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by Samantha Weaver

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• Swedish chemist and engineer Alfred Nobel, famed inventor of dynamite and originator of the Nobel Prizes, could speak five languages fluently by the time he was 17 years old.

• Most languages change dramatically over time. If we in modern America were to try to read, say, "Beowulf" (which was written in Old English), only those who have spent time studying the language would be able to make out more than a word or two here and there. If you're from Iceland, however, this isn't the case; the written language there has remained virtually unchanged for more than 1,000 years. Modern Icelanders have no trouble reading sagas that were written in the 10th century.

• Those who study such things say that fully one-third of all your brainpower is used for vision.

• At some point in your life you've probably gotten your hands gooey with papier-mache, whether you were making crafts yourself or helping your kids. You may not have realized, though, that the term "papier-mache" means "chewed-up paper" in French.

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by Healthy Exchanges

Jello Sherbet

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1 (4-serving) package Jell-O sugar-free gelatin (any flavor)

1 cup Splenda Granular

2 1/4 cups boiling water

2/3 cup Nonfat Dry Milk Powder

2 1/4 cups cold water

1 (6-ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed

1/8 teaspoon almond extract

1. In a large bowl, combine dry gelatin, Splenda and boiling water. Mix well to dissolve gelatin. In a medium bowl, combine dry milk powder and cold water. Stir in lemonade concentrate and almond extract. Add milk mixture to gelatin mixture. Mix well to combine.

2. Cover and freeze to a heavy mush stage, about 4 hours. Whip on HIGH with an electric mixer until fluffy. Recover and refreeze for about 1 hour. Makes 8 (1 cup) servings.

* Each serving equals: 72 calories, 0g fat, 2g protein, 16g carbs, 32mg sodium, 77mg calcium, 0g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch; Carb Choices: 1.

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top ten

Spring Fashion Trends

1. Sheer fabrics
2. Micro purses
3. Utility pants
4. Bold hues
5. Plaid prints
6. Kitten heels
7. Cat-eye sun glasses
8. Trench coats
9. Sequins
10. Scrunchies

Source: eBay.com/fashion

Antiques & auctions... Going, going...yours!

KING'S

Thurs., April 5th Food Auction ~ 6:33AM

Sat., April 7th Consignment Auction ~ 6:33PM

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Sat., April 14th Consignment Auction ~ 6:33PM

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Auctioneers Note: This is a collection that the Wren Family has worked on for many years. Come and join us for an old fashion country sale.

**Watch for
Complete Sale Listing!**

Mohawk Valley Food Policy Advisory Council supports Cuomo's "No Student Goes Hungry" Initiative

At its recent monthly meeting, the Mohawk Valley Food Policy Council voted to recognize Governor Cuomo's leadership on an important local food system issue.

With his recently announced "No Student Goes Hungry" initiative, the Council noted the Governor has called attention to the important relationship between food quality and access, student success, and community vitality.

Council member and teacher Barbara Freeman noted: "Hunger is a bigger impediment to learning than most people think. I've seen it myself. I welcome Governor Cuomo's 'no-shaming' policy."

The Mohawk Valley Food Policy Advisory Council

was launched in 2013 as an outcome of activities under a USDA Hunger Free Communities grant, and includes representatives from all aspects of the local food system, from producers to marketers and consumers. The mission of the Council is to create a healthy, secure future for our region, based on a resilient local food system where affordable and nutritious food is accessible to all. The agencies represented by Council membership work in many ways to strengthen the local food system, and the Council brings these groups together to collaborate on ways to improve the health of the economy, the environment and the people of our region.

The Mohawk Valley Food Policy Advisory Council has been instrumental in bringing multiple Farm-to-School projects to the Mohawk Valley, and is currently leading the activities of a USDA-funded Farmers-to-Consumer feasibility study project.

More information on the No Student Goes Hungry Initiative: <https://tinyurl.com/yctgbhp9>.

For more information about the Mohawk Valley Food Policy Advisory Council, contact Jim Manning, FPAC Facilitator, jmanning51@gmail.com or 315.272.9529.

ADIRONDACK AUCTION SALES

Spring Roundup

Horse, Pony and Tack Auction

SATURDAY May 5, 2018

Save the Date! Come early & plan to stay late.

Last spring was a great sale and horses sold well!

Selling used and new tack at 10:00 a.m. followed by outside equipment and trailers at 1:00 p.m. Then on horses and ponies.

A load of new tack, buckets, feeders, waters, gates and supplies.

Buying all hardware factory direct, plan to stock up!

We have buyers for all types of horses and ponies!

NOTICE: This will not be a catalog sale. No consignment fee

Just a 10% commission fee \$50.00 no sale fee

25% commission on all tack and equipment

**** Excepting consignments until sale time on horses.**

Tack must be in the barn before tack sale starts!

***** All horses and donkeys must have a coggins test within one year, out of state horses must also have a health certificate!**

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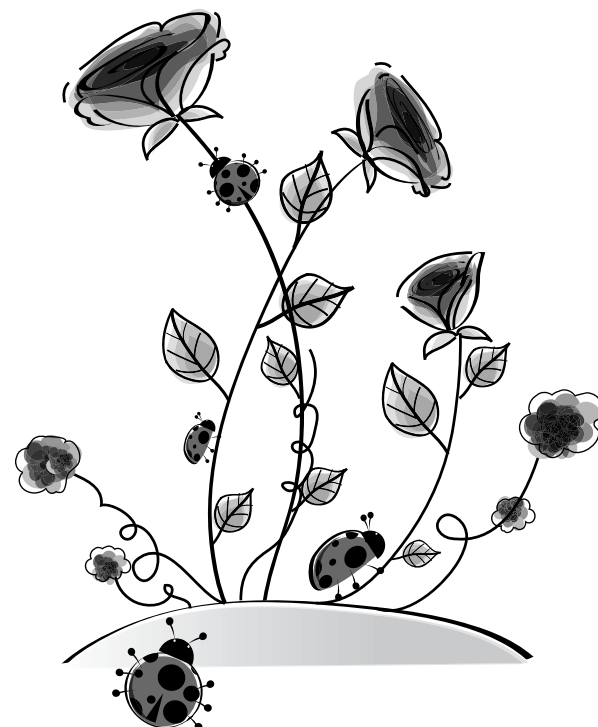
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Auctioneers: Dave and Tye Eglin

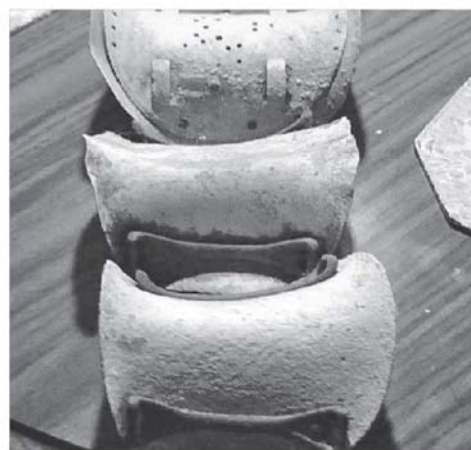
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Whatchamacallits

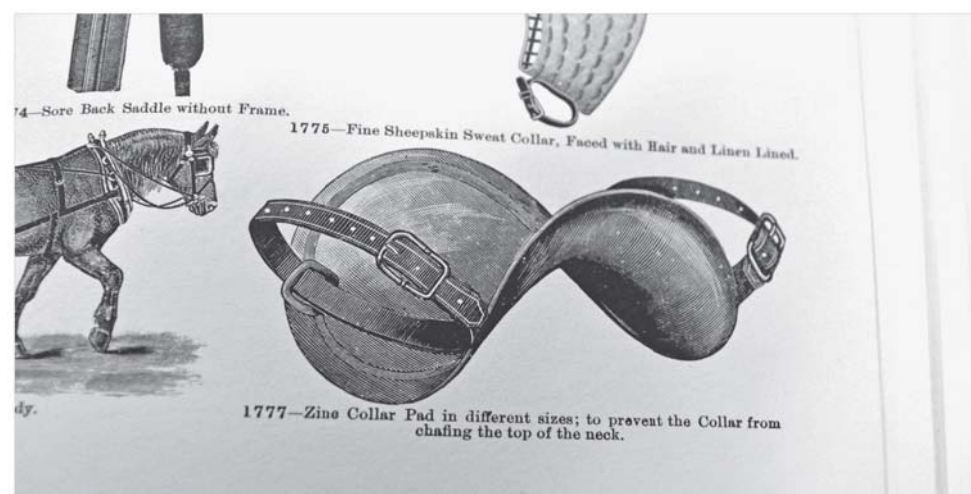


Recently we asked for your assistance in naming these particular Whatchamacallits, submitted by one of our readers. The only things we knew about this item was that it was made of some sort of metal and was about five inches in length.

