughts on treatment in my case? — A.B.

Dear Dr. Roach: I have been advised that Medicare will cover the bone density test only every two years. If that's true, why? — A.L.

Answer: Osteoporosis is loss of bone minerals and strength. There are at least two ways to measure changes in bones, whether as an age related drop in bone density and strength or as an increase in response to treatment. One way is to measure the bone density via an X-ray (DEXA). The other is a urine test, Ntelopeptide of collagen (abbreviated NTX), which looks at net bone loss.

DEXA correlates well to fracture risk, but it changes very slowly. In fact, it changes so slowly that a repeat test within two years usually reflects variability in the test itself rather than an actual change in the bone, which is why most insur-



ance companies — and, yes, Medicare — will cover the test only every two years.

Some experts believe that measuring NTX is a useful way of measuring the effectiveness of treatment, such as with a medication like Fosamax. Further, although the optimum duration of treatment for osteoporosis isn't clear, five years is commonly used (as it sounds like is the case for A.B.).

NTX can guide whether restarting treatment is necessary. There just isn't enough information to make this a general recommendation, although the theory makes sense to me. If I were treating someone in A.B.'s situation, I would restart treatment if the NTX level showed high bone resorption.

Dear Dr. Roach: What are your thoughts about the MiraDRY procedure to get rid of underarm sweat? Is it safe not to have sweat under the arms? — S.J.

Answer: MiraDRY is the brand name of a microwave device designed to treat hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating). This is a condition of abnormal, drenching sweat that greatly interferes with social activities, not normal underarm sweating. It is currently used only for underarms — not hands, feet or face, the other most common places for localized hyperhidrosis. According to several published papers, the microwaves heat up the water in the sweat glands, destroying them, while

the skin itself is cooled. The published success rates (at reducing sweating to "never noticeable" or "tolerable") are very high, as are patient satisfaction results. Side effects included swelling, redness and temporary numbness.

This is a new procedure, but it appears to have promise in the treatment of excess sweating. I also found a very helpful website at www.sweathelp.org.

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WHAT WOULD YOUR MOTHER SAY?!

In the fast paced 21st century we've traded common sense for the ability to quickly look up information on the internet. We've forgotten our manners and civility. How do we get back to our roots? Can we get back? Food for thought...

Passwords

by S.D. Shapiro

In the past, the only password we needed was to the clubhouse. And most people forgot the password to the clubhouse when puberty hit. Speakeasies required passwords. Most of those were lost when the Volstead Act was repealed in 1933. We never realized how important the password would be.

Today we need passwords for everything.

You need a password for your computer. You need a password for the internet. The Wi-Fi needs a password. Every website you go to practically requires you to sign in

with a password. If you want to do online banking; you need a password. You need a password to watch Netflix. You need a password for your cable television account. Add apps on your smart phone; you'll need a password. You'll even need a password to use the smartphone.

We need passwords for everything.

All the privacy and internet experts make sure to remind you not to use simple passwords, don't use passwords with your birthdate or address in them, and don't write them down. Well, what happens when you can't

remember your passwords anymore because you've made them so complex?

Use the number 3 in place of the letter E or use the @ symbol to swap out the letter A has our passwords looking like a curse word in the Sunday comics.

One security expert suggested using a cypher. A code. Like in a spy movie. Now I need a decoder ring to figure out that my passwords are all, "Drink your Ovaltine, Ralphie."

I have so many passwords and so many combinations that I can't remember them anymore.

After trying to create a new password for a new website where I was trying to buy something I probably didn't need, like an avocado keeper, I was told that my password was not secure enough. It didn't have any non-alphabetic characters? Now I needed to add numbers? So, I added lucky number 7 to the mix. The website decided that my new password was "moderately" secure instead of weak. So, I added 2 zeroes and my password

It took me longer to create the password than to buy the item. The pass-

now had the double 0 7

designation.

word slowed me down.

I decided that was the straw the broke the camel's back. I bought a program that would keep track of all my passwords. It was a secure spot to keep them all together. And I would only have to remember one password to get into the password manager. It was like a virtual notebook that I could write all my passwords down. Hey, wait a minute.

After I read about a hacker group gaining access to the cloud (where exactly is the cloud anyway?) I decide to handle passwords the old-fashioned way. I write them

down. Sure, I promptly lose the little slips of paper that I wrote the password on, but, I'm writing them down.

When it comes down to passwords they're a necessary evil of modern life. Try to remember them but there is always the "forgot password" button to click on. Stop and think, "What would my mother say?" She would say, "Earn-lay ig-pay atin-lay."

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fuel consumption and air pollution. Processing reclaimed timber is often less taxing on the environment than processing virgin wood.

However, reclaimed timber may provide more than just environmental

benefits. Virgin timber typically comes from commercially grown trees that are not always afforded enough time to reach full maturity. Timber that is reclaimed from old buildings and vessels may very well have reached full maturity before it was cut down to use as building material. Reclaimed timber that grew to full maturity is likely stronger than virgin wood taken from commercially grown trees that were not given enough time to mature.

Reclaimed timber also may prove more durable than virgin wood because the former has already dried out after years of contracting and expanding, making it less likely to warp and split than virgin wood that has yet to endure such exposure.





