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Piano teacher-librarian Marian Paroo (Melissa Bowley) and student Amarylis (Sophia Rogers) sing 'Goodnight My Someone' in 'The Music Man'. See page 14. Photo by Elizabeth A. Tomlin



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It seems a Republican front-runner in a political race was invited by a group of Democratic farmers to give a speech at one of their farms. It was obvious to the candidate when he arrived that their intent was to belittle by not even having a podium or platform for him to stand on to give his speech. So he looked around and found a tall pile of manure next to the bullpen. When the crowd gathered, he climbed to the top of the bull manure pile while a voice from the ground attempted to heckle, saying "Go ahead give us your best shot." With that, the candidate said, "I'm sure you all know I am a Republican with Republican standards and beliefs. It is, however, the first time I have ever been asked to give a speech from a Democratic platform."

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Little bit of wisdom:

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Can you remember when the United States was plagued with steel worker strikes? How come we don't have the same problem today? Could it be we have lost most of our steel mills and job to countries overseas? Think, isn't that happening now with most of our industries-factories?

Another way to think about this problem – soon we will never have to face labor union strikes – all of our industry will be overseas leaving no jobs behind.

Everyone enjoys a pat on the back. We received this letter dated July 30, 2013, signed by Dottie Mae Weir:

Hello: To all of the Lee family, I look forward to receiving the Country Editor in my mailbox each week. Thank you for the extensive effort and work put forth to produce such a very special hometown paper. In appreciation, Dottie Mae Weir

The Country Editor is mailed to over 26,000 homes in Herkimer County each week. Thank you, Dottie.

Dottie composed this poem and included it in her mailing:

Rain Pain

Rain, rain go away!!! Don't come back again another day. We're over-drenched we sadly say. Up yonder in the clouds we wish you'd stay.

Thunder and lightning fills the sky. Noah's Ark must be somewhere nigh. "It's raining again!" we moan and sigh. Will it ever let up? Will it ever be dry?

While waiting for things to get a bit better, We'll whimper and whine, fidget and fretter.

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No sense to write the weatherman a letter, Even the fish are getting wetter and wetter.

A senior retired lathe operator from Remington Arms driving his new play toy, a John Deere tractor, on a country road saw his pastor run his car off a steep bank landing into a fresh plowed field. With that, he hurried down the bank and asked, "Reverend, are you hurt? Are you okay?"

The minister replied, "Everyone is okay, thank goodness. The Lord was with me." The tractor driver said, "You better let him ride with me – you'll kill him driving like that."

I have a good lawyer – he takes the judge out to lunch. His office motto is "We win with friendly persuasion."

Some readers will remember our chats in Hello Again about the Palatine Corridor with our references to Bronner's Christmas store in Frankenmuth, MI. At that time I was asked how much sense did it make to have a store like that in our area – that is the Palatine Corridor. If you are one of those who voiced such an opinion, please read on carefully.

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If we continue to live with the do nothing attitude we have shared for the past half-century, we will certainly be sure to end up with nothing. Just think about the jobs which could be created – permanent jobs, permanent businesses.

From Utica in the west to Fonda/Amsterdam in the east, we could become a hot bed of enterprise – but not by doing nothing. Let's join together – first wake up and then sing "Oh what a beautiful morning, Oh what a beautiful day. We've got a beautiful feeling, everything is coming our way."

Our Heavenly Father created this beautiful area and I believe he will help us fix and grow it – if we will only ask and try.

Dr. Milo Thompson was a guest pastor-preacher in our church this past Sunday. His sermon or Bible-based lesson really shook my heart. Basically, by quoting or referring to verses in the Holy Bible, he taught that our God is a great God completely capable to engineer anything and everything we desire and need – if we will only try – get started – do something with a trusting, prayerful attitude. His words made my old Irish heart leap with joy and recreated a desire to see our upstate New York Corridor grow and prosper beyond anyone's dream.