The three Whatchamacallits are ac-

tually all the same. These are zinc collar pads. They were used to prevent chafing the necks of draft horses. The collar pad would have leather straps to hold the pad in place as well as keep any buckles off the horse. The pads could also be made out of tin.

These collars date back to the late 1800's, probably from the Zinc Collar Pad Company, owned by Dexter Curtis. The business was located in Michigan and thrived until it was sold after the turn of the century.



Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?

Send a photo and short description to cbarnden@leapub.com or call Camden at 518-673-0144

Good Housekeeping

Broiled Brown-Sugar Bananas
A sweet, satisfying dessert with just four basic ingredients. Ready to serve in just 10 minutes.

4 ripe medium bananas, unpeeled
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon lower-fat margarine
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. Heat broiler. Cut each unpeeled banana lengthwise almost in half, being careful not to cut all the way through and leaving 1 inch uncut at banana end.

2. In cup, with fork, blend together remaining ingredients. Place bananas, cut side up, on rack in broiling pan. Spoon

brown-sugar mixture into split bananas.

3. Place pan in broiler at closest position to source of heat; broil bananas 5 minutes or until browned. Serve bananas in skins, and use spoon to scoop out fruit. Makes 4 servings.

* Each serving: About 150 calories, 2g total fat (1g saturated), 20mg sodium, 34g total carbohydrate.

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Senior News Line

by Matilda Charles
Cut cable, save money

If your cable bill keeps climbing, you don't have to give up your television. There is a way to keep watching your shows and movies at a fraction of the cost. It's called cord cutting.

"Cord cutting" means that you can dump your cable company, replace it with a small indoor HDTV antenna and a streaming device, and sign up for individual services for much less than you're paying now.

There are new streaming devices every day: Roku, the Roku stick, Amazon Fire stick and more. Roku connects to your TV with an HDMI cable (\$10) and runs on Wi-Fi from your internet. The stick plugs right into your TV. The little device will cost you from \$30 to \$100, depending on which one you select.

With Roku alone you can access thousands of channels, many of them free. Some will cost you a few dollars a month. Before you sign up for any channels, give yourself a month of sampling what you can get on your device for free.

If you're ready to venture out and add channels, consider Netflix for its thousands of movies, as well as full seasons of TV shows, although they're a

year late. Hulu, on the other hand, airs many network shows the next day or week. If you're an Amazon Prime customer, look through its movie and TV offerings for no additional cost, or access premium channels (such as HBO and Showtime) at a discount.

That's where you need to beware. Make your choices carefully, or you run the risk of signing up for so many that it equals the cable bill you just got rid of. Take it one step at a time.

Your best bet to start: a Roku and Netflix.

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HOSKING SALES LLC – CERTIFIED ORGANIC MARKETING AGENCY

Weekly Sales Every Monday 11:30 with Misc. & Small animals followed by Dairy & Livestock

Monday, Mar. 26th – Sold 463 head. Cull Ave. \$.50 Top Cow \$.68, Bulls/Steers \$.58 - \$.70, Bull calves top \$1.10, heifer calf top \$1.05, Goats top \$205, Lambs 45#-79# \$1.50- \$2.70, Lambs 80#- 98# \$1.75- \$2.00.

Mon. April 2nd – Normal Monday sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale. **SPECIAL:** Bill & Bambi Norman – Complete Registered Jersey Herd Dispersal. Selling 33 head with 20 milking age 3 bred heifers balance youngstock. SCC 75,000 milk test ave. for last 6 mths 4.96%F 3.8 P. Special highlights: Wisteria sired by Minister potential EX fresh in Nov. bred back to Circus Craze her Dam EX w/ 3-05 20700 6.0 1246 3.8 786, 2nd D: EX w/ 5-01 24150 4.9 1193. Also her 2yr. Dtr by Colton will catch your eye. *Clueless sure to score high she is fresh in Oct. bred back to Rockstar & due in Sept., Dam EX93 w/7 records ave. over 20,000, next dam EX91 w/21,000 of 4.6. She sells with her Valor dtr. Bill & Bambi started this herd as a retirement hobby – purchasing only the best calves & heifers they could find. They have developed them superbly to be this outstanding herd. This herd is as good as you will find anywhere. If you need a show age calf or fancy young cow this is the sale for you! This herd would not be for sale if it were not for recent health issues. **Also Special:** Raging-Brook Farm, Davenport Center. Selling their 40 Cow dairy – All sired mostly Holsteins, 2 Guernseys, 1 Blue cow. Ave. 65# 3.8F 3.1P. SCC 180,000. 38 cows milking w/1st & 2nd Calv. Falls Pride sends 3 Registered Jerseys 2 due in April and 1 in May sired by Valentino, Galvinize, Barnabas. Dairy starts at 1:00PM.

Mon. April 9th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale

Sat. April 14th – Alfred State College Spring Fling – sale held at Alfred College. Accepting consignments for this sale also – Registered all Breeds.

Monday, April 16th – Normal Monday Sale Monthly Lamb, Goat, Pig Sale. **Special:** Spring Beef Turnout Sale – a group of 30 Angus feeders – 10 heifers ready to breed this spring the rest feeder bulls. Call to advertise your group of cattle it makes a difference.

Sat. April 21st – New Berlin, NY. Annual Spring Consignment Spring Machinery Sale & Plant, Shrub & Tree Auction. Call today to have your equipment advertised!

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

Friday, April 27th – 11:00 AM sale held on the farm Cherry Valley, NY. Van-Acres LLC, Complete Registered Holstein Dispersal. 75 Milking age & 75 youngstock. Watch future ads for more details!

Mon. April 30th – Normal Monday Sale

Mon. May 7th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale. **SPECIAL:** Belle Hill Farm, Poland, NY – Complete Herd Dispersal. 170 Head of Dairy Cattle – 84 milking age, balance bred heifers & youngstock. This herd consists of Holsteins, Jersey, Jersey Cross, Guernseys, Ayrshires Linebacks. Cows are ave. 50#, SCC 150,000 strictly Hay & Grain – top grazing herd. ****Trucking Assistance** – Call the Sale Barn or check out our trucker list on our Web-Site. Call to advertise in any of these sales it makes a difference. Watch website for any last minute updates.

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GOATS- 3 dairy goats does (1 alpine/obershasli, 1 alpine/Nubian, 1 toggenburg, all proven); 2 Pygora C class fiber goats, self shedding (1 ewe 1 wether); 1 nigerian dwarf wether. **RABBITS:** 4 long haired mini rabbits.

LIVESTOCK FARMING SUPPLIES & GEAR: Heated buckets, rubber and plastic buckets, Sheep/goat wire panels, Sheep/goat wire stall panels-4'x4', 5', 6' lengths, some 3' high with screw style connectors; 2 customer built Premier style feeders - 8' and 10'; Water troughs-rubber, plastic & metal, from 12 gallon to 100 gallon; assorted rubber and plastic feed holders-hanging types and dish types; bunk feeders; hog feeder; various types/sizes of hay feeders; solar heater waterer; first aid kit with meds, syringes, hoof trimmers, etc; Premier electric shearer; Wahl electric trimmer; Transportation cages-chicken crates, several wire dog crates, various sizes, large enough for sheep/goats; Water storage-125 gallon horizontal leg tank, 3-275 gallon water storage cubes; Chain link fencing - 6' high rolls; solar fence chargers; electric fencing and fence wires/tapes and posts; Horse coral fence panels with gates; Livestock portable fence panels with gates; Sleds-deep style for hauling hay bales or hunting quarry; rabbit hutches-several styles & sizes; fuel storage tanks-1 diesel, 1 gasoline; NIB Maglight heavy duty flashlights (6 or 8); RTC48 Brush Hog 3 pt. hitch rototiller.

HORSE TACK: 2 English saddles, 2 Western saddles; dual purpose halter/bridle-draft sized; standard sized bridle; breast collar; halters; pony driving gear; draft driving gear (no collar); floor stands for saddles; wall mounted halter/bridle racks; Grooming gear-brushes, combs, hoof picks; 2 metal/wood low profile chicken tractors; Horse grazing muzzle with crow, Weaver size med. new with tag; Riding gear-cowboy hat, oil cloth outback hat, cowboy boots, half chaps, duster coat.