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Stone Soup Rocks Stone Fort

by Michael Wren

ST. JOHNSVILLE, NY — Last Friday, historic Fort Klock hosted live music performed by Stone Soup. Stone Soup is an acoustic band that plays traditional folk, old time and original songs. The admission was free and plenty of people showed up early to get the best seating. The member run organization at Fort Klock hosts many free events throughout the year and is kept running with the help of donations and grants. The event drew over 100 people who all shared the same love for old timev and folk music. This concert has been performed for years at the Fort and plans are already in motion to bring the band back next year around the same time. As the music played the enjoyment in the room could be seen by people singing to their favorite songs or tapping their foot with a smile on their

During intermission the members of the Fort served coffee, homemade blueberry cobbler and ice

After the concert, members of the Fort stayed later to give late night tours, which is a rare opportunity for those interested in visiting the Fort in the dark.

The event was made possible with grants from Montgomery County.

For more information on upcoming events put on by the Fort Klock Historic Restoration Society please visit their website

fortklockrestoration.org or their Facebook page. For more information on Stone Soup and upcoming concerts visit their Facebook page.



Stone Soup entertained the crowd at Fort Klock.

Photo by Michael Wren

Whatchamacallits



Our Whatchamacallit for this week is a grouping of buttonhooks. These items would have been common household tools beginning in the Victorian Era on through the 19-teens. Although they have been around longer, prior to this timeframe they

were strictly for the well to do.

According to thebuttonhooksociety.com, the love of invention during the Victorian Era led to numerous buttonhook patents and attempts to combine the tool with other household tools.

Many times they were used as an advertising tool, such as the example shown in the close-up to the right. This one came from the F. Shubert Fine Shoes store in Canajoharie, NY.

Our other examples include one with a nicely turned wooden handle, ivory or bone, a folding one (similar to a jack knife) and one with 2 hooks in opposing directions. Buttonhooks ranged in size from less than inch to approximately 2 feet — although generally they were in the 4 to 7 inch range and were used on shoes, spats, gloves, men's stiff collars, sleeves and dresses.

If you're curious to see how to use one of these items, I found a YouTube video by searching "How to use a Victorian button hook" in Google.



Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?

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Donna's Day: Creative Family fun

by Donna Erickson

Picture calendar for preschoolers

"When do we go to the zoo?" "When is Nate's birthday party?" "When, when, when" is the repetitive question of kids of all ages, but as a parent of preschoolers, it's especially challenging to answer the "when" questions if eager kids don't yet read, write or comprehend the days of the week.

That was a parenting challenge for neonatologist and mom of two, Dr. Anna Hedstrom. So, she recruited her mother-inlaw, retired fourth grade teacher Judy Hedstrom, to help her and her husband develop a hands-on strategy for their three year old son, Parker, to understand what's up on their weekly schedule.

To create an event cal-

endar, Judy organized family photos of familiar faces in Parker's life, and found images of day to day routines and outings from free online photos. She used them to make easy to handle, Velcro backed activity cards Parker could attach to color coded days of the week.

It works! "The Parker's Week calendar gets him involved in a playful way to understand when activities will take place," say the parents. On Sundays, they talk about the coming week as he attaches cards representing routine events like school, as well as special activities such as going to the zoo. Now, six months later, he has figured out how to do the "regulars" himself.

Enjoy making one adapted to your family

lifestyle with your preschooler.

Here's the stuff you need:

- 1 22 x 28-inch poster board cut in half widthwise
- cardstock sheets in different colors
- copied photos and images of people and activities in child's life
- household glue
- self-stick Velcro
- magnets or art hooks for hanging

Here's the fun:

- 1. For the header section of the activity calendar, print a title such as "EMILY'S WEEK" on a 12 x 4-inch strip of cardstock. Add a photo of the child next to it, and glue in place on the poster board.
- 2. On the short end of seven 3 x 11-inch tall colored strips of cardstock, print the days of the week. Line up strips vertically in a row, and glue

under the title strip.

- 3. Cut 3 x 3-inch cards for representing routine activities and special events. Print photos and images of outings and glue to cards. Label each activity. For example: School, Library, Soccer, Haircut, Doctor visit, Birthday party, Dad off work, Surprise!
- 4. Laminate cards and entire calendar at a copy store (optional, but recommended).

5. Attach one half of Velcro pieces in a vertical line under days of the week, and attach the matching pieces on the backs of cards. Hang the calendar with magnets or art hooks at child's height.

Store cards not in use in a box or file near the calendar.

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Yellowjackets

by Dr. Leonard Perry, Horticulture Professor Emeritus, University of Vermont

Gardening in the summer cannot always be a bed of roses, especially if there are bees on those roses. Bees are actually good in the garden though, especially for pollination, and are seldom a bother unless really provoked. Often confused with bees are yellowjackets, which pose a much more serious threat.

Yellowjackets are not even in the same family as bees, being instead a type of wasp in the Vespid family, similar to related wasps and hornets. Without barbs on their stingers as bees have, yellowjackets can repeatedly sting their victims. They are most active in late summer when their colonies reach their peak, and they need higher levels of protein-rich or sugary foods.

A yellowjacket colony consists of the queen, female workers (which are what you may encounter), and the males which appear in late summer. Only the females that have mated with the males will overwinter to produce next year's eggs and future offspring.

You can identify yellowjackets by their alternating black and yellow markings on their body segments, and their smaller size than many bees. Unlike bees, these wasps don't have as much body hair or the expanded hind leg (both used for bees to transport pollen), and have a rounded abdomen. Their waist is thinner than that of bees, and their elongated wings are as long as their bodies.

Before you reach for the poison baits and spray can, consider some less toxic means to reduce encounters with these pests. Your goal should not be to eliminate them from the entire area, as they too have their use in suppressing a wide variety of pest insects. Yellowjackets don't just scavenge on items such as around trash — meat. fish, and sugary products — but eat flies, beetle grubs, and other pests that we don't want.

