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Herkimer College classes at View Arts Center

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Workshops being offered are free or low cost to attend. Pre-registration is required. Visit www.ViewArts.org under Herkimer Community Education to register.

The classes that are offered include: Outdoor Skills Workshop

Saturday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. \$50 - one session. Instructor: Michael Quinn.

Are you looking to hone your outdoor skills or learn more about what it takes to plan a backcountry hike or camping trip? We'll cover everything from planning a trip to reading a map to backcountry cooking. Topics will include how to plan and prepare for a trip, fire craft, managing risk, equipment needs, leave no trace principles, campsite selection and shelters and survival and wilderness first aid.

These classes take place at View Arts Center in Old Forge. View is located at 3273 State Route 28 in Old Forge.

Herkimer College appoints Director of Admissions

HERKIMER – Herkimer College announces the appointment of Dr. Denver Stickrod to the position of Director of Admissions. Stickrod will provide leadership for the Office of Admissions, and will be responsible for the development, implementation and assessment of recruitment and admissions strategies.

Stickrod brings over 13 years of admissions experience to his position. He joined Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL, in 2008 and advanced through the ranks from admissions counselor to associate director of admissions. He also previously was an admissions counselor at William Woods University in Fulton, MO.

Stickrod holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and an MBA from Illinois State University. He received his Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 2015. His dissertation focused on student engagement and retention.



Dr. Denver Stickrod, Director of Admissions, Herkimer County Community College. Photo courtesy Herkimer County Community College

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Design a more functional pantry

Many homeowners wish they had more storage space, and kitchens are one area where people seemingly can always use more storage.

Despite a desire for more kitchen space, until recently, kitchen pantries fell out of favor. Builders and architects may have thought that close proximity to supermarkets as well as multi-use cabinets in kitchens would offset the need for pantries. But according to a recent survey from the National Association of Home Builders, a kitchen pantry is the most desirable kitchen feature for buyers in the market for a new home.

According to a 2016 survey from ReportLinker, 98 percent of Americans say cooking at home is their preferred way to prepare a meal. And despite the wide array of restaurants, prepared meals and fast food

options nearby, more than one-third of people cook at home daily, with nearly 50 percent cooking between three and six days a week.

In order to accommodate for spending more time in the kitchen, homeowners are directing additional attention to kitchen preparation and storage features. In fact, one recent trend in kitchen renovations is creating custom-designed pantries.

appropriate space

Ideally, pantries should be in or adjacent to the kitchen. But not every home layout allows for this setup. Some homeowners need to move storage pantries into the garage, the basement or a mud/laundry room.

Various factors should be considered before placing a pantry outside a kitchen. What is the climate? Will food spoil? Is there a possibility that vermin or insects can infiltrate the room and access food? These factors will dictate whether to have closed cabinets, airtight bins or open shelves or if other modifications must be made to the room prior to building.

Choose the type of pantry

Accessibility is essential in a pantry. Everything should be easily reached and grabbed as needed without having to move too many things. Ideally, foods should be arranged in a single layer so that all items can be viewed at a glance. Shelves of various depths and heights can accommodate items of different sizes. Adjustable shelves are ideal because they can be modified as foods change. Sliding drawers can improve reach in cabinets.

In smaller spaces,

in cabinets are convenient and flexible. In complete kitchen remodels or new constructions, walk-in pantries offer the most space and flexibility.

French door-style reach-

Must-have features Pantries serve different functions in different homes. For the bulk shopper, a pantry with plenty of room for large items will be needed. Lighting can be beneficial in all pantries. Lights can improve visibility when trying to locate items. Others prefer an outlet for charging handheld vacuums or other small appliances. Counter space in the pantry enables homeowners to unload groceries directly onto pantry shelves.

For pantries located out-

side of the kitchen, builtin freezers can maximize storage possibilities, especially for those who freezeand-eat after bulk shopping ventures.

Pantries are popular features that homeowners can customize depending on their storage needs and the amount of time they spend in their kitchens.

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Sat. Aug. 18th - sale to be held at sale barn. 10:00AM. Short Notice Machinery & Equip. & Horse Sale. Selling for secured Creditor 2 Tractors, Hay equip., shop tools, chicken sheds on wheels plus a lot more in complete ad. 4 horses - Reg. La Cheval Canidiene Gelding 16 hands, 17yrs. old 4th level Dressage Horse, 3 hunter jumpers - Black Reg. Morgan mare 15 hands, 14 yrs. old, Paint Dutch Warm Blood mare, 17 hands, 7 yrs. old, Brown Appendix 16 hands, 12 yrs. old. WE DO NOT HAVE THE REG. PAPERS AVAILABLE. 1 Jack Donkey sells. Also selling horse tack with several real nice saddles. Small misc. items sell first, large machinery, followed by horse and tack last. We will take machinery consignments no later than Friday Aug. 17th so call to make arrangements.

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Fri. Sept. 7th - 11:30 AM sale held at the sale barn. Nutmeg Acres Complete Registered Brown Swiss & Holstein Dispersal. Selling 80 head - 60 Swiss 20 Holsteins. 45 milking age balance youngstock. Show age calves & heifers in this group all by popular sires! Owners: Lewis & Trudy Tanner, Warren CT. 860-868-2120 cell: 860-685-0708. Watch for more complete details.

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Pup perseveres with prosthetic paw

ITHACA, NY - Sadie, an American foxhound, went missing from a hunt club on the West Virginia border in 2014. Over the next two-and-a-half years, she traveled close to 400 miles to upstate New York before being rescued in June 2017. Toward the end of that journey, she caught her right hind paw in a coyote trap and ended up losing it.

Fortunately, the story has a happy ending. Thanks to the care from her new owner and treatment from veterinarians at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. Sadie was fitted this year with a prosthetic leg and is well on her way to thriving after an epic journey of survival.

