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The five new vehicle lines are the latest addition to the Cooper Group, which also operates Cooper Kia in Yorkville, NY. According to Ben Cooper, dealer principal for the group, it was the perfect opportunity to expand their lineup and to offer new savings to past and future customers.

"We were ecstatic about the opportunity to blend our energy and excitement for the car buying experience with the legacy of fantastic customer service that Skinner & Damulis has cultivated for over 75 years," said Ben. "It just made sense."

It is a transition from one family dealership to another, with Skinner & Damulis first opening their doors in 1945, and the Cooper Group having been family-owned for over 60 years.

These past few weeks have been a whirlwind of excitement for Marie Skinner Guerra, former owner of the dealership who is staying on to oversee the transition. "This is an exciting new chapter for both the dealership and our local community. This is going to allow a whole new level of car buying volume, but with the same down-to-earth service our customers have come to expect."

Nestled in the rolling hills of Richfield Springs, the dealership certainly has room to expand. Cooper Country promises to stay true to its focus on customer service while offering something new — a much bigger selection.

Cooper Country will be a true destination for a new generation of car buyers. The Cooper's plan to dramatically expand the inventory and to offer a deeper selection of Ford and Ram Trucks, along with an increased line-up of all-wheel-drive SUVs and Jeeps.

"Customer response has been overwhelmingly positive," said Ben. "We look forward to serving everyone from Utica all the way to Oneonta and Cooperstown, and we encourage everyone to stop on by and check it out for themselves!"

Customers can visit the new dealership in transition at 3144 US-20, Richfield Springs, NY, or can shop online at both cooperjeep.com and mycooperford.com .

BIG GARAGE SALE: 20 Hough St., St. Johnsville, Fri. May 11th, Sat. May 12th, 9am-4pm. All proceeds benefit local child with cancer.

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The event is a chance for local history enthusiasts to show their collections and exchange information on the history of Fort Plain, Town of Minden and greater Montgomery County.

Those with large collections may reserve table space for exhibition but residents are encouraged to bring their own interesting "pieces of history" for viewing and discussion.

This years' event will include many exhibits and demonstrations, among them are 18th century children's toys and games, a historical children's costume parade, a showing of the movie "Drums Along the Mohawk", local collections, ice cream by Stewart's Shops and many more activities and presentations. Please share what you have or stop up and enjoy the activities and local displays of our history.

For additional information or to set up a table for your collections or presentation, call Rob Carter, Town of Minden Historian, at 518.993.1023 or send an email to mindenhistorian@yahoo.com . Don't forget to mark your calendars for this wonderful celebration of history.

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Alone, these items really don't say much. One is a little wood box and the other is an old almanac. But the two are linked. They were produced by the same company and by the same person. This Whatchamacallit centers around Dr. Herrick and his sugar coated pills.

Dr. Lewis R. Herrick was born in Rensselaer County. He became a physician and then moved to Albany in 1835 to start a medicine business. His biggest claims to fame in the business were his Life Pills and his Kid Strengthening Plasters. The pills were advertised in many different newspapers, stretching from Albany to Syracuse to New York City.

The almanac, called Herrick's Farmers' and Mechanic's Family Medical Almanac, was published by Herrick and featured many ads regarding his products. It was originally published around 1857 and continued in different forms.

The particular one shown actually pre-dates many this writer has found by a year, as the marjority of these found in museum databases are from 1860 or beyond.

The greatest interest in these Whatchamacallits arise from Dr. Herrick himself. Modern historians and history enthusiasts are coming to agree that the doctor's practices were dubious in nature. In short, Dr. Herrick is viewed as a quack.

Dr. Herrick had some aliases, such as Dr. Lispenard of Albany and Ezra J. Reynolds. These are viewed as Dr. Herrick's attempts to keep his deceit concealed. Albany, at this time in history, was viewed as the epicenter for quack doctors. It is viewed that the sugar pills were simply a cheaply made vegetable pill that offered little health benefits. There were those who stood against him during this point in history, accusing him of quackery.

Despite allegations, modern or otherwise, Dr. Herrick had published in the New York Times, December 1858, a short note announcing his declination of being elected Surgeon-General on Governor Morgan's staff. Such information, from accusations of quackery to declining an auspicious position, makes Dr. Herrick an interesting character. And it leads to confusion as to whether he truly was elected or it was a ruse to quiet his early naysayers. It's left to conjecture.

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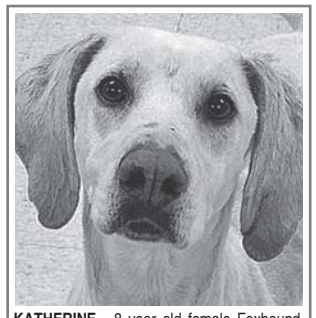

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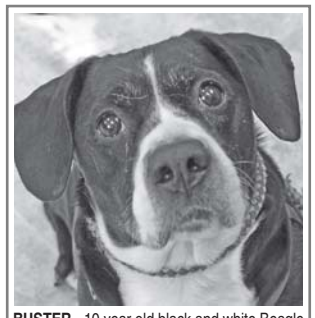

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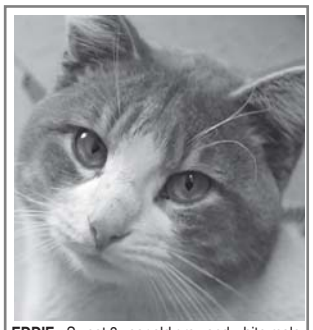

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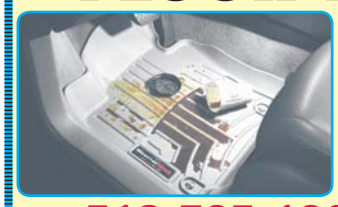
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30th Annual Towpath Trail Run. Towpath Trail. St. Johnsville. For more information, contact St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 144, St. Johnsville, NY 13452.