Get rid of their most important human source of food, garbage, and you'll go far towards getting rid

of them. Keep garbage 20 f covered, and dispose of it frequently. Also rake up W.

them.
You also can use food to trap them. Make traps of one-liter size soft drink bottles. Bait these with

and dispose of fruit drops

sugar attracts

whose

20 feet, and leave immediately upon spraying.

While working in the garden you can protect yourself from stings with a few simple measures. Avoid wearing brightly colored and patterned clothes. Avoid wearing perfumes and other

posure around yellowjackets, or if they land on you, also can help prevent stings. Move slowly and keep calm. Swatting or other fast movement can agitate them, provoking stings and even bites. Yes, they can even bite! Slowly brush them off, or

a chemical alarm that signals others to the area to attack!

In spite of all these precautions if you do get

In spite of all these precautions, if you do get stung, here is what to do. This assumes you are not hypersensitive to bee and wasp venom, in which case you should have emergency medicines with you.

- Examine the site of the sting to see if it is from a bee or yellowjacket. If from a bee, the stinger will still be there. Scrape it out with a sideto-side motion.
- Wash the wound with soap and water to remove some of the venom.
- Treat the wound with

ice, meat tenderizer (which contains enzymes that destroy proteins in the venom), or anti-histamines (to reduce symptoms such as pain and

• Rest and don't drink alcohol.

swelling).

• Seek medical attention if the sting is to the mouth or throat, as swelling there could obstruct breathing.

Don't let yellowjackets drive you from your garden. A few simple changes to your human environment outdoors, your clothing and actions, may be all that is needed to drive them away instead.



left over soda, cat food, ham, tuna, or over ripe fruit. Then place at the farthest corners of your property.

While they don't go out of their way to sting, they are quick to defend their homes. If you get stung, you may have cornered or surprised a yellowjacket, or gotten too near their colony.

Although yellowjackets make paper nests similar to other wasps, they usually build these nests underground. Watch for underground nest openings they may be entering and leaving. Nesting colonies also may be found in building cavities, under porches and steps, in bushes, or at the base of trees. If you notice them flying about your garden, use caution when weeding! Using the proper precautions, you can spray ground openings or nests in evening, and again in morning. Use a wasp and hornet spray that reaches

scents such as from deodorants, scented hairspray, or from suntan lotion.

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waiting until they fly off on their own, is better than hitting or constraining them. Squashing a yellowjacket also releases











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A story about watches and jackknives

by Skip Barshied, Stone Arabia

When I was very young my Grandpa Garlock would say, "Any man who does not carry a watch and jackknife doesn't amount to much." Now Grandpa was very special to me. As I grew older relatives and friends passed away. If no family member or friend wanted the lonely watch and jackknife I'd try to get them in hopes someday I would amount to something.

Finally, I had accumulated quite a collection of watches and jackknives. Then the time had come to pass some of them on. But who to? Family watches went to the next generation of family. One went to a local museum in memory of a long-gone friend. Some watches and jackknives were given to a special Amish friend who I knew would treasure them after I was gone. I still have a very few who will eventually find a new home.

Over the years many things have changed. Not the least of which is watches. Not remembering to wind my watch every day prompted me to get one with batteries. A few days ago my wristwatch gave up the ghost and stopped. The new battery did not revive it so I'll buy a new cheap one to replace my trusty Timex. There is one in the local Rite Aid store and it only costs \$20. What a deal.

Now the plastic package it was in looked good. Was the watch secure? In fact it was so secure I broke the band getting it out. Well what could I expect buying it on the 13th. No I'm not superstitious, I just don't like 13. Since I broke the band I decided to take the loss and move on. That wonderful packaging on a not too wonderful watch reminded me of my old friend Vern Rice. He would pick up a paint brush and say, "What a shame it is to put such a fine handle on such a poor brush."

Having learned my lesson with extra cheap watches my next step is one right out of the past. I stepped in one of the last jewelry stores in our area. I bought a good looking better grade bat-

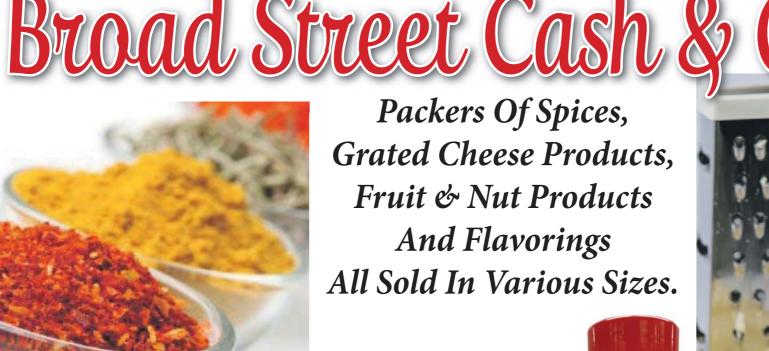
tery watch for a little over one hundred dollars. It is a nice watch and I'm now filling out the warrantee. The new watch and my long faithful Timex lay side by side. Well the old Timex will have to go to wristwatch heaven. I'll just pick it up one more time remembering its long service to me. My finger found and touched the stem that wound it.

Lo and behold it started to run and still is to this very hour. The old just met the new and seem compatible. I suppose I could wear one on each wrist but that is an

overkill. I've always been faithful to old things as I got old too. I'll store my nice new watch in a dark drawer to tick its life away in seclusion. Someday I'll use it. Maybe.



The writer grew his collection of watches and jackknives.