On Jan. 10, 2017, Linda Hamilton, the dog control officer in the town of Chenango, NY, in Broome County, received a call reporting a stray brown and white hound with floppy ears was seen dragging a coyote trap on its right hind leg.

Between January and June last year, Hamilton worked tirelessly fielding reports of sightings in towns across Broome County. She learned that the dog was caught on a trail cam carrying the trap as early as December 2016, and by February 2017. a resident in Maine. NY, found the trap with Sadie's foot in it. Hamilton built a humane enclosure trap with an electromagnetic door and posted

a few hundred flyers in areas where the dog had been sighted. But Sadie avoided people and traps and kept running.

"She was traveling about nine miles a day," Hamilton said. "Everybody wanted to help her, but people have a hard time understanding that a dog is in survival mode at that point."

In June 2017, Nicole Asher, owner of Buddha Dog Rescue & Recovery in Tuxedo Park, NY, who specializes in capturing trap-savvy dogs, drove to the Endicott area and assisted in rescuing Sadie by setting up an enclosure trap. A tag on her collar identified her as



From left, Linda Hamilton, the dog control officer in the town of Chenango, NY, Sadie, and Chris Frye, assistant clinical professor of sports medicine and rehabilitation

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belonging to the West Virginia hunt club, which Hamilton called, but the club didn't want her back. Soon thereafter. Hamilton adopted her.

"She had lost an upper canine," Hamilton said, "probably trying to get out of the [coyote] trap, and had a tear in her tongue. She probably had a litter of puppies on the way." And she had an infection of the uterus "that would have killed her" had she not been caught, Hamilton said.

In October 2017, Hamilton contacted Chris Frve. assistant clinical professor of sports medicine and rehabilitation at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, to inquire about fitting Sadie with a prosthetic limb.

He found that Sadie was

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a perfect candidate for a prosthesis since her amputation had occurred below the ankle, leaving the joint, which provided an anchor that prevents the prosthesis from slipping.

"It couldn't be any better than it is," said Frye, of the way her leg has healed and how well she has taken to the prosthesis. He added that Sadie was a perfect dog for this type of treatment, with the right attitude and the right family.

Throughout the process, Sadie has been "the best patient in the world," Hamilton said. After regular appointments, physical therapy and slowly increasing the amount of time each day that Sadie wears the prosthetic, she is taking well to it, Hamilton said. She walks normally on it; she recently swam with it; and when she's romping around Hamilton's enclosed backyard with her three other dogs, she runs on it.

"She used it running the other day," said Jamie Szenher, Hamilton's partner and one of Sadie's owners. He heard a sound, "ba, ba, ba, ba, ba," of Sadie's prosthetic rapping on the ground outside. "We call her thumper," he said.





Preventing childhood falls

"Injuries from falls are a leading cause of hospitalization and emergency room visits among children in New York State," said Diane Ward, CHN of Herkimer County Public Health.

Hospitals treat more than 100,000 fall-related injuries to children each year. These injuries account for more than \$100 million in emergency department visits and \$50 million in hospitalizations.

Falls most often occur at home, on the playground and while playing sports.

"The good news is that parents, caregivers and coaches can take steps to prevent childhood fall-related injuries. For children under the age of five, injuries most often occur right at home," Ward said.

To reduce the risk of a fall-related injury in the home, parents and caregivers should:

• Use approved safety gates on both the top and bottom of staircases

• Use window guards on all windows above the first floor, ones that prevent the window from opening more than four inches

• Keep stairways free from clutter

• Secure any area rugs

• Use slip-resistant mats and stickers in bathtubs and showers

• Never leave small children unattended on any elevated surface (such as a changing table or even a bed), or in the bathtub or shower, and

• Use safety belts and straps in high chairs and car seats.

"For children from ages five to nine, playgrounds are the most common location for falls," Ward said.

To reduce the risk of children being injured at the playground, caregivers should take the following precautions:

• Never leave children unattended

Women's Suffrage Movement exhibit

SALISBURY CENTER – An exhibit featuring the Women's Suffrage Movement from its beginning in Seneca Falls, NY, in 1848 to the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920 is on display at the 1805 Frisbie House. The exhibit has been loaned by the Dodge-Pratt-Northam Museum in Boonville, NY. The Frisbie House will be open on Sundays from 1 - 3 p.m. through Sept. 2. The Frisbie House is located at 109 State Route 29A, Salisbury, NY.

Kateri's Thrift Store

Kateri's Thrift Store, a program of Catholic Charities of Herkimer County, located on the lower level of the Little Falls Community Center, 45 Furnace St. in Little Falls, will be featuring its "Back to School Bag Sale" through Friday, Aug. 31. Customers can carry off all the clothing items they can fit into a large brown bag with just a small donation. Come and browse through our gently used clothing, houseware department, children's section and our novelty items.

The store is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Donations of gently used clothing and household items can be dropped off at the store during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday.

Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to become a part of the Kateri's Team, contact Sue at 315.823.1793 or Rae at 315.894.9917.

"THOUGH NOBODY CAN GO BACK AND MAKE A NEW BEGINNING... ANYONE CAN START OVER AND MAKE A NEW ENDING." - CHICO XAVIER • Make sure the equipment being used is age-appropriate

• Check equipment for wear and have any hazards repaired, and

• Ensure that the area around and under playground equipment is covered or filled with soft materials.

Sports-related activities are a leading cause of falls for tweens and teenagers – those from 10 to 19. Parents and coaches should:

• Always supervise children playing sports and engaging in other recreational activities

• Make sure that children wear the appropriate protective gear

• Make sure that children have a yearly check-up

• Check the playing fields for hazards such as bro-

ken glass, trash or uneven surfaces, andMake sure that children prepare for physical activity by warming up first.