Celebrate Mom!, Garden Party. 12 - 3 p.m. Hyde Hall. 267 Glimmerglass State Park Road. Cooperstown. Free and open to the public. For further information visit our web site at HydeHall.org or call 607.547.5098 Ext 6.

Free Clothing Give-Away. 9 - 11 a.m. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. Valley Alliance Church. State Highway 5. Nelliston.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Mohawk Town Barn. 2-4 Park Street. Fonda. For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.353.

May 14

Leo Milman & Canajoharie Strings will perform. 1:30 p.m. Arkell Center. Canajoharie.

May 16

Knitting-Crochet mini workshop with Carol Balfe. 6 - 8 p.m. Arkell Center. Bring a project or want to learn - bring a friend. Next class June 13 at 6-8 p.m. Canajoharie.

Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party. Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party. May 16, 23 and 30. 12:30 - 4 p.m. Arkell Center. Canajoharie. $2 donation. If you would like to sub, call Terry 518.673.5635.

May 17

Free — EPA Lead Trainings. 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 web site at: https://tinyurl.com/y7ovgsyc.

Water Color with Shanna Becker. 1:30 p.m. Arkell Center. Canajoharie.

May 18

Golf for Mohawk Valley Libraries. 8:30 a.m. registration. 9 a.m. shot gun start. Benefit the 'Dream and Do Grants' from The Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries to the 14 public libraries at 22 sites located in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, and Schoharie counties. Register at 518.355.2010 x223 with Eric Trahan.

Mountain Valley Hospice presented by Tara Travis CEO. 1:30 p.m. Directly following the Senior Citizens Meeting. Arkell Center. Canajoharie. New York.

May 19

Craft Fair. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Herkimer Reformed Church. 102 Church Street. Herkimer. Sign up or for more information, call 315.866.1523.

May 19-20

Fort Klock Opening Days. 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!. www.fortklock-restoration.org. St. Johnsville. New York. 518.568.7779.

May 19

Rabies Vaccination Clinic. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. New clinic location. 2 Park Drive. Amsterdam. For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531.

May 20

Mohawk Valley Choral Society sings "Music for Living". Sunday Evening Program. Holy Family Church. East Main Street. Little Falls. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Tickets may be reserved by calling 315.826.3092.

June 2

Minden History Day Fair 2018. 10 a.m - 4 p.m. Harry Hoag Elementary School. 25 High Street. Fort Plain. For additional information or to set up a table for your collections or presentation, please call Rob Carter, Town of Minden Historian, at 518.993.1023 or send an email to mindenhistorian@yahoo.com.

June 3

Rhubarb Festival to Support Nellis Tavern Restoration. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1747 Nellis Tavern. 7355 NYS Rt. 5, just east of St. Johnsville, NY. For more information, please contact Palatine Settlement Society president, Mary at 315.866.2619 or visit www.palatinesettlementsociety.org.

The Valley Choralaires' Spring Concert. United Methodist Church. East Main Street. Canajoharie. Contact Dorothy Morrison at 518.673.2167.

June 7-10

The Fort Plain Museum's American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference. Most of the conference will be held at the Fulton-Montgomery Community College.

June 9

Friendship Craft Festival. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Church Of Christ Uniting. Spring Park on Scenic U.S. Route 20. Richfield Springs. For event info e-mail friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com. For festival details go to www.rschurchofchristuniting.com.

June 16

Ames Museum Open to Visitors. June 16 18. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ames Musem. Ames. Contact: 518-673-5820, f@amesmesuem or www.amesmeseumweebly.com.

Kickball Tournament. Arc Park. Herkimer. The kickball event will support Arc Park, which provides recreational opportunities for people of all abilities. If you or your team are interested in participating, please contact Frank Reid at 315.574.7347 or freid@archerkimer.org.

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Rhubarb Festival to support Nellis Tavern restoration

ST. JOHNSVILLE, NY — On Sunday, June 3, join the Palatine Settlement Society for its 22nd Annual Rhubarb Festival at the historic 1747 Nellis Tavern located at 7355 NYS Rt. 5, just east of St. Johnsville, NY. The festival starts at 11 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m.

There will be a pie baking contest at noon with guest judges.

Those wishing to participate should arrive with their pie by 11:30 a.m. There will also be lunch foods and rhubarb goodies available for purchase. Free tours of the historic home and tavern will be offered as well.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the fiddler, Dick Solberg, from 1-3 p.m. for all ages.

This benefit by Palatine Settlement Society is for the continued restoration of the 1747 Nellis Tavern. Emphasis over the last few years has been a stenciling project to recreate the original early 19th century wall decor of the Nellis home.

For more information, contact Palatine Settlement Society president, Mary, at 315.866.2619. Please like and follow the Nellis Tavern on Facebook and visit www.palatinesettlementsociety.org .

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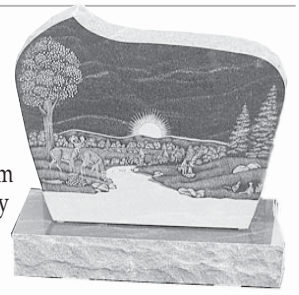
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The quest for Mohawk Valley grain

In recent days I have taken my Amish neighbors in search for oats. Oats are the premier grain for horses. Corn other than in smaller amounts can be injurious for horses. Last year's oat harvest was far below normal and the 2018s crop is anxiously awaited. It is astonishing how much oats horses need for heavy work. The bottom line for our oats quest often was a failure. Apparently the Canadian crop for 2017 has been drawn on by grain dealers.