OUTBUILDINGS: Greenhouse; 2 run in sheds, 2 storage or hunting cabin shed; 2 storage sheds current set up with chicken houses; 2 mini sized run in (needs repair).

HOMESTEADING & KITCHEN SUPPLIES: Maple Syrup tapping and cooking gear; Apple press; NIB All American pressure cooker/-canner; Excalibur food dehydrator, tomato press; apple peeler; canning jars; Blank egg cartons, Various sizes with labels and rubber stamps large variety of kitchen tools, hardware, dishes; Whirlpool 19 cu. ft. refrigerator, brush stainless steel doors, good working condition, ice maker; Sewing Machine in cabinet; Seed starter supplies-warming pads, grow light stands, lights; Tools-vintage and new.

HOUSEHOLD-MISC: Coleman 3 room 8 person tent; Small Buckboard driving wagon, single horse; 10x10 pop up canopy for markets or picnics; Office-laminator, printer, air cleaner; 60 gallon rain barrels; Footed bath tub, antique; Green porcelain bath tub, vintage; Sunfish sailboat, complete; Clothes line posts, wooden; propane heater, propane tanks, Framed artwork; Cross Country skis and boots, Snow shoes; 2 rolls of snow fencing; Large lots of boots; Large lots of videos and DVD; Clothing(girls, womens, many sizes, all seasons); Stuffed animals; Schleich horse barn toys set and toy animals; Asst. of work & muck boots; Asst. of work, gardening & winter gloves; 2 ladies 3 speed bikes-one with basket, saddle bag holder; Bike gear-helmet, saddle bags, light, locks; Bedding-twin sheets, double comforter; 2 handmade quilts (one Amish, one Mohawk), blankets; Vintage clothes hamper-metal, tole painting, quilting fabric; Box lot of T shirt for wearing or crafts; Baby monitor 3 pc set-Summer brand with B&W portable monitor & desk top color viewing monitor; Nintendo Wii with games & accessories.

FURNITURE: Gun cabinet; Antique bed, Antique dresser; wood book shelves-variety of styles, sizes; kitchen/workshop cabinets; Iron/glass plant stand; Victrola-cabinet style, working condition; storage cubes; Futon sleeper couch-queen sized mattress/cushion, wood & metal frame, black mattress; Antique Chinese Herb cabinet; 3 Vintage and new wooden desks, various styles; Wooden video/DVD CD storage cabinet;

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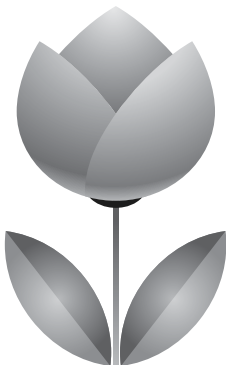
Looking for Hay Equipment, Machinery, Tractors, Lawn and Garden, and much more!!!!
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GUN AND AMMUNITION CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
Wednesday April 18th 6:00pm

Looking for Guns, Ammunition, Sporting Goods and Fishing Tackle Consignments!!!
Already Consigned is a Ruger Pellet Gun, Like New Highlander Compound Bow (retails over 500.00) Thompson Center 56 Caliber Black Powder Rifle, and more still coming!!!!If you have consignments now is the time!!!! Consign Early!!

UPCOMING!!!

On Site Farm Auction Sat April 7th 9:00am • Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Sat April 14th 9:00am St Johnsville
Huge Flower Consignment Auction Sat May 5th 9:00am in St Johnsville
HUGE 2 Day Consignment Auction at the Fordsbush Produce Auction Friday & Saturday May 11th & 12 Heifers, Machinery, Equipment, Tools, Shrubs, Flowers, Crafts, Furniture, Sheds, Carriages, and more!!
On Site Welding Shop Auction (John Fisher Welding is changing ownership and selling)
Sat May 19th 9:00am 170 Youngs Rd Fort Plain NY



Pre-Kindergarten Registration
Canajoharie Central School

Applications for Pre-Kindergarten are available at the East Hill Elementary Office for the 2018-2019 school year.

In order for the District to plan for the next school year, please submit the application as soon as possible.

Applications should be received no later than May 4, 2018 to be included in the drawing for placement.

For a child to enter Pre-Kindergarten in September 2018, he or she must be a district resident, and at least four years of age on or before December 1, 2018.

The 2018-2019 program will be full day. The hours are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Transportation is provided.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the East Hill Elementary School at 673-6310.



Calendar of events

April 14

Free clothing giveaway at Valley Alliance Church 9 - 11 a.m. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. State Highway 5 1 mile east of the Nelliston traffic light. Refreshments provided.

Rabies Clinic 9 - 11 a.m. Palatine Town Barn, 817 Stone Arabia Rd, Fort Plain. Requested donation is \$10. For more information call 518-853-3531.

April 14 & 15

Arkellebration! 12 - 5 p.m. Arkell Museum 2 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie. We'll be exploring art and animals over a weekend of fun, including everything from aquatic birds to axolotl. For more information call Jenna Riley at 518.673.2314 or visit www.arkellmuseum.org

April 19

Free — EPA Lead Trainings, Apr 19. 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Montgomery County Public Health, 20 Park Street, Fonda. For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7ovgsyc>

April 21

Schoharie Crossing - Canal Clean Sweep 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, PO Box 140, Fort Hunter For more information call 518.829.7516 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydewefp6>

May 1

Rabies Clinic 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Minden Town Barn, 134 Route 80, Fort Plain. Requested donation is \$10. For more information call 518-853-3531.

May 7

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, 4 - 7 p.m. HC Benefit Club, Fundraiser for the Ephratah Rural Cemetery. \$8 -12 to Adult; 5-11 \$5.50; under 5- Free. Take Outs Available. Raffles and Bake Sale. Tickets sold by Cemetery Trustee Members and at

May 12

Rabies Clinic 9 a.m. - Noon, Mohawk Town Barn, 2-4 Park Street, Fonda. For more information call 518-853-3531.

May 17

Free — EPA Lead Trainings, May 17. 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Montgomery County Public Health, New York, Participants must pre-register. Class size is limited to 24 participants. Please register online: <https://tinyurl.com/y7kgo9xb> For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531 (M-F) 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visit our website at: <https://tinyurl.com/y7ovgsyc>

May 19

Fort Klock Opening Day 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Fort Klock. Experience the sights and sounds of 1776. Join us at Fort Klock for a special living history event featuring a chandler, black smith, tin smith, weaver, militia muster, hands-on demonstrations and more. Visit www.fortklockrestoration.org or call 518-568-7779.

May 21

Rabies Clinic 9 a.m. - Noon. 2 Park Drive Amsterdam. Requested donation is \$10. For more information call 518-853-3531.

June 2

Rabies Clinic 9 a.m. - Noon, Town of Amsterdam Highway Dept., 283 Manny's Corners Rd., Amsterdam. For more information call 518-853-3531.

June 7 - 10

2018 American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference FMCC, 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown. Hosted by the Fort Plain Museum. For more information visit www.fortplainmuseum.com

June 23

Rabies Clinic 9 a.m. - Noon. Canajoharie Fire Dept Garage, 39 Mohawk St. Canajoharie. For more information call 518-853-3531.

July 4

Strawberry Fest at Fort Klock Enjoy Strawberry Shortcake and ice cream while hearing the Declaration of Independence read. For more information call 518-568-7779 or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org

July 10

Rabies Clinic 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Johnsville Town Barn, 7431 Route 5, St. Johnsville. Requested donation is \$10. For more information call 518-853-3531.

Aug. 7

Rabies Clinic 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Palatine Town Barn, 817 Stone Arabia Rd., Fort Plain. Requested donation is \$10. For more information call 518-853-3531.

Aug. 7-9

Young Pioneers Program at Fort Klock. This hands-on program for youth age 9-13 provides a glimpse into colonial life. For more information call 518-568-7779 or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org

Aug. 11

Rabies Clinic 9 a.m. - Noon, Rural Grove Fire Department, 1192 Rt. 162, Rural Grove Requested donation is \$10. For more information call 518-853-3531.

Sept. 8 & 9

Fort Klock Craft Fair For more information call 518-568-7779 or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org

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Helping the earth and other April gardening tips

by Leonard Perry, UVM Horticulturist and Charlie Nardozzi, Garden Consultant

Helping our planet through Earth Day activities, starting seedlings, and sowing early crops outside are some of the gardening activities for this month.