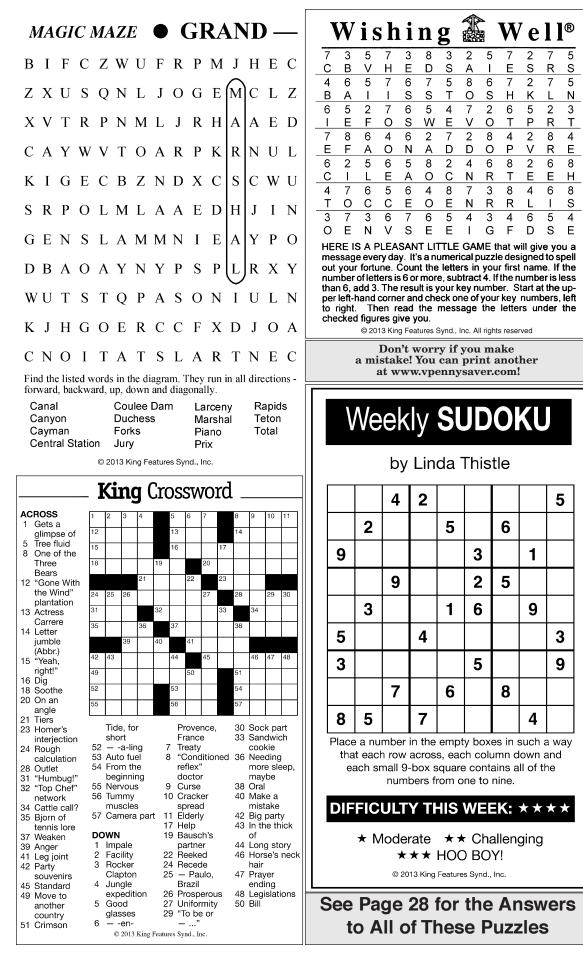
I hope you will not tire with my chatting about the corridor unless it steers you to volunteer to help.

Today I passed a man in Nelliston while driving my red bike and an Amish man while driving his horse and buggy. They both waved with two hands. It is like pure Irish elixir for me old Irish heart.

Remember: You never stand alone when you have friends and the Lord on your side. Try attending church on Sunday and you will gain both. Are you lonesome or friendless? Attend church. If God is missing in your life, attend church. Happiness requires a little personal effort.

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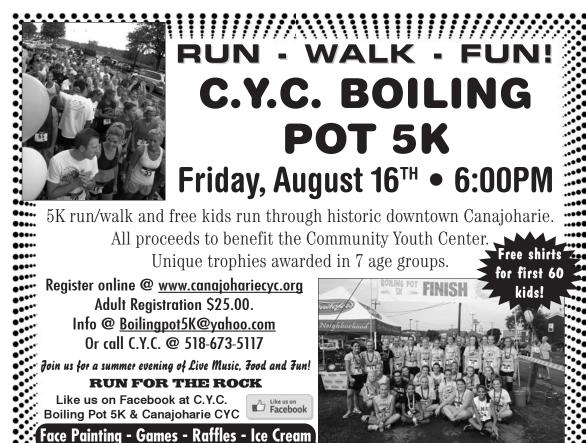
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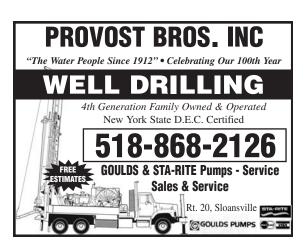
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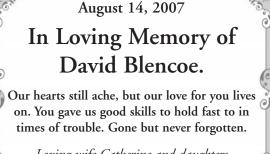




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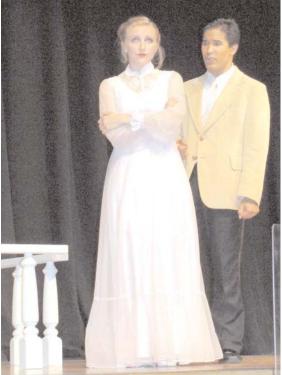
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Marian Paroo (Melissa Bowley) and Professor Harold Hill (Matt Soto) led the cast of 'The Music Man', which was recently performed by the Canajoharie - Fort Plain Drama Club. Photos by Elizabeth Tomlin

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

The Canajoharie-Fort Plain Drama Club presented their summer musical, 'The Music Man' to an audience of nearly 600 people over the 3day showing.