Man and animals food looked largely for grain. Grandpa's pancakes depended on buckwheat. Wheat and sometimes rye were essential for bread, and corn bread is still a staple in many homes. Oh! I forgot my usual breakfast of corn flakes, oat meal, cream of wheat

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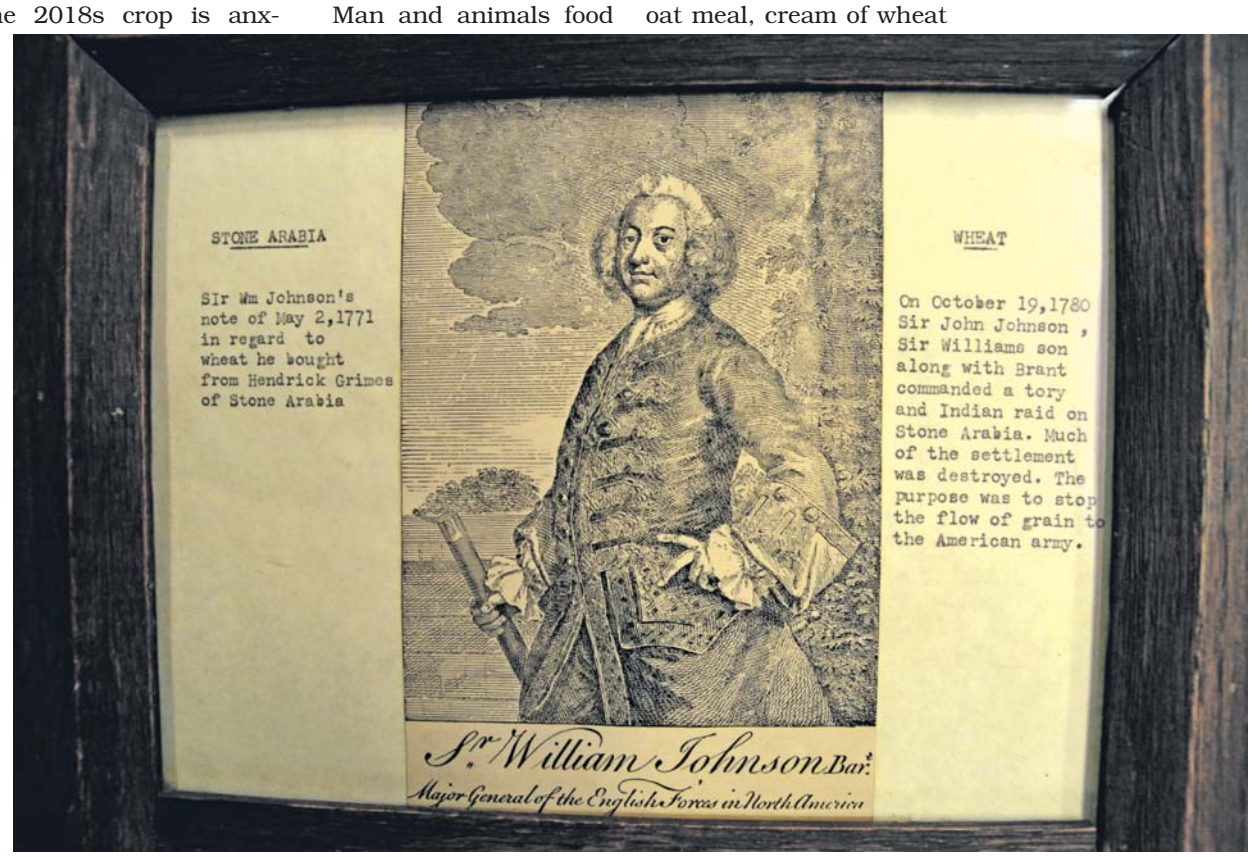

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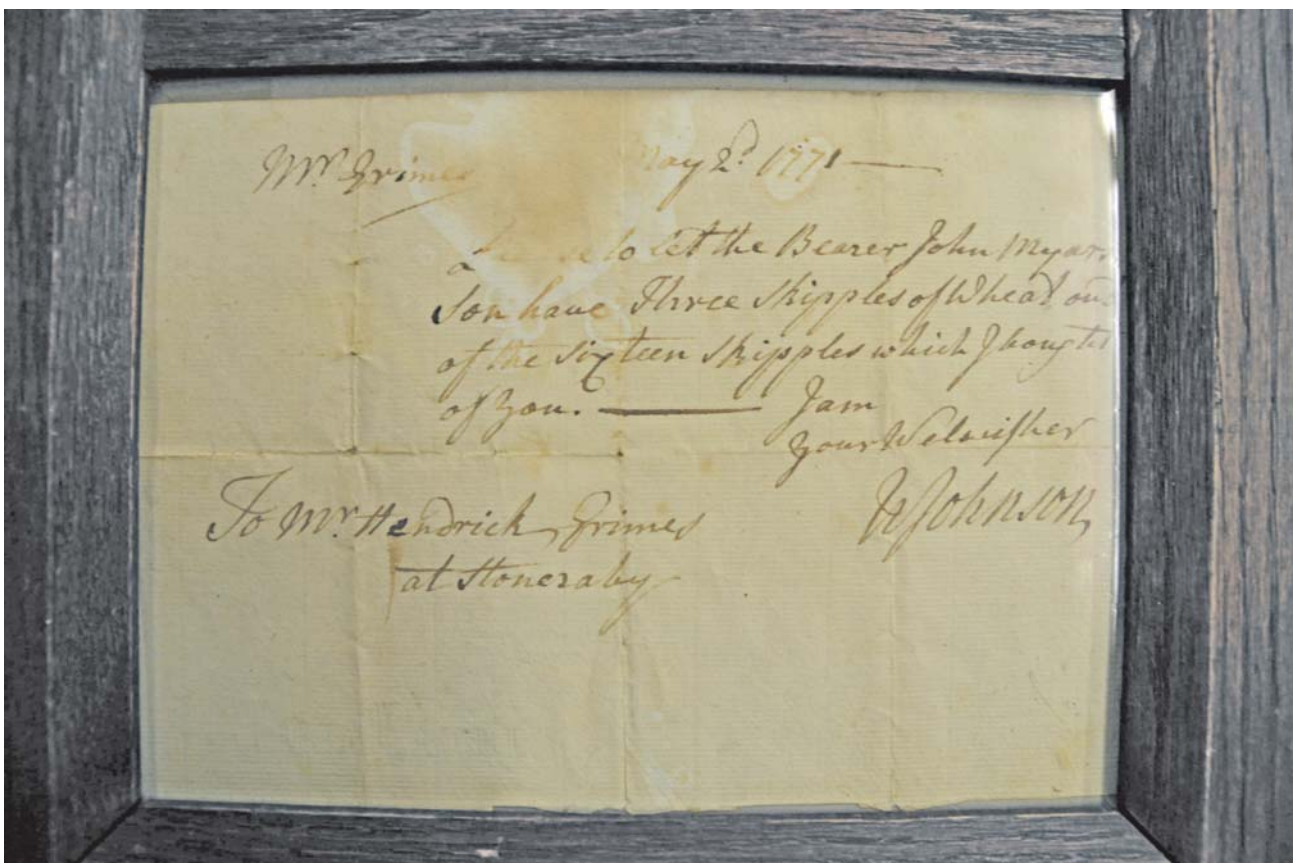
or shredded wheat.