Nearly 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 by picking up litter, collecting recyclables and holding "teach-ins" to talk about the environment. It was started by Gaylord Nelson, a 53-year-old Wisconsin senator, as a way of bringing attention to how people's actions were endangering the planet. This widespread concern by citizens about what was happening to the earth inspired the Congress to pass the Clean Air Act in the early 1970's.

Fast forward to 2018, when Earth Day is celebrated on Sunday, April 22 once again, and concern is even more intense by many on helping our planet. Since Earth Day Network — the organization promoting and coordinating events and efforts globally — began promoting "A Billion Acts of Green", it has recorded over 2.6 billion and is aiming for 3 billion. These acts could be as simple as using reusable not plastic shopping bags or planting a tree.

Other ways that you, as a gardener, can make every day an Earth Day are to minimize your use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides to protect the soil. You can water with a drip irrigation system rather than an overhead sprinkler to conserve water. Switch to electric garden tools like trimmers and blowers (many have quite long-lasting batteries now). Reduce mowing by leaving large areas not used for recreation unmown, except once or twice a season, and replace other seldom-used or shady lawn areas with groundcovers.

Make sure that you are all set for the growing season by buying your onion sets and seeds, mapping out the garden, cleaning and oiling your tools and getting your soil tested. In mid- to late April you can start many transplants. As a rule of thumb, most annuals and vegetables need to be started six to 10 weeks before it's time to transplant them into the garden. Check the seed packet for instructions.

If you use peat pots, these can be planted directly in the garden, as the pots will decompose. Or plant in flats, using a soil-less mix containing peat, perlite, vermiculite and a small dose of fertilizer. If you use a

compost-based mix, make sure it is for seed germination. Moisten the soil before planting seeds but avoid overwatering, which may cause seeds and seedlings to rot.

The first crops that can be sown in the ground once the soil has dried out enough are beets, carrots, lettuce, parsley, peas, radishes, spinach and Swiss chard. Plan to make successive sowings every couple of weeks to prolong the harvest. The end of the month or early May you can plant asparagus and onions from small plants, roots or "onion sets" (a.k.a. bulbs) that you buy.

Peas like cool temperatures, but avoid wet spots with poor drainage as this will cause the seeds to rot. If powdery mildew has been a problem, select varieties resistant to this fungal disease. For variety, plant both traditional shelling peas and snow, or snap, peas with edible pods. Determine if you want bush varieties, or vining ones that will need some means of support.

Other activities for April: Remove winter mulches from perennials, strawberries and roses; prune summer-flowering plants and evergreens; build a bat house for your backyard.



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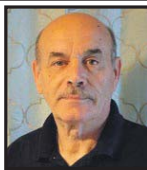
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030: 30 Schultz Street, **CANAJOHARIE**: Home with plenty of room inside and out. If you have a family, there is a nursery school one block away and the other schools are all within walking distance. There are three bedrooms on the second floor and possible fourth on the first floor and one full bath and one 1/2 bath. The property runs from Schultz Street to a driveway entrance off of Prospect Street. There is a large two car garage and a heated outbuilding that is used as an art studio. A new roof, furnace and hot water heater were installed in the past year or less. Many new windows. **Asking \$95,000**



039: 6 Lincoln Street, **FORT PLAIN**: This home has been well maintained and structurally sound and a newer furnace, hot water tank, new chimney, new basement windows. Located on a quiet dead-end street. **Asking \$56,000**



046: 389 Dingman Road, **FORT PLAIN**: This property is as close to perfect as you can get. 360 degree panoramic view, 43 acres gently sloping tillable land with 10 acres of Hardwood trees. Multifaceted property: Farming, Vegetable Gardens, snowmobiling, dirt bikes, hunting, star gazing, sunrises and sunsets, cross country skiing, fruit trees, use your imagination. Solar farm, QUIET!, 36 X 50 Utility Barn with 2nd floor loft area. The home is very cozy with a view from every window, a complete wrap around porch, outdoor hot tub, small greenhouse, four bedrooms and one full bath. **Asking \$369,000**



051: 21 Highland PL, **CANAJOHARIE**: Welcome Home!!! Nice three bedroom, one bath home in Historic Canajoharie. Updated kitchen, wood floors, some new windows. Large back yard for the kids and pets. New Solar System!!! Some minor cosmetic repairs needed. **Asking \$74,900**



272: 565 River Road, **FORT PLAIN**: A Stunning 1800s Greek Revival situated on 43.5 acres. This fabulous home features 6 bedrooms, two and a half baths, three fireplaces, oak floors, cast iron radiators and so much more. Large 2 story barn in excellent shape, work shop, concrete floor, horse stalls, several outbuilding and pens. Currently being used as an operating Paint Ball Business. Centrally located in the Historic Mohawk Valley. **Asking \$299,000**



275: **NEW LISTING!!!** 96 Smith Street, **CANAJOHARIE**: This gorgeous Colonial style home sits just above the village and overlooks the Mohawk Valley. After you fall in love with the privacy and the view, you will fall head over heels for the interior. The spacious floor plan features an open kitchen that is great for entertaining, a large master suite, and a walkout basement that could easily be finished. This property won't last long!!! **Asking \$220,00**



351: 41 Third Ave, **GLOVERSVILLE**: Quaint 3/2 two family home in the village. Great front porch for relaxing on both levels. Big back yard (double lot) with fence. Huge 3 car garage with upstairs storage. Bonus basement room. Lots of natural light. Pellet stove does not stay. **Asking \$77,500**



521: **NEW LISTING!!!** 64 Maple Ave., **CANAJOHARIE**: Cape Cod style home with an updated kitchen and full bath. Great residential location, walking distance to parks and school. Nice yard for gardening or entertaining. **Asking \$64,900**



522: **NEW LISTING!!!** 5 Douglas Street, **FORT PLAIN**: Two-story, two family home with separate utilities. Unit 1 is 3 bedrooms, Unit 2 is 2 bedrooms. Off street parking. **Asking \$28,900**



524: **NEW LISTING!!!** 11 E. Liberty Street, **ST. JOHNSVILLE**: A large home located on a corner lot in the Village of St. Johnsville. Open concept on 1st floor with large windows to bring in the natural light. Eat-in kitchen, dining area and living room w/fireplace. This is a very nice property at a very reasonable price. **Asking \$39,900**



527: **NEW LISTING!!!** 6444 State Highway 5, **FORT PLAIN**: Long private drive makes this a great setting. Cherry kitchen cabinets, large dining room and living room. Three bedrooms and full basement. Nice backyard, perfect for entertaining. **Asking \$57,900**



676: 3409 State Route 80, **FORT PLAIN**: The renovations of this beautiful farmhouse include, but don't stop with the new kitchen, bathrooms, wiring, windows and refinished hardwood floors. Features include a horse barn with two renovated stalls, hay storage and acres of grazing. The views are outstanding and the old orchard setting is fabulous. The property is fronted by the Ottsquago Creek which is annually stocked with trout by the NYS DEC. Must see to appreciate all of the details the current craftsman/owner has added to this charming home. **Asking \$159,900**



700: 66 Center Street, **FORT PLAIN**: Two-story, three bedroom, one full bath home. Corner lot with an enclosed porch. Located conveniently to stores. Estimated square footage 1,750. Roof replaced in 2016. Currently leased. **Asking \$37,900**



750: 0 Dingman Road, **FORT PLAIN**: 28.9 acres of beautiful forest that can be used for hunting land. Close to Cherry Valley and Cooperstown. **Asking \$49,999**



838: 32 Maple Ave., **CANAJOHARIE**: Lovely two family that has many updates--new roof, furnaces, windows, sheet rock to mention a few. Each apartment has two bedrooms and one full bathroom. Walking distance to school and downtown. Plenty of off street parking. **Asking \$69,900**



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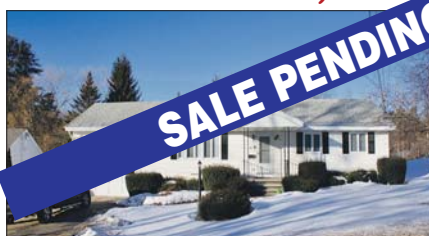
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NEW LISTING \$79,900
516 N. Market St., Johnstown



Nice 3 BDRM, 2 full bath home! New Natural Gas Furnace, finished attic space, 2 car garage & large fenced yard. Motivated seller.