"Thank you to all who supported the Drama Club!" said Norma Bowley, Lead Director of the show. "The cast really did a phenomenal job! They went above and beyond what is normally expected of them! It was a terrific show!"

Bowley reported that the cast even assisted in

scene changes, which is very unusual.

The show, which took place at the Arkell Performing Arts Center in the Canajoharie High School over the weekend of Aug. 2-4, employed about 60 people of all ages, many of whom have not performed on stage before and a few Drama Club veterans. Leading actors Matthew Soto, Rachael Melissa Bowley, Takacs. Tina Goldswer, Jenna Sierra and A.J. Sullivan are all well known to local drama club enthusiasts. However, newcomer to the stage, Fort Plain senior Joshua Cechnicki, who played the lead as Mayor Shinn, astounded the audience with his stage presence, voice and acting ability. "I don't know where Josh learned to act like that!" commented Bowley. "He did so well!"

Bowley adds a special thanks to Assistant Director Mark Davidson, Costume Manager Stephanie Rogers and Stage Manager Emily Ackerman.

'The Music Man' was written by Meredith Willson.



Mayor Shinn (Joshua Checknicki) congratulates his wife Eulalie (Rachael Takacs) on her performance as Lady Liberty during the recent performance of 'The Music Man,' which was recently performed by the Canajoharie - Fort Plain Drama Club.



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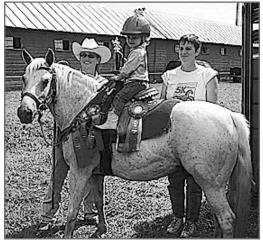
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Fort Plain Summer Concert offers community entertainment and support during Summer Concert Series

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Tents and tables of non-profit groups that were gathered in Haslett Park in the village of Fort Plain on July 27 were visible from a distance.

People from the village, which has been suffering from the aftermath of the disastrous flooding, were mingling with volunteers and enjoying refreshments that were offered by the various groups and the music provided by 'Cleen Street', a classic rock & roll, jazz, and rhythm & blues band from Gloversville.

Fort Plain Museum Director Bob Perry and his wife Pat had sponsored the band.

"I think this is a good thing, for people to come down and relax after the devastation of the flood and forget their problems for awhile," said Perry. "My wife and I like the arts and we thought we would help the village out by sponsoring the band for today's concert."

Perry said he thought moving the annual summer concerts from Thursday nights to Saturday afternoons was beneficial for the village. "If we can keep more people in the village on Saturdays, after the bank closes, it will help the village businesses," Perry explained.

Elizabeth Marosek, who was working a hot dog stand, is with the Friends of Fort Plain. "We are a historic preservation group," Marosek said. "We are presently restoring 47 Main Street, the old Diefendorf Hall." Marosek said that the Hall was one of the many buildings that suffered flood damage. "We're selling hot dogs to help raise funds."

Another fund raising group attending the event was the Fort Plain United Methodist Church, whose members were offering ice cream sundaes, brownies, cupcakes and water



Cleen Street, whose performance was paid for by Bob & Pat Perry, provided entertainment for the concert attendees.



(From left) Fort Plain Community Activities Council Chairperson Jim Katovitch, Fort Plain Museum Director Bob Perry, and Friends of Fort Plain representatives Pat Perry, John and Elizabeth Marosek, and Micki Lieber attended the July 27 Summer Concert in Fort Plain.

Photos by Elizabeth Tomlin

for sale. The church is one that has been very supportive during the recent flooding, keeping their doors open to feed victims and volunteers alike, and using the church as a distribution center for cleaning supplies and as a meeting hall for Fulton Montgomery Long Term Recovery Committee meetings. The church has also felt the impact of the recent flooding with loss of their two boilers, the air pump to their sanctuary organ, and the motor and cable for the church elevator, which provides handicap accessibility to the sanctuary.

Pastor Alan Griffith spoke proudly of the mission and services the church and congregation has supplied — and the support they continue to provide in the flood relief effort.