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Mohawk Homestead residents have a "Moovelous" time with 2017 Herkimer Co. Dairy Princess



Front Left to Right: Palma Ambrosewicz, Mary Falk, Ms. Connie Louise Frasier, Edna Sidoran, Monte Perlock. Back row Left to Right: Walter C. Burns, Joan Valentino, Trudy Blackwell, Ken Harodecki, Fran Stubley, Margaret Hodge.

Photo courtesy of Mohawk Homestead

Ms. Connie Louise Frasier joined residents of The Mohawk Homestead to discuss her reign as 2017 Herkimer County Dairy Princess. Ms. Connie Louise, spoke about the Fuel Up to Play 60 nutrition and exercise program launched by National Dairy Council and NFL in collaboration. Ms. Connie shared her educational and travel adventures as the current Dairy Princess. Residents spun a wheel of trivia and answered questions on cheese, cows and healthy living.

They enjoyed a sweet treat of ice cream, were given cow fans, cups and asked questions. There's always something new and different at The Mohawk Homestead. Private rooms are available. Consider making The Mohawk Homestead your home! Call Susan at 315-866-1841 and like us on Facebook.











Strange but true

by Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th century playwright Lorraine Hansberry who made the following sage observation: "The thing that makes you exceptional, if you are at all, is inevitably that which must also make you lonely."
- Yes, zebras run in herds. It is more interesting, though — and just as correct — to call such a group a dazzle of zebras or a zeal of zebras.
- If you're planning a trip to India, keep in mind that in that country, it's considered rude to whistle in public.
- One day in 1994, Duff McKagan, the original bass guitar player for hard rock band Guns N' Roses, was bored. With little else to do, he decided to take a look at the band's financials - and realized he couldn't make sense of the info. Frustrated, McKagan enrolled

in a basic finance course

at a community college. One thing led to another, and he ended up at Seattle University's Albers School of Business. Now, the rock star is becoming a money manager, founding wealth management firm Meridian Rock to help other musicians in the same boat.

- If you saw two ships run into each other, you'd likely call it a collision and you'd be correct if both boats were moving at the time. Technically speaking, though, if one of the boats is stationary, it's known as an allision.
- Those who study such things say that when a male beaver gets in a wrestling fight with a female beaver, the female

usually wins.

• As it turns out, cuddling isn't just fun — it's good for you, too! Research shows that snuggling up with a loved one stimulates the release of oxytocin, which (among other things) can help wounds heal faster.

Thought for the Day: "Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom."

– Theodore Rubin

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Kitchen Diva: Delight Vegetarians with grilled Eggplant

by Angela Shelf Medearis

Gathering guests around the grill is an easy way to entertain... but what if some of your guests are vegetarians? Providing a barbecue menu that your vegetarian guests will enjoy is simple when using eggplant as the main course. The beauty of including vegetarian items on the grill is that their main dish can be served as a side dish for your guests who eat meat.

Eggplant is easy to grill and can be used in a variety of ways to create a satisfying dish for your vegetarian guests. It's high in dietary fiber, magnesium, potassium and many antioxidants. Improperly prepared eggplant can be slimy or bitter, but if you prepare and cook eggplant correctly, it's delicious. And grilling makes it even more flavorful.

I like to first prep the

eggplant using a salt extraction method to remove any bitter liquid. This technique guarantees that the eggplant will be crispy and brown on the outside, and creamy and sweet inside.

First, cut the eggplant lengthwise into thick slices, or you also can cut it into cubes and use them to make kabobs. Layer the pieces of eggplant in a colander and salt them generously. Place the colander on top of a bowl to catch the liquid the eggplant will give off.

Next, place paper towels on top of the eggplant. Then weigh everything down to extract as much liquid as possible. You can use heavy cans wrapped in foil, or a heavy pot with a few cans inside of it. Let the eggplant drain for about an hour.

When you remove the eggplant from the colander, you'll notice that a

lot of water has been released from the vegetable. This is a good thing. That means that if the eggplant had a bitter flavor, it has been removed. Rinse the slices and pat them dry with paper towels. Now your eggplant is ready for the grill.

You can serve grilled eggplant in a variety of ways — as a main course item in thick slices, along with grilled bell peppers or mushrooms; cut into cubes and served as part of a veggie kabob; piled on grilled slices of bread to make a panini; or tossed with hot or cold pasta. Any way you serve grilled eggplant, it's delicious!

Grilled Eggplant

Most vegetarians prefer that their food be cooked separately from the place on the grill where the meat is prepared. Clean your grill and prepare the vegetarian menu items first, or if you have a large grill, make sure that the



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meat and the vegetables are separate.

- 3 large eggplants
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut in half lengthwise, seeds and ribs removed
- 1 medium yellow bell pepper, cut in half lengthwise, seeds and ribs re-

moved

- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion pow-
- 1/3 cup olive oil

1. Clean the grill and lightly oil the grate with a food safe paper towel. Heat the charcoal or gas grill to medium-high heat. You'll know the grill is ready if you can hold your hand about an inch above the grill for 3 to 4 seconds.

- 2. Drain the eggplant and pat dry with paper towels or a clean kitchen towel. Lay the eggplant and the bell peppers on a large baking sheet or tray. Brush both sides of the eggplant and the peppers with olive oil, and sprinkle both sides with the Italian Seasoning, pepper, and the garlic and onion powders.
- 3. Lay the vegetables on the grill. Close the lid if using a gas grill and cook until grill marks appear, about 3 to 5 minutes. Turn the slices over and cook until grill marks again appear and the vegetables are tender, about 2 to 3 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature. Makes 8 servings.