As we look back through the ages, grain had a great effect on our area's history. Native Americans had fields of corn. It was their mainstay. The stone mullers are occasionally found where Natives once resided. They say an Army travels on its stomach. Many of those stomachs depended on grain. Particularly on wheat.

Mills to grind area grain were built on our streams and were powered by water wheels. The Schoharie and Mohawk Valley were known as the breadbaskets of the American Revolution. Mohawk Valley wheat helped feed Washington's Army. The destruction of the mills, great timber barns and the crops themselves became prime targets for those who tried to destroy our American ancestors' efforts to form our separation from England. Documents exist proving that Sir William Johnson bough Stone Arabia wheat from the Nellis and Grampas family prior to the Revolution. The Stone Arabia settlement was destroyed on Oct. 19, 1780 by Crown Troops, loyalists and Native Americans. Their prime objective was to deprive grain essential to the American cause.



The Battle of Oriskany on Aug. 6, 1777 had seen great loss of life for Valley inhabitants, including those of Stone Arabia. There were those area residents who had early supported the cause of American Freedom. One was Stone Arabia store keeper Isaac Paris. Isaac and his 18 year-old son were killed there at Oriskany. However the Paris name did not die that day when Isaac Paris, Sr. was brutally murdered while in captivity at Oriskany. Nor did it succumb when Isaac, Sr.'s home store and grain mills were put to the torch in Stone Arabia and on the South side of the Mohawk River. Isaac Paris, Jr. carried on his fathers' profession as trader and grain merchant. He moved from Stone Arabia shortly after the Revolutionary War. He located a trading post and warehouse in Fort Plain in 1786. That building still stands and is the DAR Chapter House. Isaac, Jr. was born in 1761 and died in 1790 at the age of 29 years.

Isaac, Jr., during his short life, again played the good Samaritan with grain as a partner. In 1789 the newly established residents of a small community south of Utica had severe crop failure and faced starvation. They requested help from Isaac Paris, Jr. The young merchant shipped Mohawk Valley grain to the inhabitants with little or no security. They were to pay in ginseng root procured from the woodlands. Soon after, Isaac Jr. passed away at age 29.

The residents of the once starving community moved Paris' body from Fort Plain to the community he aided and affixed the name Paris to it. Doubtless Stone Arabia grown grain was mixed into the shipment reminding us how entwined grain been through the centuries.

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Douglas R. Kent's long journey to restore Hyde Hall is remembered

Douglas R. Kent died on May 1, 2018 at the age of 93. Born on March 23, 1925 in Jordan, NY, he was educated at the University of Rochester and then Columbia University, where he earned a master's degree. His many accomplishments include service in the U.S. Navy during WWII and a long career in insurance, during which he rose to manage the automobile division for Kemper, a company in Syracuse, NY.

But the central focus of Douglas Kent's life and work was historic architecture and historic preservation. For more than 50 years he devoted his considerable talents and energy to a single structure: Hyde Hall.

Kent became one of Hyde Hall's major supporters during the time when the fate of the mansion and its outbuildings was highly uncertain. After five generations of Clarke family ownership (since 1817), Hyde Hall and its 600-acre picturesque park were acquired in 1963 by the State of New York, which planned to demolish the site.

Having appreciated the historical and architectural importance of Hyde Hall since reading about it as a boy, Kent joined Friends of Hyde Hall shortly after it was formed in 1964. This small group opposed Hyde Hall's destruction, and Kent contributed to their efforts in many ways — writing about Hyde Hall, visiting legislators and vigorously arguing for its preservation. An article he wrote for The Magazine Antiques in 1967 did much to establish Hyde Hall's importance as a remarkably distinctive and irreplaceable landmark. Entitled Hyde Hall, Otsego County, New York, this was one of the first scholarly assessments of the Hall's significance, and its publication in a respected nationally distributed magazine helped convince New York State officials to abandon plans to turn the site into tennis courts. This and the establishment of the New York State Historic Trust paved the way for a partnership between Friends of Hyde Hall and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to give Hyde Hall a new future as a house museum.