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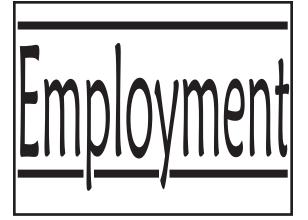


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National Grid launches emergency economic development program

As communities across the Mohawk Valley continue to recover from recent floods, National Grid is launching a support program that could bring \$2 million in economic development aid to businesses in the hardest hit areas.

Thousands of National Grid's electric and natural gas customers across the Mohawk Valley, especially in the hardest hit areas from the Oneida region east to Fort Plain, had their impacted services due to flood waters that compromised basements, weakened or damaged foundations, and compromised electrical panels, furnaces and other end-use equipment.

Many of these customers were local businesses where rebuilding quickly is crucial to economic recovery in the area.

A summary of the program follows:

Business Program

• Provides emergency grants of up to \$50,000 to commercial, industrial and agri-business customers in the most heavily impacted areas, to help offset the costs of reconstructing buildings and restoring business activity.

• Program funds can be used for energy infrastructure repair and/or replacement, construction, renovation and rehabilitation of eligible buildings.

• Customer applicabe tions must reviewed and endorsed by a state, regional or local economic development agency that is familiar with both the customer's application and National Grid's program requirements.

• National Grid's proposal aims to fill financial gaps remaining after federal and/or state programs, insurance and other emergency sources of dollars have been utilized.

National Grid will make funds available in 2013 to ensure that business customers needs can either be met immediately or addressed as the specific need becomes more apparent.

The new proposal calls for additional funding to support the emergency programs should the need exceed existing National Grid economic development program resources.

Communities and businesses in eligible counties can get more detailed information on the application process and apply for funding by visiting www.ngrid.com/flood relief and clicking on Upstate New York.

Collecting

by Larry Cox Inheritance

Q: Due to a recent death, I have inherited a house filled with antiques and c o l l e c t i b l e s . Although I need to liquidate the estate, I have no idea of values. What do you suggest? — Cynthia, Soulard, MO.

A: I went through this same situation when my mother died several years ago. She had lived in the same house for a number of decades and had filled it with almost everything imaginable.

My sister and I were overwhelmed. We began by contacting and hiring a good certified appraiser so we had a better idea of what to keep, what to sell and what to discard.

That is, perhaps, what you should do first. Don't rely on a neighbor or someone who claims they know about antiques and collectibles, but a certified appraiser. The American Society of Appraisers (ASA) is one of the leading groups in this country and can help you find certified professionals near you. 11109 Contact is Sunset Hills Rd.. Suite 310, Reston, VA 20190, 800-272-8358.

To underscore the importance of hiring an appraiser, let me

share a story. Several weeks ago, a reader contacted me with four older rugs. She had been offered \$1,500 for the four rugs but suspected they might be worth more. She hired an appraiser, who discovered the rugs were Navajo and from the 1920s. To cut to the chase, her rugs were valued at \$35,000, not the \$1,500 she had been offered. Although an appraisal is not free. can be it an extremely valuable investment in the long run.

Q: I recently purchased a piece of Hull pottery at a yard sale. It is a 9inch vase in the Mardi Gras pattern. What can you tell me about this pattern, and is it worth more than the \$35 I paid for it. — Betty, Tyler, Texas

A: The vases were originally created for chain stores and florists, according to "Warman's Hull Pottery: Identification and Price Guide" by David Doyle. Most of the pieces I've seen are identified with a sticker. not the usual impression in the mold. Dovle believes your vase is valued in the \$75 to \$100 range, so if your piece is in good condition, you made a good buy.

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Misc. Brand Tools: Craftsman open end sets; testers; Craftsman shop vac; weld helmet; lawn mower; Stihl leaf blower; Stihl chain saw MS170; Bosch saws; wood stove; Ryobi drill press; Craftsman tool chest; vise; bolt bins full 4 pcs; electric grinder; shop press; parts washer; engine hoist; metal bank saw; table saw; rack with air compressor; 4' fan; jacks. Lots of Misc. Garage tools.

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Monday, Aug. 12th - Monthly Heifer Sale. Expect several groups of heifers. Monday, Aug. 19th - Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale.