"Childhood falls are a common source of injury, but recognizing the risks to children and taking steps to reduce the risk of falls and the severity of their consequences are things we can do to protect our children," Ward said.

To learn more about preventing childhood falls, call the Growing Up Healthy Hotline at 1.800.522.5006 or visit the New York State Department of Health website at www.health.ny.gov.

Calendar of events call 315.866.1370.

Aug 17 and 24

Aug 25

Fish Fries. 4-8 p.m. Poland Firehouse Station #1, 216 Rt. 8. Benefit for "Believe 271". The mission of the Believe 271 Foundation, Inc., is to provide financial assistance to those volunteer firefighters and ladies auxiliaries stricken with cancer and life-threatening illness. Call for Take-Outs: 315.826.7141.

Aug 18

"Celebration of the Spirit" concert. Noon-5 p.m. Arc Park. 420 E. German Street. Herkimer. For more information visit: www.archerkimer.org or call 315.574.7000.

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Aug 19

Exhibit featuring Women Suffarage Movement 1848-1920. Aug 19, 26 and Sept 2 18. 1-3 p.m. every Sunday through Sept. 2. Frisbie House, 109 State Rte. 29A, Salisbury Center.

Aug 22

Wednesdays at Fort Klock. Fort Klock Historic Restoration founding member Skip Barshied will review lighting through the ages. For more information visit www.fortklockhistoric.org, call 518.568.7779 or find us on Facebook.

New Horizons Barbershop Chorus and Individual Quartets Concert. 7 p.m. Bandstand. Route 20. Richfield Springs.For more information, call 315.858.0964.

Aug 24

Polka Fest 2018. German Flatts Town Park Route 5S, Mohawk, NY. Polish Food available 4-9 p.m. Tony's Polka Band 5-9 p.m. Admission \$5.For further information **Indoor Garage Sale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ilion church Fellowship Hall. Table rental is \$10 with deadline of Aug. 18. If interested, please call Barb Horwald 315.894.4520 or the church office 315.894.4093. Send checks to Morning Star UMC, 36 Second St., Ilion, NY 13357.

Morning Star Church Cornerstone Shop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Morgan St., Ilion. Shop will open with fall and winter clothing available. Halloween items also available. A Pulled Pork luncheon and Indoor Garage Sale will also take place.

Indoor Garage Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Ilion Methodist Church, 36 Second St., Ilion. Table rental \$10 per table. Please make checks payable to Morning Star UMC and send to Morning Star UMC, 36 Second St., Ilion, NY 13357. Deadline Aug. 18. If interested please call Barb at 315.894.4520 or call the Church Office at 315.894.4093.

Aug 30

2018 Rabies Clinic Vaccination Schedule. 5:30 - 7 p.m. Salisbury Fire Department 2549 St. Rt. 29 Salisbury Center. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

Sept 5

Tai Chi Classes. Starts Sept 5. 1 - 2 p.m. At The Ilion Library 78 W. Street, Ilion. The class will run every Monday and Wednesday for eight weeks. No classes on Oct. 1, 3, and 8. Class will on end on Nov. 7. Limit of 25 participants. Call Herkimer County Office For the Aging At 315.867.1121.

Sept 6

2018 Rabies Clinic Vaccination Schedule. 5:30-7 p.m. Cedarville Fire Department 960 St. Rt. 51, Cedarville. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

Fair. Fort Klock is located at 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Spaces \$50 for the two days. For more information contact Joan Kark-Wren at 518-649-2531, find us on Facebook, https://www.facebook. com/fortklockhistoricrestoration or stop by the Fort Friday-Monday to pick up an application.

Sept 8-9

Fort Klock 46th Annual Craft

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2018 Master Gardener Volunteer Training. Sept. 10 - Nov. 12. The training will be held at The First Presbyterian Church in Cooperstown. Residents of Herkimer County can call 315.866.7920 by Aug. 17 to apply.

Sept 15

Arc Park September Craft Fair. 10 a.m - 2 p.m. Arc Park, 420 E. German Street, in Herkimer, NY. Call Ashlee Tyo at 315.574.7745 for reservations or more information.

Sept 29-30

Cycle Adirondacks Introduces Fall Harvester Bicycling Event. Sept. 29-30 18. The two-day family friendly road cycling event will be based at Johnson Hall State Historic Site in Johnstown and feature the pastoral agricultural landscape and rich history of Fulton County and the southern Adirondacks. Registration, now open at CycleAdirondacks.com.Registration, now open at CycleAdirondacks.com.

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NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com

Kovels: Antiques And Collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel **Campbell Kids**

The googly eyes announce that the designer of the dolls was talented artist Grace Drayton 1936). Born (1887)Grace Gebbie, she married Theodore Wiederseim in 1900. They divorced in 1911 - the same year she married William Drayton. She divorced Grayton in 1923 but kept his name. She illustrated children's books, ads, magazine covers, comics like "Dolly Dingle" or "Dolly Drake," and later music boxes, limited-edition plates, valentines and paper dolls.

Her best-known art is the "Campbell Kids." She drew the pictures for the Campbell Soup ads for many years. The googlyeyed children were used

for doorstops, valentines and other projects. These four pictured dolls are all dressed up for a formal party, probably a wedding in the family. They were made in about 1916, and were created using hard composition, swivel heads, sculpted hair and jointed arms by Ideal Toy Co. The set sold for \$6,880 at a Theriault auction in Indianapolis. Q: Are old Jantzen

bathing suits collectible? Sellable?

A: Carl Jantzen and John and Roy Zehntgbauer started the Portland Knitting Co. in 1910 Oregon to make in hosiery and sweaters. When they were asked to make a knit wool bathing suit for a rowing team, they tried. By 1918 their company was called the

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Jantzen Knitting Mills, and they were making and licensing bathing suits sold all over the world. They made stylish suits that were nationally advertised, and promoted swimming events. The diving girl logo was created in 1920. All types of clothing made for sports have become collectible. and many serious fashion collections that started with designer gowns now have a division for sneakers and sports uniforms. A vintage swimsuit could sell for \$25 to \$50.