As part of a feasibility study he wrote to clarify the goals of Friends vis-a-vis Parks during the late 1960s, Kent developed the first comprehensive vision of a restored Hyde Hall. While it is true that the restorations visitors see today when touring the mansion are the fruits of many people's efforts, it is doubtful that this astonishing accomplishment — the Clarke family's home reborn as a

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National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site — would have happened if it were not for the passion, intelligence, guidance and unshakable determination of Douglas R. Kent.

In 2012 Kent received the 2nd annual Anne Hyde Clarke Logan Cultural Preservation Award for his unmatched depth of knowledge about the history, architecture and furnishings of Hyde Hall. An ardent and generous supporter, he underwrote the restoration of the two extremely rare vapor light dining room chandeliers in 2012 and many other major projects there. Douglas Kent's passion for authenticity was a source of inspiration for all who shared with him the long journey of restoring Hyde Hall, now an important Cooperstown-area museum and cultural center.

Strange but True

by Samantha Weaver

• It was influential American science-fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: "Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane."

• The skin of the African elephant, the largest living land animal in the world, weighs 2,000 pounds by itself, and there are more than 60,000 muscles in its trunk alone.

• You've almost certainly heard of narcolepsy, a medical condition that causes sufferers to sleep excessively, sometimes up to 18 hours a day. You're probably not familiar with philagrypnia, though. People with this condition — I won't call them "sufferers" — require only three or four hours of sleep a day. What would you do with all that extra time?

• If you're like most people, the length of your footprint is approximately 15 percent of your height.

• While at a Turkish bath in San Francisco, Samuel Clemens — better known to us as Mark Twain — got involved in a chat with a local fireman. This may not seem at all interesting until you learn the name of that long-ago firefighter: Tom Sawyer. The author liked the name so much that today, American schoolkids all know it.

• There is a law on the books in Maine that prohibits having your shoes untied in public. I assume that this one is not much enforced.

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Thought for the Day: "What this country needs is more free speech worth listening to." — Hansell B. Duckett

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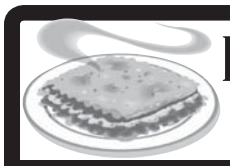

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Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, and many more remarkable women often work tirelessly and without fanfare to provide for their families. Even though they may deserve to be recognized throughout the year, moms enjoy a special day nestled within the month of May when children, spouses and others celebrate Mother's Day.

Many people give heartfelt gifts on Mother's Day to express their love for the mothers in their lives. The perfect gift may focus on Mom's interests and the things that make her truly happy. With that in mind, the following shopping tips can help anyone find the perfect Mother's Day gift.

• Explore spa packages. What mother won't benefit from some rest and relaxation with a little pampering thrown in? Salons and massage therapists typically put together Mother's Day packages that cater to mothers. Packages may include massages, facials, hair treatments, manicures, and pedicures. Gift-givers can customize the services depending on their budgets.

• Dining out can be a treat. A meal at a favorite restaurant can be a welcome change from kitchen duty. Mother's Day is a busy day for restaurants, many of which have limited menus to better handle the crowds. As a result, if dining out on Mother's Day, Mom may not get the full menu she desires. To ensure mothers have full menus at their disposal, gift givers can cook a meal at home on Mother's Day and then choose another day of the week to enjoy a meal in an upscale restaurant.

• Schedule a paint and sip. A paint and sip session is a unique gift. A session is typically two hours and includes step-by-step instructions. Patrons are encouraged to bring snacks and their favorite beverages. With the right planning, well-intentioned children can turn the evening into a "ladies night out" and encourage other moms to join in the fun. Or the entire family can paint masterpieces together.

• Give tickets to a show or sporting event. Whether Mom is a sports fan or she prefers the theater or live music, event tickets can make a wonderful gift. Unique gift ideas include tickets to Cirque du Soleil, Shen Yun or a Broadway play.

• Give the gift of wine tasting. Wineries can be found across the country and frequently open their doors to wine tastings and wine pairing events. A Mother's Day wine tasting can be special for the entire family and support local businesses. Check the vineyard's rules on guests. Many times those under 21 can attend but will not be permitted to consume wine, though other refreshments may be available.

5 ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.

Coping with loss on Mother's Day is seldom easy. With time and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

Mother's Day – May 13

Bridging the distance on Mother's Day

Many modern families are spread out across the country if not the globe. Some people move away from family to further their careers, while others are called upon to care for others. Children may separate from their parents to witness new travel experiences. Military service may call individuals away from home as well.

Distance can make it challenging to spend time together for major holidays and other special occasions — like Mother's Day. But Mother's Day can still be special even if Mom lives hundreds or thousands of miles away.

Embrace technology

Technology helps break down some of the barriers created by distance. While phone calls were once the way to keep in touch, many people now utilize various forms of digital communication. Someone who lives across different time zones can talk through texting or the various social media avenues available on computers, phones and tablets. Video apps like Skype and FaceTime enable you to video chat with others in real time. Come Mother's Day, connect with mom via such apps so you can watch her open up her gifts.

Reconnect with home

If Mom is the one who ventured from home, help her to reconnect with her hometown or another place she feels attached to. Ship her some favorite regional foods that can only be bought in town. Make a photo or video montage of places of interest in town. These little touches of home can mean the world to her.

Create a special day

Even if you do not live near your mother, you can still plan a fun day for her in her town. Make reservations for a spa, hair salon or other sources of pampering and surprise her with all the details.

Treat her to the ultimate surprise

If possible, make a surprise visit this Mother's Day. Coordinate the plan with your father or another relative and then enjoy seeing her eyes light up when you arrive.