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County, and have an income of \$1,860 per month or less (\$2,504 per month for two person household). State regulations require that a person must sign for the coupons themselves so coupons cannot be mailed and someone cannot pick up the coupons for someone else. This

year, the booklets are not restricted to one per household. Each eligible senior living in a household may receive their own booklet, but they must be present to sign for them.

Coupons are currently available on a first come first served basis at the Herkimer County Office for the Aging, 109 Mary St., Herkimer, NY between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Coupons will be available until Aug. 20 or until supplies last. Any questions, contact David Gutowski at 316-867-1414

come 316-867-1414.

Paw's Corner: Wily Beagle thinks he's Houdini

by Sam Mazzotta

Dear Paw's Corner: My rescued beagle, "Fergus," is a dedicated escape artist. If I let him out in our backyard unsupervised, he will find a way under, around or over the fence in almost no time. Then I'm chasing him all over the neighborhood. I'm thinking of getting a higher fence, and in the meantime, I've changed the latch on the fence gate — he figured out how to undo the old one! What else can I do? -Frustrated Dad in Hous-

Dear Dad: Escape artist dogs can be tough to reel in. And while neighbors may ask why you can't simply keep Fergus in-

side, I know it's even tougher to keep a high energy, creative dog indoors when there's a big, beautiful world just outside the window.

A multi-pronged approach is needed here. A higher fence and stronger latch are good solutions, but so is curbing that wanderlust. If Fergus isn't neutered, get that taken care of. It can dampen his tendency to wander, particularly if he's on the hunt for a female.

He'll also need to be supervised every time he's outside. That means dedicating a good chunk of time to Fergus, as bringing your laptop out with you to work may not be an option — he'll likely

pester you constantly to come and play. And you should. Play fetch, do some impromptu obedience training, and so on.

Grab some items that will challenge Fergus. He's clever, so feed him using a "slow feeder" bowl that requires dogs to work through a grooved maze to get food. Give him toys that drop treats randomly when played with. But most of all, work with him to burn off his energy and make him more interested in staying home than trying to escape.

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Country Preacher

by Pastor Dan West

One of the greatest aspects of being a Christian is the fellowship. What is that? Fellowship is participating together, sharing in a partnership (from Strong's Greek Dictionary).

It's when friends get together and enjoy each other's company. It can also be when two or more people get together to perform some type of project together. Webster's Dictionary says it is to have companionship, company.

The Apostle John writes about this in I John 1:3. First he writes that those who know the Savior (verses 1-3a) can share and partner with one another. Then he points out that our partnership is not just on a human level, but, with the same Heavenly Father, we can share and partner on a spiritual level!

Oh, how sweet that fellowship is! In fact, it is part of what makes a believer's joy full! (verse 4) How about you - do you have that joy?







Heatstroke and kids in cars

Children should never be left alone in vehicles which can heat up to deadly temperatures in minutes and quickly kill a child. Last year, 30 children in the U.S. died from heatstroke in hot cars — including a baby in New York State. These deaths are even more tragic because they are preventable.

Diane Ward, CHN of Herkimer County Public Health said, "Kids and hot cars are a deadly combination. In just 10 minutes, a car's temperature can rise by 10 degrees, and continues to climb and stay hot. That means on a 90 degree day, the temperature inside a car can quickly surpass 107 degrees – which is the internal body temperature at which children die from heatstroke.

Adding to this dangerous situation is that children get overheated up to five times more quickly than adults," she said. "More than half of the heatstroke deaths in cars are children less than two years old. In fact, not counting crashes, heatstroke is the leading cause of motor vehicle deaths for children 14 and younger."

Ms. Ward urges everyone to follow simple preventive tips to reduce the number of children who die in hot

cars because they are accidentally forgotten by parents and caregivers (53 percent); who get into cars to play and then become trapped inside (29 percent) and who are left in the car by an adult who was running errands, visiting or attending to other business and could not or did not want to take the child with them (18 percent)."

• Use reminders. Keep a toy or large, stuffed animal in your child's car seat. When you buckle in your child, move the animal/toy to the front seat. It will remind you that a child is in the car seat. Put your briefcase, cell phone or diaper bag in the backseat so you need to open the back door to get it and see that your child is waiting for you. Ask your child care provider to call you if your child doesn't show up as expected, especially if there is a change of routine. Set the alarm on your phone as a reminder for drop off and pickup times. This is important if your routine changes, or you are tired or overwhelmed. Put a "sticky" note where you will see it — on your dash or another spot. Remind yourself where your children are and when to pick up or drop them off.

- Look before you lock. Always check the backseat and trunk or cargo area. Keep your keys and remote access devices out of a child's reach. Don't let kids play with them. Teach kids to never play in or around cars. They can become trapped inside and die from heatstroke.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. There is no safe amount of time or any reason to leave a child behind. Cars heat up fast and stay hot. Even on a cooler or cloudy day, a child is at risk for heatstroke. Rolling down windows or parking in the shade will not safely cool down the car. A car can still reach deadly temperatures when it's only in the 60s. Always take kids with you. Use a "drive-thru" so you don't need to leave the car. And pay for gas at the pump.

If you see a child in a hot car, call 911 right away and follow instructions. Emergency personnel are trained to respond.

To learn more on hyperthermia and children in cars, visit the National Highway Traffic Administration website www.safercar.gov/parents/InandAroundthe-Car/heatstroke.htm .

Five affordable weekend DIY projects that completely recreate your home

(BPT) — The cold months of winter have a batten-down-the-hatches feel to them, don't they? In summer, you want to spread out, bask in the beautiful weather and finally tackle those home improvement projects you were eyeing during those colder months.