Monday, Aug. 26th - Normal Monday Sale.

Sat., Aug. 31st - 2PM - Empire State Farms - Total Fullblood Wagyu Dispersal. 170 Head sell, for full details contact James Danekas 916-837-1432, Mercedes Danekas 916-849-2725 or www.jdaonline.com.

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Collecting

by Larry Cox Cow creamer

Q: I have a creamer in the shape of a cow. I bought it at a church sale and paid \$35 for it. — Mark, Hammond, LA

A: I'm not sure what your question is, but I must tell you that many of the "cow creamers" have been reproduced, and most generally sell for less than \$20. To determine if your creamer authentic and is older, show it to an established antiques dealer in your area for his or her opinion. For current values, I "The recommend Antique Trader Kitchen Collectibles Price" edited by Kyle Husfloen. There are several pages featuring creamers with current values.

Q: I have a collection of cigarette silks that were given away as premiums, probably during the 1920s. Is there someone I can contact about them? The ones I have represent international flags. — Bill, Flagstaff, AZ

A: Robert Forbes is a serious collector of tobacco memorabilia and has written several books on the subject. He might be able to advise you. His address is P.O. Box 62, DuPont, WA 98373. Check out his excellent reference "American Tobacco Silks, Flannels, and Leathers," which can ordered from him.

Q: My parents were married in 1953 and received a set of sterling flatware in the "Bridal Veil" pattern. What can you tell me about it? — Susan, Westminster, CO

A: Your pattern was crafted by the Inter-national Silver Company and introduced in 1950. The company was formed in 1898 in Meriden. Conn., by a group of independent silversmiths. The association eventually included several additional companies Rogers including Brothers, Derby Silver, Meriden Britannia, Webstar and Wilcox, and others. Although this isn't one of the more expensive patterns, it is certainly a handsome one.

Q: I have a set of six volumes of "Nation's Heritage" published by B.C. Forbes & Sons in 1949, all in fine condition. Do these books have any value, and where can I offer them for sale? — R.C.R., Albuquerque, NM

A: These appear to sell in the \$15 to \$25 range per volume in my area of the country, Phoenix. You live in a fairly large city with several excellent used bookstores. Begin there.

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Public Consignment AuctionTuesday Night!! August 13th • 6:00pmFurniture, Household items, and much more is still coming!!!!! Including Consignments, Tools,
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Special Antique Consignment Auction Thursday, September 19th, 6:00pm

Selective Antique Consignments Wanted!! Already consigned is an Early Doctor Buggy, Copper Washing Machine, Wooden Butter Churn on stand! Lots more sill being consigned!! Watch for pictures!! Page 34

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Original Valley PENNYSAVER • August 10, 2013 Page 37 St. Johnsville and Canajoharie Celebrate Summer With Music

by Katie Ranno

Summer is a time to get out, enjoy the sunshine, and spend time with friends. All three describe the summer concert series put on by the towns of St. Johnsville and Canajoharie.

On Monday nights, crowds gather at the St. Johnsville Marina for their Concerts at the Marina. "It's a very relaxing time and just good to visit with friends," says Jaennette Cretser who has been coming to annual concert series for the past couple of years. Local residents Anne Thomas and Kathy LaCoppola have been coming down to the marina for as long as they can remember and say that it's a good night filled with good music.

The Sophisticats are one of many on this summer's lineup, dazzling the audience with covers of different instrumentals and classic favorites such as "Stand by Me."

Along with a healthy serving of good music, refreshments are also served. Different committees take over the refreshment table each week. St. Johnsville's Parks and Recreation recently was in charge of the refreshment table. Denise LaZoppola, head of Parks and Recreation, said all proceeds from that will go to replacing the main playground at the Soldiers and Sailors Park near Park Side Ice Cream. She also went on to mention the summer activities



Chris LaZoppola flips hamburgers for the refreshment stand at the St. Johnsville Concerts at the Marina.