Q: I have a Cream of Wheat framed print that I think is from a magazine. It's signed Leslie Thrasher. Is it worth anything?

Charles Leslie A: Thrasher (1889 - 1936) was an American artist whose style has been compared to Norman Rockwell. He illustrated ads for Cream of Wheat, Chesterfield cigarettes, Kellogg's and other products, and he also did 23

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If these dolls look familiar, it's because they were restored by the artist who made similar children for Campbell Soup ads. The set sold for \$6,880.

magazine covers for The Saturday Evening Post and 360 covers for Liber-Magazine. Thrasher did illustrations for several Cream of Wheat ads,

beginning about 1913. The paintings were popular with collectors and were reproduced. Most sell for about \$10 - \$20. **Current prices**

• Postcard, Great Dane with a Chihuahua, bells on collars, Raphael Tuck, Oilette series, c. 1910, \$20

• Wooden sculpture, happy Buddha with exposed belly, seated on lotus throne, hand carved walnut with inlaid stone eyes, c. 1900, 8 inches, \$150.

• Bloomers, cotton pantaloons with applied florettes and daisy design lace trim, white with string draw waist. women's, Victorian, c. 1890. \$485.

• Patio dining set, iron, scroll design, round-top table and four chairs with fabric seat covers, 1960s, \$955.

TIP: Marble will scorch. A marble statue very close to the heat of a 100watt lightbulb may be damaged.

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A lot of folks today do not even own a sewing machine, so this particular whatchamacallit definitely harkens back to a different time. This tool, called a pinking machine, was used for a very specific purpose when sewing or hemming clothing.

This hand-operated pinker (or pinking machine) could produce scalloped or zig-zag edges on cloth for both decorative purposes and to prevent fraying. These small machines were in wide use before pinking shears, a special kind of scissors, were invented to do the same job. This particular pinking machine, often grouped together with other "fashion aids," is most likely from the 1930s.

Traditional pinking shears can be heavy, slow and tiring to one's hands and they often create sharper, more angled edges. Pinking machines like this one would result in a soft scallop or rick rack edge instead.

An original instruction manual from that era illustrates that the pinking machine could be used for more than fashionable edges on skirts and collars, however. Felt books, oil cloth table coverings, toys and other decorative items could also be enhanced with a wavy edge. Most often, a pinked edge would be made on expensive fabrics prior to laundering them, though, to help minimize fraying.

Because of the way this pinker was designed, cutting through fabric was not based on the sharpness of the blade but instead through the pressure made by the blade pushing against a steel disk. Increasing pressure on the blade meant it could go through thicker materials, including leather.

These early pinking machines could be attached to sewing machines of the era and often included a cutting guide and a marker, which would allow the user to adjust the width of the fabric being cut. Separate blades were also sold for varying styles of edges.

This particular pinker was manufactured by the Chandler Machine Company in Ayer, MA. They have been making industrial hand-operated and electrical sewing machines used in the garment trade, dry cleaners and laundries since 1905. The company is now headquartered in Carlstadt, NJ.





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Happy 65th anniversary

by Daniel Baldwin

Sixty-five years of marriage is quite an accomplishment, according to Mary Albrecht. Her parents Frank and Eleanor Albrecht reached their 65-year monumental milestone, a diamond anniversary, on Aug. 1.

"That's very historical," Mary said. "Sixty-five years is quite an accomplishment. They've been together so long. It's rare for couples to be married for more than 65 years. But if it was up to them (Frank and Eleanor), they would be married 100 or 200 years. I don't see it ever ending. They were always meant to be together." This groundbreaking achievement was definitely something worth celebrating, and Mary put together a small anniversary party for her parents at the Alpine Nursing Center in Little Falls on Aug. 1. Frank and Eleanor currently live in that nursing home, and Frank said that he and his wife enjoy staying there.

"The nurses are terrific," Frank said. "They go out of their way for the people living in this home."

Mary did not put the celebration together all by herself, as she received help from the nursing home's nurses and staff. "They came in, set the table for us and put the congratulatory stuff around," Mary said. "We coordinated with the facility, and they scheduled the room for us."

Mary, her parents and many other people living at Alpine Nursing Center had cake and looked at Frank and Eleanor's old wedding photos.

While Mary said that it is less likely for a couple to stay together for more than 65 years, her father disagreed. He said that there was another couple at this nursing home that had already celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

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"There's one couple that have been married here longer," Frank said. "They celebrated their 65th last year."

It would take a lot of trust and understanding for a couple to be married this long, but Frank said that there was no big reason why he and Eleanor have stayed together forever.

"We've always been together," Frank said, "and never were apart unless one of us was in the hospital. It's togetherness. The whole thing was togetherness. We get along good."

Mary also orchestrated a party for her parents' 50th

wedding anniversary. The 65th anniversary party was an important one for Mary and the rest of her family, but Mary also said that she did not want it to be a big one that had a ton of guests.

"We had a 50th anniversary party with over 100 people there," Mary said. "The 65th anniversary is an important one for Mom and Dad, but we just wanted it to be simple. We didn't want it to be huge."

Despite it being more low-key than the 50-year anniversary party, Frank and Eleanor said they were so grateful to have a daughter who remembered their anniversary and worked hard on making their 65th anniversary party memorable. "She doesn't let a holiday go by," Frank said. "She's a terrific cook. She cooks up a meal we've been used to all of our lives and brings it in. We enjoy it together now."

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Daughter Mary, her parents, and many other elderly people, living at this home, had cake and looked at Frank and Eleanor's old wedding photos.