Now is the perfect time

to make a big impact on your home, and you can do so without spending a lot. Below are five do-it-yourself projects you can tackle in a single weekend, and each will still leave you enough money in your budget to enjoy everything else summer has to offer.

• Freshen up your land-

scaping. Your home's outdoor appearance gets a pass during the winter, but in the summer the exterior of the house is all about curb appeal. That makes improving your landscaping a great place to start your summer projects, plus the work you do can be completely customizable to your

budget. If you have some extra money, plant a tree or a bush. If your budget is tighter, opt for potted flowers. Even an activity like trimming around your trees and bushes or pulling weeds can have a big impact on the look of your home and it costs you nothing.

• An accent wall that truly accents. You've seen hundreds of DIY tips suggesting you add an accent wall to your home with a fresh coat of paint. However, to add an accent wall that goes above and beyond, replace the paint project with

Charred Wood Shiplap from UFP-Edge instead.

• Update your bathroom on your terms. A full bathroom remodel is hardly DIY, and you're certainly not finishing it in one weekend. However. that doesn't mean this room is completely offlimits when it comes to improvements. Instead, pick the project that matches your needs and your budget. Large-scale improvements could include replacing your outdated sink or toilet. You could go smaller and simply replace the hardware on the sink. This is also a great time to look at the smaller aspects of your bathroom and see if you want to replace your medicine chest, your towel rack or the handles on your cabinets.

- The perfect wrap for your kitchen or bar. The kitchen is a focal point in any home, so improvements made here tend to stand out. If you're looking to improve your kitchen with an incredibly popular country look, you can add your island to the motif with a rustic wrap. Start with a wrap for your kitchen or bar and see where your creativity takes you.
- Rethink your window treatments. Like your bathroom, a full-scale replacement of your window treatments can be pretty expensive. However, like your bathroom, you also have plenty of freedom to pick and choose your options here as well. If a favorite room feels too dark, replace the existing curtains with something light and airy. If you want the room to feel darker, install room-darkening shades. Spend your money and your time on the rooms that matter most to you and you won't be disappointed.

These warm-weather months are the perfect time to make your home everything you want it to be, so invest your time in a little DIY. You, your home and your budget will all be better for it. To learn more about accent wall materials available from UFP-Edge, visit UFP-Edge.com.





Little Falls Hospital awards G.E.M. (Going the Extra Mile) Award

The GEM award recognizes staff for going above and beyond their typical job duties and making a significant difference by improving the quality of health for those we serve and exceeding our customer service standards with patients, clients, guest, and co-workers.

"Jessica was nominated for the G.E.M. award for her excellent customer services and goes the extra mile for our patients, she troubleshoots issues through to completion," says Stephanie Dyer, director of Laboratory.

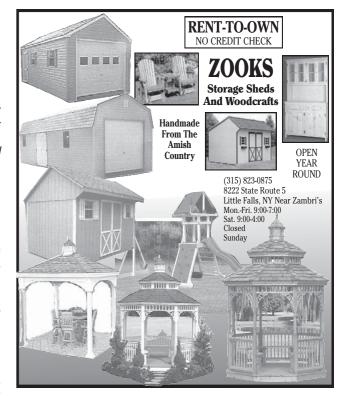
Upon receiving the G.E.M. award, Jessica said, "I am pleased, honored and humbled to accept this award and to join past recipients who I have long admired and respected." Jessica lives in Ilion with her husband Marv and has been a loyal employee of Little Falls Hospital for 11 years.



From left to right: Sheree Lopata, Melissa Bicknell, Michael Ogden, Jessica Westbrook-Hayes, Paul Trzepacz, Stephanie Dyer, Alicia Huxtable and Cortney Honey-

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Now here's a tip

by JoAnn Derson

- Moving? Stick a foam plate between your regular plates to cushion them. Bonus is that they are reusable at the new place.
- "I found that a travel makeup bag worked really well to keep all my electronic accessories in one place. I have spots for my different device chargers, as well as my wireless mouse, jump drives, earbuds and a spare battery. It makes it easy to grab what I need for a quick trip, and the cords are never jumbled together." E.T. in Massachusetts
- "We had a nice set of knives in a knife block. The scissors broke, and then a couple of the smaller knives went kaput, too. The block started to look weird with the spots for missing items. My wife filled a wide mouth vase with little stone beads, and the remaining knives are stored in it on the counter. It looks really cool and different, and keeps the blades safe." —

A.L. in Arkansas

- "I store all my large utensils inside of a plastic gallon size beverage container. When I have guests, I use it for extra iced tea or juice, but otherwise it holds large spoons, rolling pins and the like." M.Y. in Alabama
- Purchase additional measuring cups in the most used sizes and slip one in the containers of most measured items: flour, sugar, coffee, etc. You'll thank yourself when you don't have to search for the right measuring cup or try to clean one in between ingredients.
- Here's a tip for caregivers: Please make sure you put personal time on your to-do list, because it's just as important as following up on treatment plans and picking up prescriptions. You can help someone so much better when you are rested and ready to give. Take care of yourself so you can take care of others.

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The ABCs of back-to-school budgeting

(BPT) — It's natural to pack all you can into those few precious summer months, but inevitably they're gone before you know it. As summer vacations, sleepovers and outdoor grilling come to a close, it's time to start thinking about going back to school.

You may be working to pay off summer vacation bills when you realize you need to budget and pay for your child's school supplies, clothing and other related school expenses.

In a recent survey conducted by Coinstar, about half of U.S. parents with kids between ages five and 18 believe school expenses are increasing. Of those surveyed, 57 percent will create a back-to-school budget.