President of the Music on Main Street Committee Bobby Z and Co-chairman Phyllis Lapi stand at the committee's booth where hats and bags are being sold. All proceeds go to funding Music on Main Street.

which the committee sets up for the community, including planning the concerts at the marina and a 7-week summer recreation program for local kids, ages 4 to 18 which ends on Aug. 23. For more info on the summer recreation program, be sure to stop by the shed in the park where a full schedule can be found. Concerts at the Marina are sponsored by Fulton-Montgomery Arts Grant and the Village and Town of St. Johnsville.

On Tuesdays, Canajoharie hosts their own fun time with Music on Main Street, located right on the NBT lawn in the center of town. One week's

attraction was the jazz infused Izzy & the Catostrophics. First time concert goer David Wadd saw the ad for the event in the paper and found it to be pretty cool. Local resident Joan Cinino has come out to the concerts for the past couple of years and loves to see the different bands and interesting crowds which they bring to the lawn.

Different organizations in the town take on the refreshment table each week, as well, On this day, refreshments were run by The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 26 Moyer Street in Canajoharie. Pastor Ginny Ogden has been leading the congregation for the past year and a half and says that the concerts on main street are a fun time and they enjoy getting to know others in the community. Brownie Sundaes and water were served, with all proceeds going to those recently affected by local flooding and a floodaffected Fort Plain family which the church has adopted and has committed to helping during this difficult time.

Also on site was the Music on Main Street Committee, who set up a booth with all proceeds going to the support of the summer long event. A 50/50 raffle was also taking place, with half of the proceeds going to those affected by the flood. Committee member Phyllis Lapi has been a part of Music on Main Street for the past 17 years and says that it's a fun time for the community to come out and enjoy good music. Music on Main Street is also sponsored by the Fulton-Montgomery Arts Council and other community businesses and organizations.



Volunteers from the Church of the Good Shepherd pose for a quick photo at the Music on Main Street. L-R: Bob Wilson, Myron Walton, Sandy Wall, Ken Ogden, Nicole Folmsbee, Dale Folmsbee, and Pastor Ginny Ogden.



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When is buying a foreclosed home not a good idea?

We've all heard tales of people buying foreclosed homes at bargain prices. Websites and infomercials claim that you can find foreclosures for pennies on the dollar. It sounds too good to be true and in most cases it is.

While it is possible to find a good deal on a foreclosed home, it takes lots of research and persistence. Most foreclosed houses sell for only slightly below market value, and that sell for those much less are few and far between. There are also certain risks when dealing with foreclosed properties.

Many foreclosures are not in very good condition and this is sometimes one of the reasons that foreclosures sell more cheaply. The former owners almost certainly went through a time of financial hardship and that often results in a poorly maintained home. The owner may even purposely cause damage to the home when he realizes that foreclosure is imminent

Another reason that a foreclosure may be offered at a lower price is because it is in a bad location. Whether you're planning to use the home as a residence or rent it out, location is important. A home that is undesirably located will be more difficult to rent at a decent price, and could living there prove to be

unbearable.

There are legal issues that the purchaser of a foreclosure may have to deal with as well. If the previous owner still lives in the home, he will have to deal with eviction. It is even possible that the lender may not have full ownership of the home, resulting in major legal woes. Tax liabilities may he transferred to the new owner as well.

Foreclosures sold at auction pose their unique risks. own Prospective buyers often do not get the opportunity to inspect the property for sale, so they have no indication of what condition it is in. The full price purchase is often due in a matter of days, if not on the day. Buying same foreclosures at auction is a risky proposition for the buyer and is usually not a good idea for first time homebuyers.

If you have the time and patience to actively look for good deals on foreclosures and the experience to know how to handle them once you've bought them, they can be worthwhile. But they are usually not ideal for new homeowners.

There are many problems that can occur with them and a new homeowner does not need to be exposed to the risks involved.