Mary Albrecht (top) worked hard to put together the best 65th anniversary party for her parents Frank (left) and Eleanor (right) Albrecht. Photo by Daniel Baldwin





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Fourth Annual Herkimer Diamond Days

by Daniel Baldwin

Herkimer Diamond Days is the time of the year for local businesses to join together and promote the community.

"Herkimer Diamond Days started because we wanted to bring growth and economics back to our community and businesses in our area," Amy Weisser, vice president for the Business & Professional Association of Herkimer, said. "All the

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local businesses have gotten together to help give back to the community."

The Business & Professional Association of Herkimer put this Diamond Day weekend festival together, but they also encourage other local businesses to help them out. The group's motto, according to the association's President Christopher Lotey, is a business helping other businesses.

"We are a group of local businesses and professionals that are based here in the Herkimer area," Lotey said. "We have meetings. We try to figure out ways to bring more businesses into town, and we try to take care of our community, clean our community up, and make it a more desirable place for more businesses to come into. Everything we do is centered around the community."

The organization has hosted this festival for four years now, and this year's Diamond Days Festival held Aug. 3-5 had a better attendance than previous years, according to Lotey. There was live music, a basketball tournament, dancing performances, and a classic car show.

"We had very good weather this weekend," Lotey said during the festival. "We have more entertainment this year. We

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The Happy Haggs Dance Troupe spread joy and danced on the streets during this year's festival.



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have more vendors this year. So I'm looking up right now. I have high hope that we're going to be as good if not better than last year."

Lynnea Donai and the rest of her dancers, from The Happy Haggs Dance Troupe, spread joy and danced on the streets during this year's festival. Donai said she and the rest of the dance group were pleased to be here.

"It's an awesome

event," Donai said. "It's awesome that the community comes together and does this. It's nice to see the community come out, be together, support local businesses, and the community itself."

Herkimer Diamond Days may be the perfect example to bring the community together, but there are a few more reasons why Lotey and the rest of the association have this festival each year.

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village, according to Weisser, and this business organization figured that hosting a big festival, like this one, would be a good way to pass this sort of information out to the local Herkimer residents. That is how the association came up with the name Herkimer Diamond Days.

"We try to think what's a local resource that people don't really see or know about and it was the Herkimer diamond," Weisser said, "so we were like 'let's show and shine



Business and Professional Association of Herkimer Vice President Amy Weisser (right) and Herkimer Librarian Rebecca Cristman (left) took part in the event. Photos by Daniel Baldwin

it. Let's make our festival about it in order to bring people to our area."

The Business and Professional Association were also willing to take the risk and put this festival on Main Street. Business is barely brewing on that street, according to the Observer Dispatch. It has many abandoned buildings, but Rebecca Cristman a member of this association and librarian at the Herkimer Library said she and the rest of the group desperately want to bring life back on this street, and hosting this festival is one way of doing it.

"We want to bring Main Street back to life," Cristman said. "People make such rude comments about our Main Street, and even if you just walk down this street and look at the architecture of these buildings, those buildings are absolutely gorgeous. We have a wonderful library, some wonderful stores, and locally owned businesses **FOURTH 14**







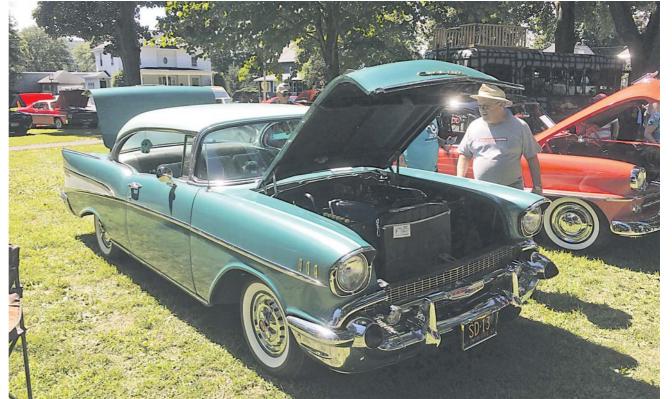


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here. Don't worry about Main Street. I work in the library, and I find that it has been well patrolled and taken care of, so we just want to bring Herkimer back to what it was."

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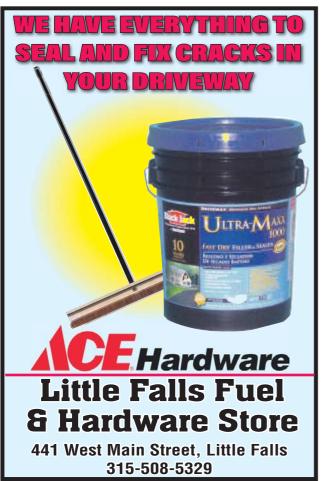
fessional Association will have more fun-filled events later in the year. Weisser said the group will throw a Halloween, Christmas, and Easter party in Myers Park. For more information about these upcoming events, you could visit their website at herkimerbpa.com.



This is the fourth year that the Business and Professional Association has hosted the Herkimer Diamond Days weekend festival. This weekend festivity had live music, great food, and a classic car show



Christopher Lote is the Business and Professional Association of Herkimer president.





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by Samantha Weaver

• It was 18th-century French writer Sebastien Nicolas de Chamfort who made the following sage observation: "Conscience is a dog that does not stop us from passing but that we cannot prevent from barking."

• You might be surprised to learn that famed British author Aldous Huxley, best-known for his dystopian novel "Brave New World," was a consultant on Disney's 1951 animated film version of "Alice in Wonderland.'

• If you bring to mind an image of John Lennon, more likely than not you'll see him in your mind's eye wearing a pair of round spectacles. In July 2007, a



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single pair of those iconic glasses was sold at auction for a whopping \$2 million.