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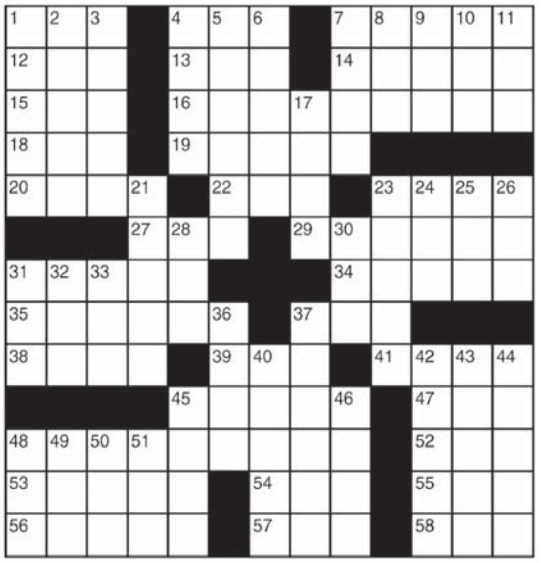

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by Linda Thistle

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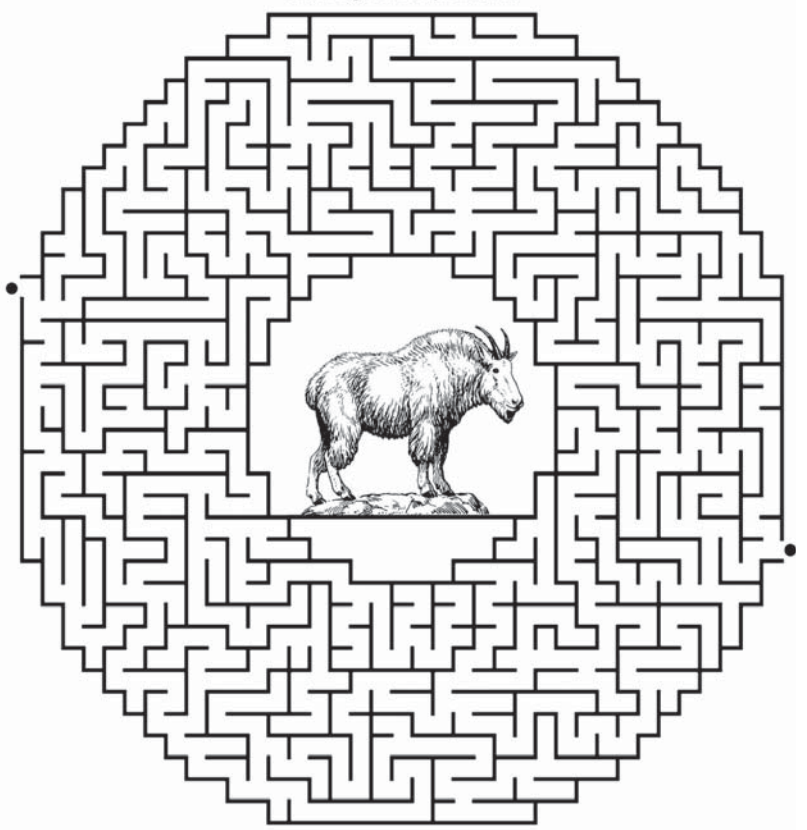

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by Terry Stickels

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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, pelase call the office at 993-4000 ext. #3072.

March and April Jr/Sr H.S. Students of the Month:

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Eryka Swank	Gr. 12
Anthony Paradiso	Gr. 7
Erin Crouse	Gr. 8
Seth Wintermute	Gr. 9
Crystal Smith	Gr. 10
Quinn Jones	Gr. 11
Kendall Kennedy	Gr. 12

Pennies For Patients Total: The Harry Hoag Elementary School is pleased to announce that the students collected $682 for this campaign.

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Upcoming Events:

- 5/11 Jr/Sr Interim Reports Mailed
- 5/15 School Budget Vote 1:00-9:00
- 5/15 Board of Education Mtg 7:00
- 5/28 Memorial Day: School Closed
- 6/3 Spring Music Concert 2:00
- 6/4 Spring Music Concert 7:00
- 6/5 National Honor Society 6:00
- 6/7 Jr/Sr HS Awards Night 6:30

Health Fair Followup:

The joint Fort Plain and Canajoharie Community Health & Wellness Fair was successfully held at the Harry Hoag School on April 14th. There were 50 booths, representing services and information in the areas of health, fitness, medical screening, healthy diet, mental health, spinal and chiropractic, and much more. Over 200 people came out to enjoy a free breakfast, take a stretch class, receive a massage, visit the booths, or participate in the many children's activities. Thank you to all who attended!

2018-2019 School Budget VOTE:

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
1:00-9:00 p.m. Gymnasium
Harry Hoag Elementary School
School Budget, Bus Proposition, BOE Vote

Price Chopper Kids Cooking: Jodie Fitz visited with the Harry Hoag School third graders on April 27th. The Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club helps to bring families great recipe ideas that can be made simply at home, with healthy ingredients, that children will love. The third graders had a chance to learn about measuring and reading a recipe as they made Banana Split Dip...which featured low fat yogurt, Greek yogurt, diced cherries, bananas and walnuts.