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130 Scott Rd, Caroga Lake



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REDUCED \$239,000
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RENT VS. OWN: Which is right for you?

(BPT) — If you’re thinking of buying your first home, you’ve probably wrestled with the decision to rent or own your home — and for good reason.

Owning a home is a big commitment. With it comes a lot of responsibility and a long-term financial relationship.

But which is right for you? To answer that, let’s lean into the facts.

The improving housing market

Good news! Since the depths of the recession, the housing market has made a heroic comeback. That can be attributed to a number of factors, including a drop in unemployment and a stronger economy.

But as the housing market has recovered, it has experienced some growing pains. With a sharp increase in demand, housing supplies are being strained. This means, among other things, that prices are going up.

For families and individuals still recovering financially, finding affordable housing options can be difficult. This applies to home sales and rentals.

Making the decision

With rental and sales markets heading toward record highs, the decision falls back to what is best for you. Specifically, what is financially feasible.

Let’s look at the basic numbers. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median gross rent paid from 2012 to 2016 was \$949 monthly. Compare that with the median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage, which was \$1,491 over the same time period.

Then there are utilities. The median monthly electricity cost for renters in 2015 was \$82, with owners paying \$117. For piped gas, the median amount renters pay monthly is \$42, while owners

pay \$58.

For renters, it is wise to carry renter’s insurance. Some landlords will also charge maintenance and other fees. Utility costs will also vary depending on the quality of the structure and materials used as well as size of the rental space.

Homeowners will pay property taxes, insurance and an estimated \$500 annually for routine maintenance, according to the Census Bureau.

The benefits of homeownership

At a glance, it may seem that renting is the lower cost option. But there are certain benefits to homeownership that may offset the additional regular costs. According to the Tax Policy Center, the primary benefit to owning a home is imputed rental income. Simply put, making a monthly payment on a home that you own is like paying rent to yourself.

While that money is not taxed, it comes with another benefit — potential tax deductions. When you file your federal taxes, you may be able to deduct a portion of the mortgage interest you pay. Talk to a tax professional for more information on the expenses you can deduct and the limits for those deductions.

Beyond the numbers

Homeownership provides a variety of benefits beyond the numbers. For many people, a home is the largest investment they will ever make. The upgrades, work and care put into the home that you own can add value to your investment. It also adds a sense of pride knowing that it is yours.

“Having a place to call your own, a place to return to at the end of the day, makes life better,” said Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. President Eric Hamilton. “You can see it from the moment they make the decision — that sense of pride. It’s a life-changing event and a memory that will last a lifetime.”

























(55) 1954 St Hwy 29, **Johnstown**: 4+ BR center hall colonial has 2 1/2 Baths. Spacious Kitchen with walk in Pantry, Formal DR, LR, Family Rm and formal sitting room. Many original features: hardwood floors, french doors, fireplaces and a grand foyer with open staircase. Several updates. **\$197,500**



(56) 1123 River Rd, **Fort Plain**: This 4 BR home is situated on 61.7 Acres. First floor BR and Bath. LR, DR, Kitchen and 2 enclosed porches. Mature landscaping with many perennials and 2 orchards. There are a couple of outbuildings and a nice 2 car garage with electric. Motivated seller. **\$189,000**



(57) 257 Main St, **Fort Plain**: 4 BR home in family neighborhood near school. Eat in Kitchen, DR, LR, Den, Full Bath with Laundry on first floor and second full bath on the 2nd flr. Updated electric service. 2 story garage with plenty of storage. 230 feet deep lot with above ground pool. **\$78,500**



(58) 19 Arnold Ln, **Nelliston**: 3 BR ranch style home on dead end lane. LR has hardwood floors and a fireplace. The Kitchen has cooktop, built in oven and the Laundry hook up. Sunny and spacious back yard for the garden. New front deck. Single car attached garage. Natural gas heat. **\$59,000**



(255) 495 Old Fort Plain Rd, **Fort Plain**: This Iconic Restaurant had been well known in the area for many years and has been neglected for the last several years. It was a fine dining, banquet and bar facility. It is in need of someone to take over and bring it back to what it once was. **\$53,500**



(804) 28 E Main St, **Nelliston**: Fully rented 3 unit has a 3 BR / 2 Bath apartment on the first floor and 2- (2) BR apartments on the 2nd floor. Separate utilities. Off street parking. Plenty of storage in the Attic and full basement. Concrete patio area in back yard. Laundry on premises. **\$109,900**



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(NAPS) — Despite 41 percent of millennials opting for “vacation moves” — relocating somewhere without the intention of staying permanently — reports show that the nomadic life might not be all it’s cracked up to be. Mobility has its perks, but the greatest social advantages are found in homeownership, says a recent National Association of Realtors study.

While the economic impacts of homeownership are well known, there are other benefits that are just as, if not more, valuable. For instance, homeownership is at the core of community building. The stability gained in an area through consistent ownership creates strong, cohesive relationships and social networks.

Likewise, neighborhoods with more family-owned homes than rentals experience higher property values and social capital, according to a Harvard University review. Compared to renters, homeowners display increased civic engagement and feel a greater sense of responsibility to invest time, money and resources in community and environmental improvements.

Collectively, these factors lead to better school systems, lower crime rates and stable neighborhood growth — a ripple effect that persists for generations.

While renting undoubtedly allows for the ability to move and explore, homeownership enables the freedom to customize one’s home to truly reflect personality and lifestyle. Unlike renting, a lack of restrictions allows space for self-expression and personalized functionality, two of the biggest contributors to personal growth and life satisfaction, as recognized by psychologists around the world.

The desire to be upwardly mobile isn’t the only reason some are choosing to rent. Many consumers find the idea of locating and financing a home to be daunting. However, tools such as Rocket Mortgage from Quicken Loans are revolutionizing the home-buying process and making it so simple that it can be managed on a cell phone — in as few as seven minutes, the company says.

While there certainly is a time and place for renting, it’s worth learning about the many benefits of owning a home before making the decision to pay a landlord for another 12 months.

Investing in homeownership early allows greater long-term flexibility with income, proving that homeownership doesn’t tie you down. Instead, it brings empowerment, freedom and sense of purpose.



Homeownership generates higher levels of happiness, especially among millennials.

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SURVIVING A HOME RENOVATION

Homeowners invest large sums into improving their homes to make them more comfortable living spaces or to increase their odds of selling

quickly. The Remodeling Futures Program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University predicted U.S. spending on home renovations and repairs to peak at \$327 billion in 2017.

drum up dust and disarray. Such projects can try the patience of any homeowner, and things may get worse before they get better.

Even though remodeling can be taxing, the end result is often worth it. Here's how to look forward to the silver lining and come out unscathed.

Discuss the project before it starts.

All family members should be in agreement before the first hammer is swung. Decide on as many details as you can ahead of time and have a firm plan in place. Establish back-up choices for tiles or color schemes in case the items you want are out of stock. Trying to make decisions under duress may result in bad choices.

Do one project at a time.

It's tempting to want to improve as much as possible at once to maximize motivation and renovation materials. However, having no place in which to escape the mess can elevate stress levels. Do not think about renovating kitchens and bathrooms all at once, or you will not have any working fixtures for tasks like washing up.

Have everything in place ...

Before demolition even begins, have building materials bought and stored, contractors and subcontractors lined up,

and see what you can do to minimize the time workers need to spend in your home.

... but expect delays.

In a world where things move at lightning speeds, renovations have not gotten the memo. Home projects take lots of time and will likely take longer if you are doing the work

yourself in your free time. Build lots of extra time into the project so you are not disappointed when delays happen — even when you've done your best to avoid them.

Plan an escape zone

Construction environments can be messy, loud, smelly, and a host of other unsavory adjectives.

The chaos that ensues when life is turned upside down can be overwhelming; particularly for the person who spends the most time in the home while work is being done. Build escape moments into the plan and make sure everyone else at home is on board. During the real grind of the project, a night or two at a hotel may be a welcome respite.



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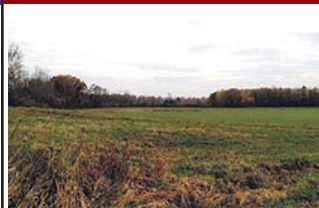
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FORT PLAIN



MLS 201711877 **\$119,900** If you love Victorian architecture, this house is for you! There's plenty of space in this 4-bedroom/2-bath home close to Fort Plain Elementary and High School. This traditional floor plan delivers a tasteful dining room, formal living room with wood floors, fireplace, huge gathering room, sunny updated kitchen with walk-in pantry, breakfast area. New roof in 2011, thermal windows, and beautiful woodwork. Large 1st floor bonus room could be used for family room, art studio, or even a day care center!