Strange But True

• The tongue of the alligator is fastened to the jaw all the way around. That's why you'll never see a gator stick out its tongue

• You might be surprised to learn that the kilt originated not in Scotland, but in France.

• You probably know that certain species of snakes can grow to enormous size, with the longest specimens reaching upward of 30 feet in length and the heaviest weighing more than 400 pounds. Kind of makes you wonder what these monstrous serpents eat - and you might be surprised. According to reports, a pet python named Houdini swallowed a queen-size electric blanket. Even more amazingly, after a twohour operation, the snake lived!

• Those who track radio statistics say Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" is the most-requested song in the United States - and this despite the fact that it was never released as a single on this side of the Atlantic.

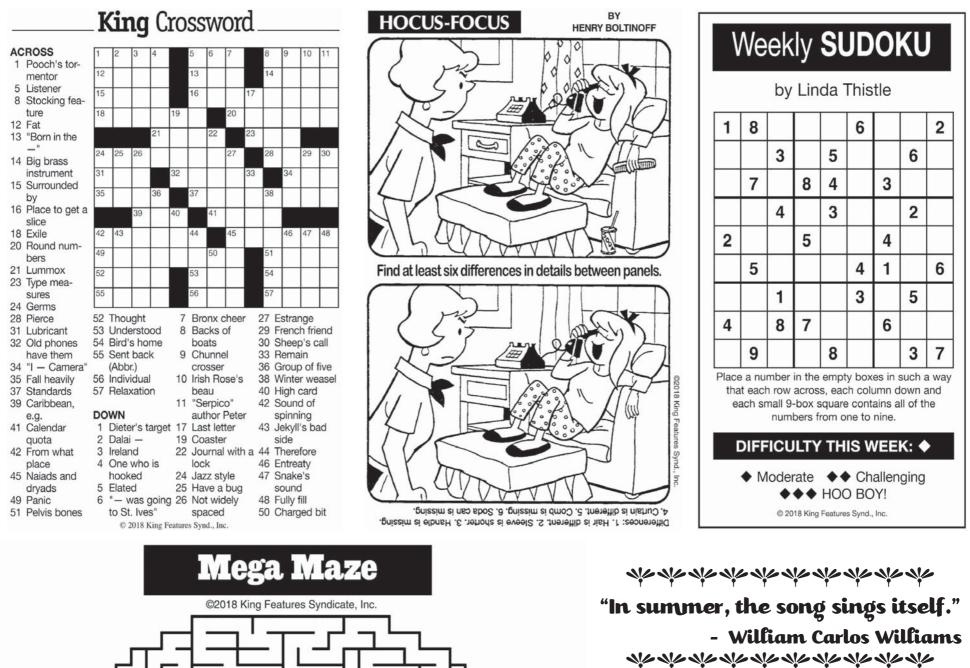
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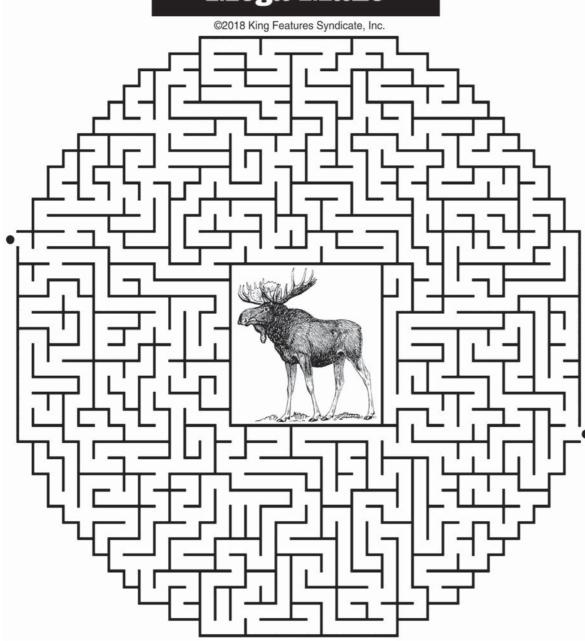
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"I've got a hot tip for you on something that's been rising steadily all week!"



Man socks rooster

by Terry Berkson

Last late fall, I was getting ready to box up my chickens and take them to Knight's auction in West Winfield, NY so that come winter we would be free to spend some time in sunny Florida. My neighbor, Jim, who lives across the road, surprised me when he offered to keep my birds in his coop. "Why would you want to do that?" I asked. "Body heat," was Jim's

answer. "The more chickens in my coop the warmer it will be."

Jim raises bantams and their diminutive and less heat producing size would allow plenty of room for my golden comet hens and my big white Leghorn rooster. Actually, I was concerned that my much larger chickens would abuse his little birds — especially my rooster who had spurs at least three inches long. To ease my mind I went out to the coop that night, got a hold of Geezbrook the rooster who I knew would be blind as a bat in the dark, and trimmed about an inch and a half off of those tines of his.

I was surprised when the next day we released the chickens in Jim's yard and two of his bantams immediately attacked my high stepping rooster who always looks like he's climbing stairs. Incredibly, he cowered into a corner, but what was even more surprising is that my hens came to Geezbrook's defense and fought off the bantam roosters. After a couple of days the newcomers were accepted and things settled down.