Unified Basketball League: The second season of the Fort Plain Unified Basketball Team has begun, under the coaching of Adam Cutspec, Geoff Snyder, Lisa Petty and Linda Cole. The Unified Sports League is sponsored by the NYS High School Sports Section V and is a registered program of Special Olympics. The Unified League combines students with disabilities and team athletes of a similar age and ability. The program aims to provide a competitive high school sports experience. Players work to gain physical fitness, develop new friendships, and demonstrate an appreciation and respect for the game, their teamates, and their school. The Unified League goal is to "teach sports skills to students with different abilities in a friendly, supportive and competitive environment." The Fort Plain HS Unified Basketball team has been playing games both home and away. The reader has two more chances to see the team in action, at home games at 4:15 p.m. in the Harry Hoag School gym, on May 10th and May 14th. Come and cheer on this great group of athletes!

Battle of the Books: This year's junior high and senior high Battle of the Books teams were very successful in local and region competition. The junior high team finished the season in third place. Members of that team were: Hailey Hogan, Tucker Jones, Luke Staples, Rob Rogers, Natalie Thibodeau, Anthony Paradiso, Emma Karker, Erin Crouse and Sarah Florian. The senior high team came in a very close second! The members of that team were: Michaela Stockwell, Jenna Reese, Evan Crouse, Lauren Weinberger, Troy Butler, Autumn Bagley, Olivia Kennedy, Molli Bates, Hannah Briggs, Rachel Zuppardi, Zavia Allen, Kevin Staples, and Sherry Huang. Congratulations to both teams!

Elementary School Supports Animal Shelter: The Elementary Student Council is conducting a collection for the Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter, during the month of May. Student council members got a list of needed supplies from the shelter, and created their own posters to place in hallways throughout the school. Several members designed a flyer to be sent home with students, with Student Council President Brady Keane winning the flyer competition. Items that can be donated include: green bag Purina dog food, Purina One dog food, Kitten Chow, Cat's Pride Clay Cat Litter, large Milkbone biscuits, 4 foot or 6 foot leashes, tennis balls, large Kong toys, Nylabones, training treats, peanut butter, old sports balls (for playing outside), cat scratchers, catnip mice, and fleece blankets or sheets (used is fine!). The shelter also accepts cleaning supplies such as bleach, laundry soap, dish soap or 33-gallon trash bags. Anyone wishing to donate to this collection may drop items off at the elementary school between now and May 25th. Thank you!

Caring Kids Helping Others: Members of the elementary school's Caring Kids Club made bookmarks for nursing home residents during the months of April & May. They also wrote thank you cards for animal shelter volunteers, who work hard to take care of cats and dogs while they are waiting for their forever home.

Youth Serving Veterans: The Jr/Sr High School Student Council sponsored a group of 11 students and 2 teachers to help clean up yards for veterans in our community. Youth Serving Veterans Spring Cleanup Day was held on Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 a.m. - noon. This annual community service event 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. The cleanup day is organized by the Montgomery County Youth Bureau. Following a successfull morning of completely cleaning four yards, the students were treated to a delicious lunch at the Fort Plain VFW. Participating students and teachers, pictured below, were: Amber Kleitgen, Faith-Araya Rende, John Kiernan, Caleb Cochran, Zack Rogers, Gabryela Dillenbeck, Mackenzie Wintermute, Cara Porter, Jordan Ryder, Autumn Dodson, Elijah Jordan, Mrs. Linda Cole and Mrs. Lisa Trembley.

4th Grade Mosaic Project Underway: The fourth grade mosaic project began it's next phase of implementation on April 12th, with students meeting with artist-in-residence Linda Biggers, brainstorming ideas for the future of the Erie Canal/Lock area here in Fort Plain and how to best represent the area in this year's mosaic proect. Back in October, the fourth graders visited the Riverlink Park in Amsterdam, and the Riverfront Park in Canajoharie, while learning about how the history of the Erie Canal in this area ultimately led to the riverfront development that we see today. To view the past mosaic creations, visit the Harry Hoag School hallway just to the right of the gym doors, off the lobby.

PTA Brings Books to Students: The Fort Plain PTA recently sponsored a special Scholastic Book Fair for students and families. The fair featured a "Buy One Book, Get One Book Free" deal, which helped to put more books into the hands of more students. The Fort Plain PTA holds other book fairs during the year, setting aside profits to make the buy one, get one possible. Thank you to the Fort Plain PTA, and all of their members who worked at the book fairs throughout this school year!

Jr/Sr High School Honors Academic Success: Junior and senior high school students who achieved the rank of Honor Roll or Principal's List during the third academic quarter were rewarded during an awards presentation in April. Students received a certificate from their teachers, along with a chocolate eclair or gourmet frosted cupcake. Everyone enjoyed the recognition, and especially enjoyed the treats! Great work!

Looking Ahead: The members of the senior Class of 2018 invite you to the annual Fort Plain High School Commencement, to be held on Saturday, June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the gym at the Harry Hoag Elementary School.

Safe Driving Tips to help keep your teenager safe on the road

Prom season is here. Montgomery County Public Health wants to provide parents of teenage drivers with some helpful tips to keep your child safe on the road.

As parents, we want to teach our teens to become safe drivers and to drive responsibly.

Here are some Safe Driving Tips to help keep your teenager safe on the road:

• **Know your teen** – not all teens are ready to drive at the same age.

• **Be a responsible role model** – parents' driving behavior directly influences the driving actions of their teens. Insist on seatbelts all the time.

• **Driver Education is a great starting point** – learning the rules of the road with a professional establishes a strong base of knowledge that a teen can build on from there.

• **Practice makes better teen drivers** – supervised driving sessions with parents provide teens with opportunities to enhance learning, reinforce proper driving techniques and skills, and receive constructive feedback from the people who care most about their safety and success.

• **Restrict passengers** - teen passengers can distract a beginning driver and/or lead to greater risk-taking. Teen drivers' chances of crashing increase with each additional teen passenger.

• **Teens need sleep** – teens need about nine hours of sleep every night. Lack of sleep affects vision, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and judgment.