FULTONVILLE



MLS 201524577 **\$339,000** Beautiful, peaceful location, 63 acres of cleared fields. 36 x 50 Barn with a 16 x 20' apartment with kitchen, living rm, bedroom and bath. It has 50yr a/s roof insulation and plywood, engineered trusses, concrete floor. 3 doors 9 1/2 high x 10' wide. underground wiring, septic and pounded well. 22 acres electric fence cedar post. Second barn 32 x 48 metal roof, chicken coops. Fields are clear and have had no fertilizer on them for over 10yrs. New horse barn + 20 x 18 addition to living quarters

MLS 201723911 **\$89,500** Everything in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath is new including roof, electrical, plumbing, furnace, HW heater, kitchen, kitchen floor and upstairs bathroom. Attic could be master bedroom or a teenagers retreat!

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Plant a tree for Arbor Day

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

Arbor Day is a day recognized in each state as a public celebration of spring and of trees. Church groups, schools, civic groups, towns, cities and private individuals commemorate this day by planting trees to beautify their yards and their communities. The date varies by state, depending on the climate and the best time for planting trees. Arbor Day is the first Friday in May in Vermont, the last Friday in April in New York, and even earlier in southern and some western states.

Historians claim the tradition of planting trees to beautify an area actually began in 1630 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. It was in Boston, according to historical records, that the first shade tree planting for the "public good" occurred in the New World.

Arbor Day had its origin in the Great Plains in the 1800's. Settlers, arriving from the East, found vast open stretches of land but no trees. So they began planting trees on their farms and near their homes for shade, beauty, and to act as windbreaks and curb soil erosion.

Julius Sterling Morton, a New York native who later moved to Michigan and finally settled in Nebraska, is credited as the father of Arbor Day. An early conservationist and President Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture, he understood the importance of planting trees to prevent the loss of valuable topsoil. In 1872, as a member of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture, he pushed for a statewide day to celebrate tree planting. Being the editor of Nebraska's finest newspaper helped him to further his cause and that of trees.

Arbor Day was proclaimed an official holiday that year in Nebraska, and on one single day — April 10 — more than one million trees were planted in the state, prompted in part by the offer of prizes to whomever planted the most trees. Nebraska soon became known as the "Tree Planters State." Other states passed legislation during the 1870's to observe an Arbor Day. In 1882, this observance began in schools nationwide.

Trees provide more benefits than just shade and aesthetic beauty. According to the Arbor Day Foundation — the organization that now coordinates and promotes efforts related to this day (www.arborday.org) — like how trees "clean air and water, slow climate change, ease poverty and hunger, prevent species loss, and feed the human soul." Specifically, trees:

- Help cleanse and purify the air by absorbing carbon dioxide, catching dust particles and other pollutants, and giving off oxygen
- Moderate building temperatures and conserve energy by insulating homes and buildings and providing windbreaks
- Reduce water run-off and soil erosion during storms
- Provide food for humans and animals from fruit trees
- Provide habitat for insects — the main food of birds
- Screen out "eyesores" in the landscape and frame good views in addition to creating privacy
- Increase the resale value of homes

When planting trees for Arbor Day — spring is one of the best times for planting trees — or any other time, ensure their good health by following proper planting procedures, proper follow-up care after planting, and proper tree maintenance.

This means selecting a tree species that grows well in your area and providing the right soil for healthy

growth. Before you plant, it's a good idea to check the soil pH and fertility with soil tests.

Plant at the proper depth — the depth at which the "root flare" is at the soil surface. This is the area at the trunk base that flares outward. Often this may be buried beneath soil in a root ball or pot, so make sure to brush any top soil away until it is visible.

Wrap and stake the newly planted tree if necessary — if it will be exposed to frequent and heavy winds. Mulch around the base of the tree, but not up against the trunk. Making a "volcano" of mulch around the

tree base, as is commonly seen, may kill that bark and eventually the tree over time. Following planting, water frequently and heavily once a week.

Good tree care also entails pruning when necessary, and proper fertilization. You should follow a sound maintenance program to treat pests and diseases. When horticultural chemicals are needed, always follow label instructions carefully to avoid misuse. For help in the selection and care of trees, consult the Arbor Day website, or professionals at your local nursery.

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Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Should shock collars be banned in U.S.?

Dear Paw's Corner:

What do you think about England banning "shock collars," which give dogs a mild electric shock when they misbehave or try to cross an electric-fence boundary? — Jim H., via email

Dear Jim: I'm all for it. Shock collars are just plain cruel. Never mind that they give purely negative feedback, something that should be limited when training a dog. England's ban will take

effect this year. Other parts of Britain already have banned or are considering a ban on the use of shock collars, including Wales and Scotland.

Here in the U.S., however, there is no such legislation that I know of in any state that bans the sale or use of shock collars. A growing movement is taking shape, however: The Animal Rescue Site is circulating a petition and plans to deliver it to the House Committee on Agriculture, as well as the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition

and Forestry, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Care.

Organizations including the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior and the Humane Society of the United States have issued statements against the use of these collars. "The least humane and most controversial use of the shock collar is as a training device," the HSUS says on its website.

As AVSAB says in its position paper on the issue, "Training should focus on reinforcing de-

sired behaviors, removing the reinforcer for inappropriate behaviors, and addressing the emotional state and environmental conditions driving the undesirable behavior."

In short, owners who want to train their dogs correctly should focus on positive reinforcement. If training a dog becomes difficult, consult a professional trainer rather than shift straight to a shock collar or choke collar.

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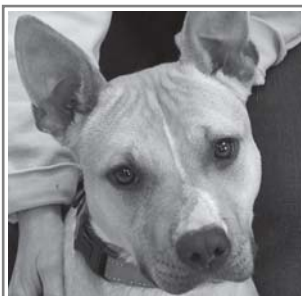
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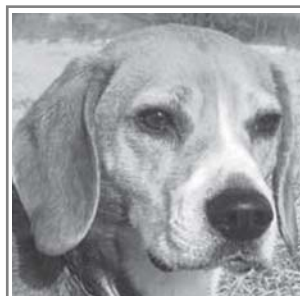
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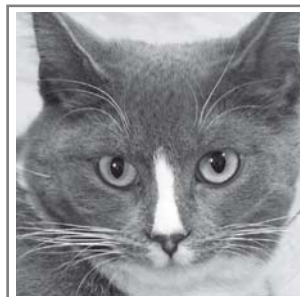
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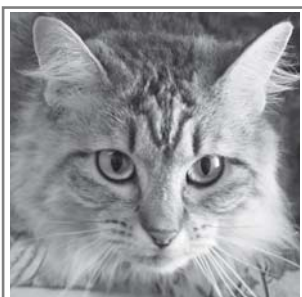
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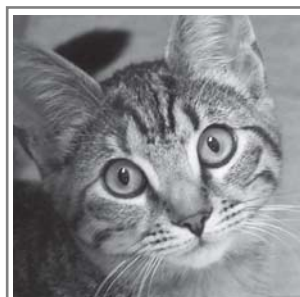
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**Seed-starting pots
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It's growing season, an ideal time for your family to poke around and play in dirt. Begin indoors! Popular plants are easily started inside during spring months to give a jump-start to your summer garden.

While many serious gardeners purchase seed-starting kits, you'll discover with this kid-friendly activity that you can save money by making your own growing containers for seedlings out of this newspaper when

you finish reading it. Once you get started, you'll be rolling them out in minutes.

Fill the mini starting pots with fresh damp potting soil, tuck in seeds and you're on your way to growing bedding plants you can transplant in your backyard or deck garden, pot and all, since the newspaper will dissolve like a peat pot.

Here's what you'll need:

- black-and-white print newspaper
- ruler
- marker
- scissors
- 6-ounce can, such as a tomato paste can, for a mold. Use a larger can or plastic water bottle for a bigger pot
- tape
- fresh seed-starting potting soil



- seeds packaged for 2018, such as parsley, tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers and melon. (Carrots, beets and radishes do best when sown directly in the garden)
- wood craft sticks for markers

- waterproof tray, such as a recycled deli container

Here's the fun:

1. Help your child measure and cut a 6-by-22-inch long strip of newspaper (for a bigger pot, use a larger can and adjust newspaper size accordingly).