All the chickens made it through the winter and according to Jim they produced eggs prolifically. Now, back in my yard the hens who had come to Geezbrook's defense started picking feathers from his neck to such an extent that all that was left was a three inch length of his bare red skin. Pulling feathers could be the result of a protein deficiency but I was using a laying mash that boasted 16 percent protein — not to mention the many leftovers I give

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I have a drawer full of single socks that somehow lost their mate somewhere between the trip from the hamper to the laundry room. I accuse my wife Alice of being

careless with the wash. She accuses me of not putting pairs in the hamper. Anyway, I use the unmatched pairs for sleeping socks in the winter and because I have restless foot svndrome, many of the heels have holes in them rendering them useless. So, why not cut the toe off of one of these socks and slip it over Geezbrook's head to protect his neck? "That's a good idea," my wife said. I guess she was all for making use of the many socks whose mates she'd lost. That night I went out

to the coop with a toeless sock I had cut with a pair of scissors. Alice went with me because I knew that it wouldn't be easy to slip the sock over Geezbrook's head—especially because we would have to turn on the lights so we could see what we were doing. I snatched the rooster off his perch as he screamed bloody murder. "This is a man-bites-dog situation!" Alice declared while I held the rooster down. "It's for his own good," I said as she slipped the sock into place.

The procedure was a success and minutes later, there was my rooster back in the coop with his vulnerable neck protected. He tried to work it off but the elastic on the relatively new sock was holding tight. For the next couple of days Geezbrook was no longer henpecked. I was proud of successfully executing my idea but then Alice walked out to the coop one afternoon, gestured towards Geezbrook and said, "I found the mate to that sock."



Geezbrook is shown with his naked neck. Photo courtesy of Terry Berkson





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Maureen Griffin-Damone has just won the titles of Ms. New York Senior America and Ms. NY Congeniality Senior America 2018 at a pageant held at the Madison Theatre in Molloy College on July 29. She will represent the state of New York at the Senior America Pageant in Atlantic City in October. Griffin-Damone is a resident of Long Island and Herkimer County.

New York Senior America is an organization of women over 60 who inspire other women to live their dreams no matter their age.

This win occurs on the eve of the release of Grif-

fin-Damone's third album of original biker songs (her fourth album to date). A release party will be held for this latest album, "Bikers Anony-mous," on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 2 - 8 p.m. at the Sunset Grill on Sunrise Highway in Seaford, Griffin-Damone's NY. three albums of original biker songs are based on her experiences riding her motorcycle around the USA. (She was the first biker to ever enter the pageant.) Her prior albums are "Biker Girl" and "XOXO," as well as an album of old-time gospel favorites, "How Can I Keep from Singing." To learn more about be-

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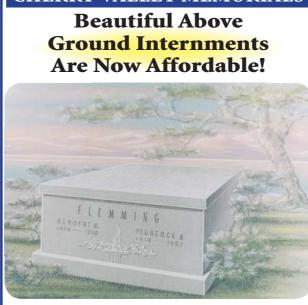


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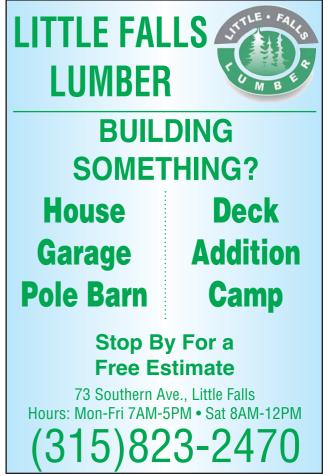
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Helping lawns deal with drought

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

With a changing climate, droughts seem to be getting more frequent and sometimes of a longer duration. Proper mowing, watering, and fertilizing are some of the strategies you can use to help a lawn deal with droughts and to survive.

During periods of intense heat or drought, lawns will go dormant. They're still alive, just not growing, so won't need mowing. Signs of dormant grasses, or those going into drought stress, include wilting, a color change to bluish or gray green then eventually browning, and footprints visible after walking on a lawn. This is what grasses do when faced with drought or heat stress; it's natural and normal.

Having a good soil rich with organic matter will help keep a lawn growing longer, before going dormant, and to recover more quickly. Mowing properly, and leaving grass clippings, is the easiest way to increase soil organic matter and to recycle nutrients. While topdressing an existing lawn with a light layer of compost helps, with a new lawn you can enrich the soil prior to sowing seeds or laying sod.

Deep, infrequent watering (if not provided by rain) is best to promote deep roots, which are better able to withstand drought stress. The rule of thumb is to make sure lawns are getting an inch of water a week, if not from rain then from you. If no rain, then apply this inch over one or two waterings a week—a good soaking each time—and preferably in the morning. If watered in the evening, grasses stay wet into and through the night, making them better targets for insects and diseases.

Once cool-season grasses go dormant, though, it is better to leave them that way, tempting as it is to water to green them up. Repeated growing and then going dormant drains their reserves, making them less vigorous. This, in turn, makes them more susceptible to diseases and more prone to weed invasions.

During a prolonged drought, if you can, you may want to ensure that a lawn gets one-half inch of water every two weeks. This is regarded as a minimum to keep the crown and roots alive so that, when conditions improve, they can resume growth. Turf will thin out and die if insufficient rain or water for four to six weeks. Once sufficient rains return, grasses will resume growth within a couple of weeks.

Watering, in part, will depend on factors such as water cost (if on a public supply), any water restrictions, and availability (if a home well). Use a rain gauge to determine how much water a lawn actually is receiving. Showery and cloudy weather can be deceiving, as it may appear lawns are getting a lot more water than they are.

Keep in mind when watering, especially during windy and hot weather in midday, that up to half the water from an overhead sprinkler may be lost to evaporation. Watering between 4 and 9 a.m. will minimize this evaporation.

Mowing as high as possible helps with drought stress, too. The amount of top growth often correlates to the amount of root growth. So a tall lawn generally has deeper roots, which help grasses dry out less readily. Lawns that are mainly Kentucky bluegrass should be mowed 2.5 to 3-inches high, even up to 4inches which is the top setting for many mowers. An additional benefit for tall grasses is that they help shade the soil, helping to conserve moisture.

Mow infrequently; really only if a lawn is growing. Also make sure mower blades are sharp so they cut cleanly.