To ease rising school costs, here are five budgeting tips that will help you get more for your back-to-school dollar:

• Create a budget. One of the best ways to spend wisely is to create a budget. If you don't already have one, open a new spreadsheet on your computer or get out a pen and paper. Consider all potential back-toschool expenses and not just the obvious ones, such as school supplies and clothing. For example, you'll want to factor in extracurricular or after-school activities, tutoring, special school trips and even lunch costs.

• Collaborate with other parents. Consider joining parent groups, either through your school or community. These groups can offer a great support network to share ideas and information. They also serve as a fantastic resource for meeting parents who have items such as sports equipment their kids have outgrown or even musical instruments their children no longer play. This can lead to some serious money-saving deals.

Tap your coin jar.

With rising school costs, the old saying that every penny counts really is true. You can literally put this into practice by collecting all the loose change around your house or tucked away in your coin jar and bringing it to a Coinstar kiosk.

• Make a shopping list.

principle to keep in mind when getting them ready for school, especially for back-to-school clothes. Choosing quality basics such as a jacket, skirt, sweater or jeans that can be combined with other clothing in your child's closet will reduce the need for quantity pur-



Going back to school should be an exciting time for you and your kids.

Most schools provide a back-to-school list to help you plan and shop for your child. Use this as a starting point to make your own list and then stick to it! Retailers are set up to encourage impulse buys, but checking to see if something is or is not on your list is one of the most effective ways to avoid purchasing non-essential items and blowing your budget.

• Embrace the three Rs. Your kids will probably learn about the three Rs in school: reduce, reuse, recycle. This is a great

chases. In addition, consignment stores and online retailers are very popular and offer gently used items that check the "reuse" box. And finally, don't forget to take advantage of hand-medowns, whether from older siblings or friends.

Going back to school should be an exciting time for you and your kids. With these five budgeting tips, you can help cut the financial stress out of the process and kick the school year off to a great start.









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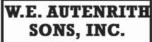
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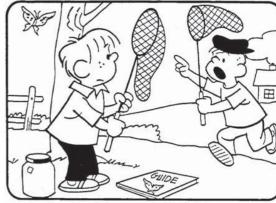
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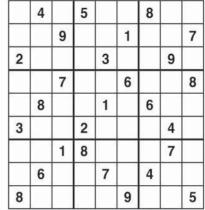
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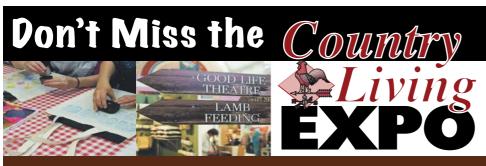


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Calendar of **Events**

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NOTE: Calendar entries must arrive at the Country Editor's office by Thursay a week before our Friday publication date for them to be included in the calendar of events. Send events to Lee Newspapers c/o Country Editor, PO Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 or email to: dshariff@leepub.

AUG 18

Pierogi Sale

St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 314 Moore Ave., Herkimer. 11 am-2 pm. \$8 dozen fully cooked.

AUG 19

Pierogi Sale

St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 314 Moore Ave., Herkimer. 9:30 am-2 pm. \$8 dozen fully cooked. **AUG 19**

One Day Bus Trip to New York City

Depart from Herkimer and Clinton. \$60 pp. For more information call 315-866-6413

AUG 20

Join Us at St. John's Reformed Church Worship Service

Indian Castle Church, Route 5S East of Little Falls. 10:30 am. Worship lead by Rev. Thomas Flander, Jr. Music by Merrill Rockwell. Refreshments and fellowship following the service

AUG 22 & 23

Little Theatre to hold auditions for Play On!

7 pm. The performance dates will be October 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15. Play On! will open the Little Theatre's 2017-2018 production season. For more information call 315-894-3203 or email ilionlittletheatre@gmail.com .
AUG 25

Pierogi Sale

St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 314 Moore Ave., Herkimer. 11 am-2 pm. \$8 dozen fully cooked.

AUG 25 Polish Fest

4-9 pm. Tony's Polka Band 5-9 pm. \$5. For more information call 315-866-1370.

AUG 26

Pierogi Sale

St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 314 Moore Herkimer. 9:30 am-2 pm. \$8 dozen fully cooked.

AUG 26

One Day Bus Trip to visit the "Adirondack **Experience-The** Museum at Blue **Mountain Lake**

Departing from Herkimer and Clinton.

\$55 pp and includes your admission. Discounted prices for youth. For more information or to sign up call the Herkimer County Historical Society at 315-866-6413.

AUG 31

Rabies Clinic

Salisbury Fire Department, 2549 St. Rt. 29, Salisbury Center. 5:30-7 pm. \$5 donation. For more information or to pre-register email www.herkimercounty.org or call 315-867-1176.

SEP 2

One Day Bus Trip to Boston

Depart from Clinton and Herkimer. \$60 pp. For more information call Herkimer County Historical Society at 315-866-6413. SEP 7

Rabies Clinic

Cedarville Fire Department, 960 St. Rt. 51, Cedarville. 5:30-7 pm. \$5 donation. For more information or to pre-register email www.herkimercounty.org or

call 315-867 SEP 7

Buffet and Ice Cream Social

Jesus Never Fails Community Church, 1161 Elizabethtown Road, Ilion. 4:30-6:30 pm. For more information contact Roy Dievendorf at 315-866-3027

SEP 7 & OCT 5

Women Belong in **History Books-**Herkimer and Oneida Counties, 1700-1950 on Two Bus Tours

\$40 for one bus tour or \$70 for both tour and includes a historical narration and lunch. To reserve a space or for more information, call the Herkimer County Historical Society at 315-866-

SEP 8

Objets Mystiques: Ceramic Art By Vartan Poghosian

The Other Side Gallery, 2011 Genesee St., Utica. Opening reception 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. For more information contact Rainer at 315-395-523

SEP 10

Fourth Annual Community Barbecue In Honor of the Mohawk Valley's Veterans and First Responders

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Good Housekeeping: The perfect Burger

Before you serve up any patties to your guests, commit these six commandments to memorv.