2. Set the can sideways along one end of the newspaper strip. Leave about 1 3/4 inches beyond the base of the can. Your child will enjoy rolling the newspaper evenly around the can to make a cylinder. Add tape at the end to secure paper in place.

3. Starting at the outer seam, fold the paper edge several times over the bottom of the pot to create a flat base. Tape in place. Remove can and fold the top of the pot inward 1/2 inch to form a rim.

4. Fill pot with moistened soil. Plant seeds and water. Write plant name on a wooden craft stick and insert it in the pot. Set on the waterproof tray.

Repeat with more pots and seeds.

Keep pots out of direct sun until seeds sprout, then move to a sunny window. Water when dry to the touch, being careful not to overwater.

When ready to transplant, bring the plant-filled tray outdoors for a day to adjust, then plant the whole pots in the ground or in a container on your deck.

TIP: Make and plant seed-starting pots with other families and share the seeds.

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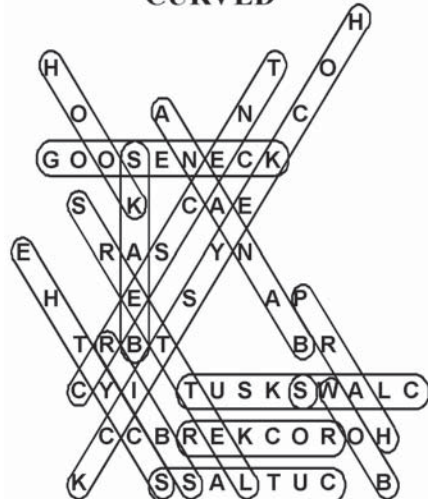
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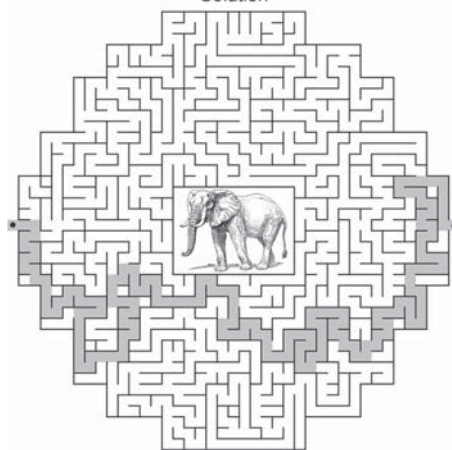
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New Artist in Residence Program announced



Downtown Development Specialist, Jennifer Jennings and Artist in Residence, Nicolina Schanfarber stand in front of public artwork recently installed at 39 North Main Street, Groversville.

Photo courtesy of Jennifer Jennings

There are wonderful things happening in downtown Groversville and 2018 is putting a spotlight on them like never before!

Fulton County Center for Regional Growth and the Groversville Downtown Development Specialist are pleased to announce the launch of a new program in downtown Groversville. The pilot Artist in Residence Program will work with a

young, local artist to creatively document changes to the city throughout 2018. The selected artist, Nicolina Schanfarber, has been tasked with documenting downtown Groversville over the course of a 12-month period. The program will include pop-up shows and public art pieces in addition to coordinating a postcard marketing campaign and dedicated website meant to connect the community.

The piece, a window mural titled Re-Imagine Groversville, began as an interactive community project at 2017's Bacon Jam where attendees were invited to share their own answer to "I

like to pretend that Groversville isn't a city, but instead a ____." After collecting the answers (both written and illustrated), Ms. Schanfarber pieced them together into a singular re-invented cityscape.

"The goal of the ARP is to create a continuing catalog of work, throughout the years, dedicated solely to the people, places, and community that make Groversville a great place to live, work and visit," said Jennifer Jennings, Groversville's Downtown Development Specialist. "Each year, the selected ARP will be tasked with the same directive: to document downtown through their specialized medium."

The selected artist is Nicolina Schanfarber, a visual artist and writer working within the cross-sections of language and image. A native to the area, Ms. Schanfarber studied Fine Art at Fulton-Montgomery Community College before going on to receive her Bachelors from Hartwick College in Oneonta. Currently she is working on her Masters at Ithaca College's ImageText Program.

"We are thankful for the many volunteers who helped us install this piece," continued Jennings. "The building's owner, Susan Casey, and Piseco Realty have been wonderful partners as well. Our community is generous beyond measure when it comes to creating positive change."

An official unveiling of the art piece was held March 30 in front of the Carriage House at 39 North Main Street. Questions regarding this or any other programs coordinated by the Downtown Development Specialist office are welcome. Please email jenniferj@fccrg.org or call 518.725.7700.

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- **Move.** Insurers typically look at where a person lives when calculating rates. Those people who live in highly populated, urban areas likely will have higher premiums than others who live in more rural towns. That's because greater population density often translates into more people on the road — and a greater chance for insurance claims due to fender benders or theft. By moving, a person may be able to cut rates.

- **Gender and age** are factors. One can't step into a time machine, but it's helpful to know that growing a little older can lower insurance premiums. The financial advice source Money Crashers say that young men usually incur higher rates than young women because statistically men get into more accidents. However, as a person moves into his or her senior years, the roles reverse. Older women may see higher rates than men the same age.

- **Keep make and model** in mind. The type of vehicle driven can affect insurance premiums. Certain insurance carriers will increase premiums on vehicles that are more susceptible to damage. Flashy sports cars or those that do not score as highly on vehicle safety ratings calculated by industry experts may result in high premiums. Vehicles that are desirable to car thieves also may cost more to insure. Researching vehicles prior to purchase and checking the rates for those cars or trucks with insurance companies can help keep costs low.

- **Commuters** may pay more. Individuals who use a car for business or frequent commuting may pay more than people who drive less because statistically there is a greater risk for an accident, says State Farm. Reducing commute times can lower premiums.

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- **Follow the rules** of the road. Drivers who have moving violations, drink and drive or engage in otherwise risky behavior behind the wheel may see their rates soar.

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A beginner's guide to electric cars

Electric or hybrid vehicles can be smart additions to eco-friendly lifestyles. Although such cars were once science fiction, EVs are now increasingly more common and traversing roadways around the world. Thanks to several mainstream brands offering EVs and hybrid models, consumers are more informed than ever before about the benefits of a plugged-in ride.

Still, even with the wealth of information available, some people still may be unsure about what owning an EV entails and how to make informed decisions when shopping for such vehicles. Going electric means thinking beyond the gas station. Here's how to navigate the ins and outs of EVs.

• **Type of vehicle:** First consider that not all EVs are the same. Hybrid vehicles use a mix of gasoline and electricity and tend to have long fuel ranges. All-electric cars will only use electricity that is gained through charging the vehicle for a certain period of time.

• **Affordability:** Consumers can expect to pay more for electric and hybrid vehicles than gas-powered vehicles. But as demand increases, costs may drop. According to a report from USA Today, estimates point to EVs as being as affordable as gas vehicles by 2021. Another consideration is there may be tax incentives for purchasing an EV. Speak with a tax professional to see if this is applicable.

• **Environmental savings:** Electric cars produce no emissions from the tailpipe and reduce dependency on oil-based fuels. Furthermore, EVs will not need oil changes or emissions checks that traditional cars require, further saving resources. The resource Plug in Cars says that EVs can also

save on fuel costs, ranging at 2 cents per mile traveled, compared to 12 cents for gas-fueled vehicles.

• **Fill-ups:** EVs can be charged at home using personal charging kits or at charging stations in the neighborhood. Charge times will depend on the size of the vehicle and its battery. According to TheChargingPoint.com, an EV resource, the typical time for an all-electric car using a standard UK home wall socket is between 6 and 8 hours. Some new EVs can be charged in 30 minutes to an hour at rapid charging points.

• **Solar + EVs = savings:** Consumer Reports advises that, when EVs are combined with home solar systems, "fuel" costs can be completely eliminated. That financial gain can be a big motivator for some consumers.

• **Short trips:** Individuals who travel 80 miles or less per day may find pure electric vehicles advantageous. Those who have to go further should consider hybrids that offer greater range. However, Tesla, Chevy and Nissan EVs have recently moved beyond the 200-mile range before requiring a charge.

• **Charging stations:** A report from University of Michigan researchers using data from the Department of Energy suggests that there are now roughly 16,000 public electric vehicle charging stations with about 43,000 connectors in the United States. ChargeHub, with information from the Canadian Automobile Association, states there are a total of 6,473 EV chargers across Canada.