Make note of areas of a lawn to go dormant first, as these may have underlying issues that need correcting when growth resumes. A soil test will determine if fertility or pH need correcting, and how. Thatch, if present, comes from too much water and fertilizer, not from grass clippings if you mow properly. You can rent a dethatcher if needed, once lawns resume growth.

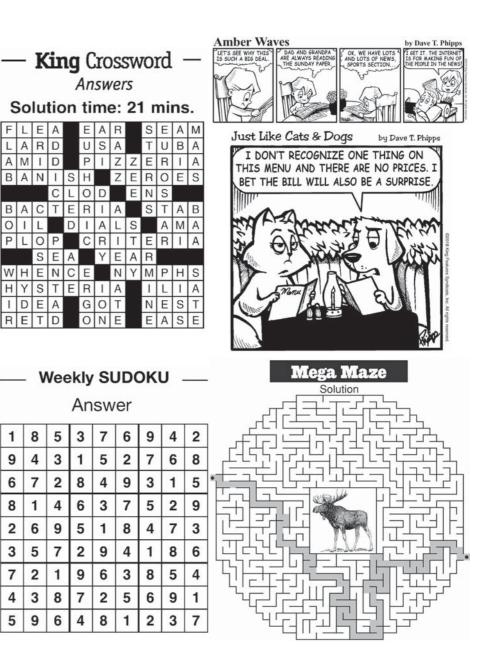
Avoid fertilizing lawns when they are dormant, as under drought stress. Nitrogen, in particular, will foster new growth which the plants can't support when water is limited. When rains resume and growth resumes, particularly during cooler weather in early fall, is a good time to fertilize if using a non-organic fertilizer.

Obviously, limiting foot or other traffic (mowers, carts, cars) on lawns when they are dormant or stressed will help minimize damage to them. If you're putting in a new lawn, and drought or really hot weather is becoming more normal in your area, consider grass species (even cultivars of some like fescues) that are more drought tolerant.

Drought periods also are a good time to rethink how much lawn you really need. Perhaps you can get by with less, substituting large areas of groundcovers where you don't need to play or walk.

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Five tips for towing trailers, boats and campers

(BPT) - According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 20,000 people require medical attention every year because of crashes involving trailers towed by passenger vehicles.

These recreational outings don't need to go sideways - nor does whatever you may be towing. Here's a safety checklist to ensure you are towing trailers, boats and campers the right way:

• Feel the (tire) pressure: An often-forgotten element on the trailer towing checklist is making sure the trailer's tire pressure is at the right level. In addition, inspect tires for wear or trauma - and be sure to have a spare.

• Get hitched: A starting point to towing is knowing the pulling capacity of your vehicle, as too much weight can cause a load of problems, no matter how much power your engine has.

On the towing vehicle, avoid using a ball mount and hitch that is rusted, cracked, corroded or poorly designed - anything that can compromise its integrity. A safe answer is applying a new hitch, like the Ultra-Tow Complete Tow Kit from Northern Tool + Equipment.

• Bottom line: Always reference the "coupling to tow vehicle" section of your vehicle manual to make sure it is done right.

• Be a chain agent: The next step is applying the safety chains, which need to be rigged to the tow vehicle. Avoid the common mistake of rigging the safety chains to the hitch or ball mount itself. Safety chains are federal law and will keep the trailer from drifting in the event the trailer coupling separates from the ball mount.

• Light it up: No matter what you're driving, communicating with other vehicles is paramount to safety — and that means having properly working brake, tail and turn signal lights. Before departing, sync up the trailer lights with the tow vehicle and test it so that other motorists will know your actions.

• Locked down and loaded: Once everything is hitched, it's time to load up the cargo. It's best to be balanced with weight distribution, but put heavier cargo in the front of the trailer. And of course, do not overload. This

pre-departure

ping.

checklist is only a start.

Once on the road, re-

member the basic safe

driving practices when

towing a trailer: Drive at

moderate speeds, avoid

sudden stops, don't use

cruise control and allow

more distance for stop-

No matter how much of a rush you are in to hit the road, don't take any shortcuts when it comes to towing safely.



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by Donna Erickson

Summertime is moving time We moved often when I was young. It was common then for companies to

transfer employees frequently. When we said goodbye to one house in Sente Beeg, CA, and holls to another in

Santa Rosa, CA, and hello to another in San Francisco, it didn't seem out of the ordinary to be on the move. I don't recall the send-offs, only the

arrivals, because my parents were positive about the idea that we were together as family no matter what or where.

Dad made sure my blue-and-white Schwinn bike was packed in the back of the van, the first item to descend the ramp on arrival. Those wheels sent me off exploring right away.

Once household goods were unpacked, he built an amazing swing set. With four-by-fours set in cement, his classic model was so tall and sturdy, my new friends and I could swing to the stars. No wonder it felt like home.

My childhood memories return, as households come and go on our block. If you are like these young families on the move, here are five tips to make it smoother for you and the kids:

1. It's not easy to say goodbye, because connections have been made between your family and people you care about. And some kids focus on everything they'll leave behind. There is security in sameness. Ease bumps and smooth the inevitable by acknowledging what your family will miss. Collect contact information and photos of people you'll stay in touch with. If possible, plan on a return visit, so your child knows you'll reconnect.

2. Arrival day is messy and can feel unorganized. Ease chaos by marking boxes and furniture with room names. During the high-energy moments of unloading, you don't want movers to put Avery's heavy bunk-bed unit in a main-floor bedroom if it's meant to go upstairs. 3. Pack sheets, quilts and pillows in dresser drawers for easy access to tuck kids in bed the first night.

4. Fill "First Days" labeled boxes for access of anything from liquid soap, paper plates, coffee and cereal to art supplies, toys and books. Include a week's worth of clothing, from underwear to work and school clothes too, so you don't have to dig through containers right away.

5. Take breaks, sip lemonade on your new porch, toss a Frisbee and enjoy your new surroundings.

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