Source: Sir William Johnson Realty



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Calendar of Events

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NOTE: Calendar entries must arrive at the Original Valley Pennysaver's office by the TUESDAY prior to our publication date for them to be included in the calendar of events. Send events to Lee Publications c/o The Original Valley Pennysaver, 6113 State Highway 5, P.O. Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 or Kathleen Lee at kkelly@leepub.com

JUL 2 - AUG 31 Cooperstown Farmers'

Market

Noon - 5 pm. 8 vendors feature local food and artisan products. Located at 101 Main St., Pioneer Alley, in Cooperstown, NY. Snap Program EBT services. For more information, call 607-547-6195 or visit www.otsego2000.org/far mersmarket

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Arkell Center News and Events for August

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. Programs for all Area Seniors at Arkell Center for the month of June are as follows:

• Mondays - Fridays: Noon. Meals are provided by the Meals of Montgomery Program. Reservations are required by noon of the previous day. Call 673-2000 or 843-2300. (Suggested donation is \$3 for those 60 years of age or older).

• Mondays & Wednesdays: 10-10:30 am. We have a Senior Exercise Program for the summer. Come join us.

• Wednesdays: 3-4 pm. Gentle Yoga/Chair Yoga with instructor, Patty P. continuing thru the summer.

• Thursday, Aug. 29: 1-3 pm. Second Time Around band practice, visitors welcome.

• September 28: Defensive Driving Schedule. 8:30 am to 3 pm. We still have openings. Call Joan at 673-4408 for reservations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

• August 14, 21 & 28: 12:45 pm. Senior Citizens Public Card Party, Donation - \$2, prizes & light refreshments. If anyone plays Pinochle & would like to sub call Terry at 518-673-5635.

• August 13: 9 to 11 am. OFA HIICAP, Legal & Volunteer Svs, Meeghan Lyons & WRAP Coordinator & Information &



UMC 613 Latimer Hill Rd. Ames, NY 13317 518-673-2265 *Rev. Dr. Campbell Laker* Sunday Service 9:30am

Church of the Nazarene 3316 State Route 29 W Johnstown, NY 12095 Offices: 518-762-2982 Cell: 857-523-8417 Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler Sunday Morning Service 11:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am

Dolgeville United Methodist Church 21 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville Pastor: Rev. Diane E. DiLuzio 315-429-7381 Worship 11:00am Sunday School @ 9:30am beginning September 18th Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 12:30pm

Everlasting Joy Believers Fellowship 66 Hancock St., (Rte. 5S) Fort Plain, NY 13339 315-858-2112 Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10am

Fordsbush Bible Church 131 Clark Rd., Fort Plain 518-568-7606 Pastor Kevin Keever Sunday School 10am, Morning Service 11am, Eve. Service 6pm, Wed. Service 6:45pm, Thurs. Visitation 6pm www.fordsbushbible-church.com Home of Victory Christian Academy Cherry Valley Assembly of God 37 Alden St., Cherry Valley, 607-264-3306 Pastor David Carpenter, Jr. Sundays 9:30am

Cornerstone Baptist Church 7274 St. Hwy. 10, Ames 518-673-3405 Sunday School 10am, Adults & Children Morning Worship 11am, Youth Ministry 5:45pm, Evening Worship 6pm, Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm, Awana Club 6:15-8:15pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 588-594 Albany St., Little Falls, NY 315-823-1323 Sunday Mass 10am Coffee Hour following Sunday Mass Sunday School & Youth Group Tuesday 10am Mass & Bible Study Friday 10am-2pm Thrift Shop

Faith, Hope and Love Christian Fellowship 18 W. Grand St., Palatine Bridge 518-673-5128 *Rev. David W. Bowley* fhlc@frontiernet.net Sundays 11:30am, For other service times please call

Fort Plain United Methodist Church 39 Center St., Fort Plain *Rev. Alan Griffith* Church Office 518-993-3863 Parsonage 518-993-3645 Office Hrs Tues & Thurs. 10am-4pm ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11am Christian Church of Charleston Four Corners 1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers 518-922-9088 Pastor Brett Popp Sunday School (adult & children) 10am, Worship 11am, Sunday Eve. Prayer 6:30pm, Thurs: Eve. of Encouragement 6:30pm www.chistlanchurcheharlestonluroorners.org

Currytown Reformed Church 829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422 *Rev. Donald Hoaglander* Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:00am