1. Your meat matters.

Choose wisely.

If you want a really juicy hamburger, use ground beef that's a combination of 80 percent meat to 20 percent fat.

burger.

2. Handle with care.

Throw out the hamburger press. The best burgers are hand formed

The less fat, the drier the using just enough pressure and taking no longer than necessary to form a patty. Don't press, mold and overwork. In your efforts to get a perfect looking burger, you'll wind up with a tough tasting one.

3. Don't turn your patties too soon.

Let your burger get good and crusty before you flip it. You'll know it's ready to be turned when it releases easily from the grill grates or pan. If it doesn't, don't force the issue.

4. Do not, we repeat, DO NOT squish it.

Nothing's more luscious than a fat, juicy burger that dribbles down your chin. Avoid the urge to press down on your burger while it cooks, as you'll force out the juices... and the flavor along with them.

5. Take its temperature.

Don't risk putting a damper on your cookout with food poisoning. Make sure you've killed any disease causing bugs by cooking your meat until an instant read thermometer says 160 F. And no, the color of the beef is not a good way to judge doneness.

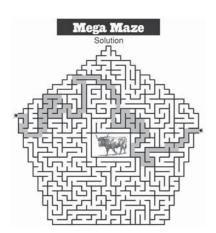
6. Cook on cast iron, not a regular skillet.

(If you can't grill it, that is.) A cast iron skillet is a good go-to when you have run out of gas, or just don't want to face the hot, cold or rainy conditions in the backyard. Avoid the temptation to cook in a grill pan. While its ridges will give your patties grill marks, the space into between the marks will be gray and spongy. Cook in a flat bottomed cast iron pan, and both sides will come out browned and crusty, contrasting nicely with the juicy inside.

For thousands of triple tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/recip

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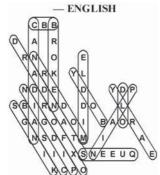




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King Crossword Answers

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Stickelers Answer

The words are secured and rescued.



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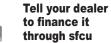
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Send your children back to school protected from serious diseases

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. It's a reminder that we all need vaccines throughout our lives.

Back to school season is here. It's time for parents to gather school supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure your children are up to date on their vaccines.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations for people of all ages - and make sure children are protected with all

the vaccines they need as they go back to school — Herkimer County Public Health Department is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

"Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children from serious diseases," said Herkimer County Public Health "If you

haven't done so already, now is the time to check with your child's doctor to find out what vaccines your child needs."

Vaccines protect against a number of serious and potentially life threatening diseases.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community including babies who are too young to

A: "Foxy Grandpa" was created by car-

toonist C.E. Schultze. It was introduced

in the New York Herald in 1900 and was

an instant hit. The strip moved to the New York American in 1902 and eventu-

ally to the New York Press, where it re-

mained until 1918. The cartoons trig-

gered many products, including games,

postcards, song sheets and bisque fig-

urines. It even inspired a Broadway mu-

sical. Your figurine probably was issued

in 1905 and is valued in the \$50 to \$200

Q: I have a biscuit jar that an appraiser

A: Overshot glass was developed during

the 19th century. Pieces generally appear

to be frosted or iced, an effect made pos-

sible when a gather of molten glass is

rolled over a marver covered with crushed

glass. Early pieces that I've seen are clear,

identified as overshot glass. What is over-

range, depending on condition.

shot glass? — Mary, IL

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be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions.

Talk to your child's doctor to find out which vaccines are recommended for them before going back to school.

Parents can find out more about the recommended vaccines at www.cdc.gov/vaccines or www.herkimercounty.org or call Herkimer County Public Health 315-867-1176.

ers were listed in the \$40 to \$100 range,

Q: My grandma collected thimbles throughout the 1940s and '50s. Her col-

lection is unique, since all of her thimbles

promoted various political candidates.

Her thimbles include ones issued during

the Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Eisenhow-

er and Nixon campaigns. Are they valu-

A: After the 19th Amendment expanded

women's suffrage throughout the coun-

try, thimbles emerged as campaign tools

directed toward the new voting con-

stituents. Most of the political thimbles

I've seen in shops sell in the \$10 to \$25

Q: I have some 33 rpm LPs of Dean

Martin, Perry Como, Al Hirt and others

from this era. Where can I sell them? —

A: Most LPs — such as the ones you

with a few much higher.

able? — Jon. Ohio

Jeane, NM

Collecting: Foxy Grandpa

by Larry Cox

Q: I have a bisque figure of "Foxy Grandpa," which has been in my family for more than a century. What can you tell me about this character? — Betty,

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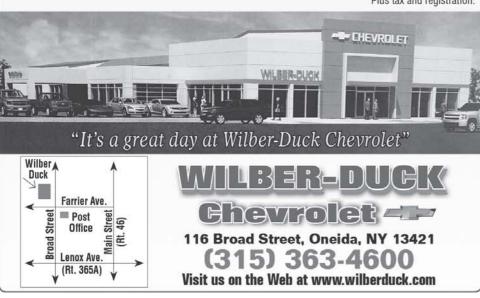


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