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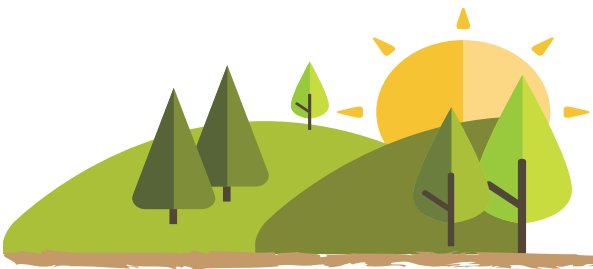


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Kindergarten Registration: If your child will turn 5 years old by 12/1/18 and has not attended the Fort Plain School District’s PreK Program, then your child must be registered for kindergarten for this fall. Please call 993-4000 ext. #3072 to begin the registration process and receive a packet of material. You may also register your child in person, by stopping at the elementary school between 8:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Students currently enrolled in our PreK program will automatically be registered for kindergarten. If your child will not be attending this fall, please notify the elementary office.

PreK Applications: Children who turn 4 years old on or before 12/1/18 are eligible for the district’s PreK program this fall. Our 2018-2019 PreK is a full day program and includes meals and transportation. PreK applications will be available beginning April 9th at 8:00 a.m. Applications can be picked up at the elementary school kiosk. If you would like an application mailed, or have any questions, please call the office at 993-4000 ext. #3072.

Students of the Month:	
Brantley Brownell	Gr. K
Samuel Downes	Gr. 2
Jack Parkinson	Gr. 1
Vincent Cwiklo	Gr. K
Christopher Aney	Gr. 5
Breanna Steinhauer	Gr. 6
Rylee Herron	Gr. 7
Mercedes Hogan	Gr. 8
Cassie Etherton	Gr. 9
Willow McGinnis	Gr. 10
Emily Abrams	Gr. 11
Jason Huang	Gr. 12

Upcoming Events:

- 4/11 Board of Education 7:00 p.m.
- 4/13 Jr/Sr HS Report Cards Mailed
- 4/11-4/13 NYS ELA Testing Grades 3-8
- 5/1-5/3 NYS Math Testing Grades 3-8
- 5/2 Final Budget Hearing 7:00 p.m.
- 5/11 Jr/Sr HS Interim Reports Mailed
- 5/16 Group Picture Day: Gr. 8 and 12

Elementary Drama Club: Drama Club students in grades 3-6 have been working on their acting skills and techniques. Initial Drama Club sessions had students learning to use props, practicing emotions, and working with a partner to act out a scenario. Next, the students moved to small group skit presentations. After reading their assigned one-page skit, the students decided who would play which part, set up a simple “set” with tables and chairs, and performed for the rest of the group. During March and April, students will each receive a short monologue. They will map out on paper how their character would look, act and speak. They will perform their monologue and receive feedback after the performance.

Community Health and Wellness Fair
Saturday, April 14th 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Harry Hoag Elementary School, Fort Plain
“Start Your Day the Healthy Way!”

Stop in for free Pinkalicious Pancakes, Huevos Rancheros, made-to-order omelets, fruit smoothies and a homemade oatmeal bar with toppings. There will be a free mini-soccer clinic for kids, and the American Ninja Warrior course will be set up all day! The Canajoharie Fitness Center will host a HiIT class at 10:45 in gym, and “Easy Morning Stretch” classes will be offered in the library throughout the morning. There will be health screenings, children’s activities, information booths and games to play. This event is FREE and open to the public of all ages.

T&G Math Fact Friends: The following elementary students were level achievers at the March sessions of “Math is Fun!”:
Honorable Mention: Hailey Davis, Bryellah D’Arcangelis, Kyera Murray, Robert Davis, Isis Hammond
Math Fact Friend: Caitlyn Stephens, Morgan Stock, Zionna Robarge, Jansheen Haider
Math Fact Fanatic: Larry Sanders, Silas Smith
Math Fact Phenom: Marionna Stephens, Summer Trumbull, Dylan Keane

Pennies For Patients: Elementary school students have been participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Student Series campaign. They are raising funds for blood cancer research. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has a major role in bringing cutting edge treatments to blood cancer patients. The pennies collected support research, patient services, advocacy, public and professional education, and community services.

Schools Conduct Safety Drills: The Fort Plain District has been conducting a series of lockdown drills in both buildings, as mandated for all schools in New York State. Families should be reminded that the most effective drills are those that do not include prior notification. During these drills, students, staff and law enforcement personnel practice important safety techniques and procedures. Each drill that is conducted helps everyone involved to be informed and practiced, in the event of a future emergency.

Math Department Celebrates Pi Day: The Jr/Sr High School math department celebrated March 14th’s Pi Day with a collection of canned goods. Food collected was donated to the food pantry at the Fulmont Community Action Agency’s Fort Plain center. Students worked hard to bring in donations, and sort & pack the donated food. The department set a goal of 314 cans and are pleased to announce that they not only met, but exceeded their goal!

Elementary Student Council News: The members held a “Welcome 2018” dance on January 23rd. Activities included dance contests, a costume parade, limbo, and an official “midnight countdown.” They also held an “April Fools” dance on March 27th. The dance featured a joke contest and the admission fee was to make a funny face. Members of the student council worked hard on all of the planning of these events, ran the activities and contests, and worked on setup and cleanup. Student council members will be using the months of April and May to work on service projects in the school and in the community.

Caring Kids Club: The members of the Caring Kids Clubs made “Happy New Year” cards for residents at Arkell Hall in Canajoharie. Each card told a little bit about the student who was sending it, included a message of friendship, and featured artwork on the card and envelope. Caring Kids Clubs members also made Valentine’s Day placements for the Palatine Nursing Home. Future projects will include bookmarks for veterans and thank you notes for servicemen and women.

Community Basketball Event a Success: The Fort Plain PTA and the Community Basketball Night Planning Team would like to thank the community for their support of this year’s outstanding event. The evening began with Biddie Basketball games, moved on to a mixed student/staff skills challenge, and concluded with a rousing faculty game. Thank you to all of those who participated, and came out to cheer everyone on!

Youth Serving Veterans: The Jr/Sr High School Student Council is sponsoring a group of 15 students and 2 adults to help clean up yards for veterans in our community. Youth Serving Veterans Spring Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 a.m. - noon. This annual community service event is a chance for our students to show their appreciation to our veterans, by providing yard clean up services such as raking, bagging, picking up sticks and stones, and sweeping & cleaning sidewalks or driveways.

Food Pantry Collection: A group of 6th grade students from Harry Hoag Elementary recently held a “March Madness” competition for the Helping Hands Food Bank. The group first discussed how to run the competition, designed a poster and fliers, and made presentations to all of the students in the school, one class at a time. During the first week of March, the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes competed against the 1st and 2nd grades to see who could bring in the most non-perishable food and personal items for the food bank. Week two featured the 3rd and 4th grades competing against the 5th and 6th grades. The winners of those two competitions then competed during last week in March, continuing to collect donations. The items will be counted, weighed and boxed after spring break, and the donations will be brought to the food bank, where the 6th graders will get a tour and see their efforts in action. The 6th grade students express their thanks to the families and community members who contributed to this fun and worthy food competition.



2018-2019 School Budget Dates:	
April 11, 2018	6:00 p.m. District Conference Room Harry Hoag Elementary School Public Hearing on Elementary and Secondary Programs Budget
May 2, 2018	7:00 p.m. District Conference Room Harry Hoag Elementary School Public Hearing and Full Budget Presentation
May 15, 2018	1:00-9:00 p.m. Gymnasium Harry Hoag Elementary School School Budget & Board of Education Candidate Vote

Challenging Minds: The members of the elementary Talented & Gifted group, Challenging Minds, have been meeting throughout the year to enjoy English Language Arts-focused activities. Students have enjoyed puzzles and riddles, they wrote 3-word biographies, created a story train, and participated in a Scattergories tournament. Club members have played the game Quiddler, which challenges them to arrange letter cards in to words. The longer the word, the more points they receive. Another group favorite was Buzzword. Students had to come up with common phrases, expressions, sayings and idioms which featured the “buzzword.” An example would be the “buzzword” CAT. Students might have come up with words and sayings such as copycat, catnap, curiosity killed the cat, a cat has nine lives, and let the cat out of the bag. Challenging Minds is for students in grades 3-6 and meets once per month, after school.

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