• **Eliminate distractions** – Cell phones and text messaging are hazardous distractions for teen drivers.

• **Create a contract** – A parent-teen driving agreement with rules, conditions, restrictions and consequences of teens' driving written down in advance establishes driving as a privilege, and not something to be taken lightly. Proper driving behavior should be encouraged and rewarded with additional liberties.

• **Discuss and review** – parental involvement and communication is critical in the prevention of teen-related crashes. Designate a time each week to address concerns (both parent and teen) and review the teen's driving performance.

• **Prohibit drinking** – Make it clear that it's illegal and highly dangerous for a teenager to drink alcohol.

• **Choose vehicles for safety, not looks** – teenagers should drive vehicles that reduce their chances of a crash and offer protection in case they do crash.

In 2015, 2,333 teens in the United States ages 16–19 were killed and 235,845 were treated in emergency departments for injuries suffered in motor vehicle crashes. That means that six teens ages 16–19 died every day from motor vehicle injuries. Don't let your child be another statistic.

For more information of Teen Driving Safety, contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531 or visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/teen_drivers/teendrivers_factsheet.html .

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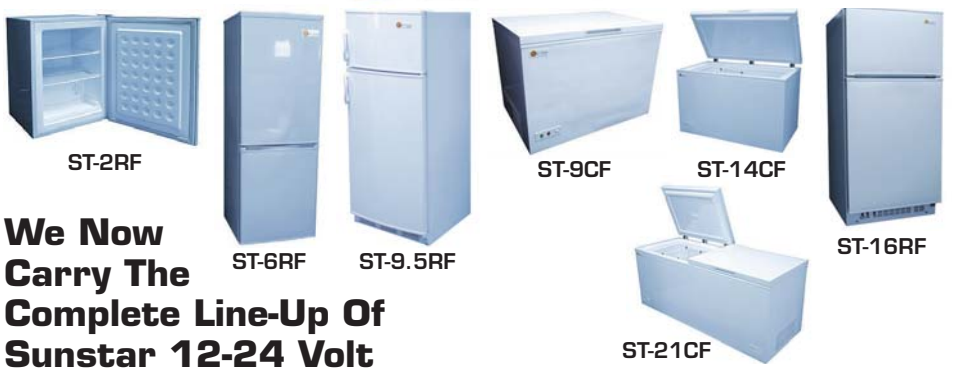

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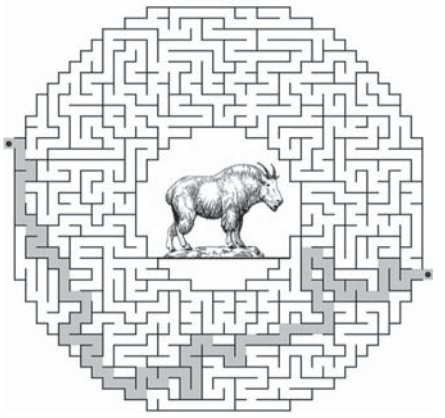

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 27 mins.

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Stickelers Answer

Here is the correct spelling of the two words that were misspelled: embarrass, perseverance.

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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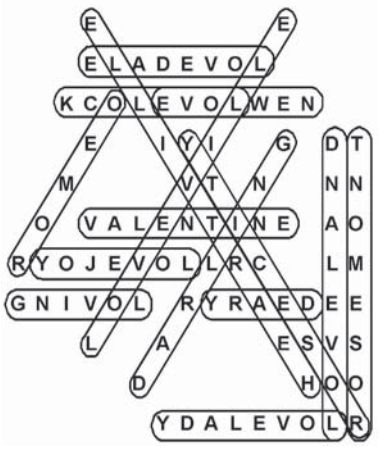

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Water Safety — Enjoy the water but stay healthy

Montgomery County Public Health wants to raise awareness about healthy swimming behaviors, including ways to prevent Recreational Water Illnesses (RWIs). RWIs are illnesses spread by swallowing or having contact with contaminated water in swimming pools, water parks, spas, interactive fountains, lakes, rivers, streams or oceans. Illnesses at aquatic facilities can occur in or out of the water.

Recreational Water Illnesses (RWIs)

The best way to prevent RWIs is to keep germs out of the pool in the first place. Everyone can help create healthy swimming experiences this summer by following these six healthy swimming steps:

- PLEASE don't swim when you have diarrhea.
- PLEASE don't swallow pool water.
- PLEASE practice good hygiene. Shower with soap before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
- PLEASE take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often.
- PLEASE change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not at poolside.
- PLEASE wash your children thoroughly with soap and water before they go swimming.

For more information about healthy swimming, visit:

CDC's Healthy Swimming website at www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming .

The water at the beach, river or stream looks clean, but is it? You cannot be sure since the water can contain disease-causing microorganisms that you cannot see but can be harmful to you. Different things, such as trash, sewage or animal waste, can pollute water. Swimming and swallowing unsafe water may result in minor illnesses such as sore throats or diarrhea, or can result in more serious illnesses. Pollution of water is common immediately after rainstorms or long periods of rainy weather where bodies of water become overflowing and can contaminate each other.

- Avoid swimming after a heavy rain
- Look for signs of pollution such as murky color or evidence of floating trash and do not swim if there is evidence of this
- Avoid getting the water you are swimming in close to or in your mouth
- Avoid eating anything that may have come in contact with the water, or water and sand toys
- Microorganisms can also lurk on lounge chairs, picnic tables and walkways that have become contaminated with the polluted water, therefore wash your hands with soap and water before eating if you have touched any of these items.

For more information about illnesses you can contract from polluted swimming areas, visit

https://tinyurl.com/y7yzrhq3 .

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