Ephratah Reformed Church 140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY To live and share lesis Christ both Icoally and globally Everyday/Everywhere.Everyone. Pastor Jeff Hindriliter Sunday School for all ages 10am September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11am Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7pm

First Baptist Church Springfield Center, NY *Rev. - Gary Tyler* Sunday School 10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Sunday night Worship 6:00pm Wed. night Bible Study 7:00pm Free meal & music every 2nd Sat. of the month 4-7pm



Church of Christ Uniting PO Box 896 Richfield Springs, NY 13439 *Rev. Mark Ioset* 315-858-1553 Service: Sunday 9:15am Church School: Sunday 10:30am

Dolgeville Christian Fellowship 3 Elm St., Dolgeville, NY 13329 315-429-9142 Dr. Marvin Isum, Pastor Worship Sunday 10:30am Midweek Fellowship Tuesday 7pm www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd 26 Moyer St., Canajoharie 518-673-3440 Holy Communion Sundays at 9:30am Fellowship Time to Follow Call tor Holy Day services The Rev. Virginia L Ogden, Rector churchgood @ frontier.com

Fonda Fultonville United Methodist Church 11 Montgomery St., Fultonville Pastor Nancy Pullen • 853-3311 Sunday Morning Worship 9:15-10:15, Sunday Schol 9:15-10:30, Coffee Fellowship Following Service Our Mission-To Actively Follow Christ and To Inspire Others To Accompany Us.

Fultonville Reformed Church Corner of 5S & 30 Pastor Jane Hubschmitt Sunday School 10AM Family Worship 10:30AM

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Assistance, Kelly Casler. • August 13 & 15: 1-4 pm. Defensive Driving Class. We still have openings. Call Joan at 673-4408 for reservations

August 22: 2-3 pm. Alzheimer's Dementia Caregivers Support Group will be meeting. This service is sponsored by the Alzheimers Assoc. of Northeastern NY. Welcome all.

August 23: 1 pm. Senior Citizens Club Picnic. Bring a dish.

• August 26: 7 pm. Vallev Bells Performance. Open to the public, come and enjoy.

• August 27: 11:15 am -12:15 pm. Blood Pressure Clínic. Home Health Care Partners Corp. (Co-Sponsored by St. Mary's & Nathan Littauer Hospitals). In addition to conducting the blood pressure clinic the Home Health Partners Care Cord. also provides health & wellness information.

• August 30: 12 noon. Meals of Mont will be serving Labor Day Spe-BBQ Chicken cial. Breast, Baked Beans,

Rev. David Tosi 315-858-0564

315-858-0504 Sunday School (all ages) 10am Worship Service 11am & 7pm Wednesday - Prayer & Praise Call for info on various Youth Ministries www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org

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Centennial Celebration Herkimer Home State Historic Site, 200 State Rte. 169, Little Falls, NY. 1:30 pm ribbon cutting; 2 pm Liberty's Here Commemoration, 2:30-5 pm Open House with special exhibit of artifacts and collections and a book signing. RSVP by Aug 9 at 315-823-0398.

AUG 12-16 **Christian Lake Bible**

Guest speaker is Pastor Jerry Chapel in Bridgewater, NY. Services begin at 7:45 Mon-Fri with a Bible study at 9 am. Tues.- Fri. Drive-ins are welcome at either service and are open to the public. This is our last week for 2013. Available onsite are a beach, campground, boats, fishing, swimming and cabins (w/reservations) available for public A large use. activity building with kitchen facilities, "The Prodigal's Refuge," is available for church groups to use during the season. A bonfire is planned for Friday evening after the message in front of the "Refuge" building. For a brochure with a list of speakers, rules and regulations and upcoming 315-429events call



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AUG 13-18

Herkimer County Fair Queen Pageants, Talent Show, Idol Contest and Demo Derby. Demo Derby held on Aug. 16 and drivers must be at least 18 years old. Queen Pageants held Aug. 13 with girls of different age groups from 4-17 and boys from 4-12. Idol contest try outs are Aug. 4 at Fairgrounds with the

semi and finals held during the fair. Talent Show is Aug. 17 with any age and talent. All events require pre-registration and acts are limited. The Herkimer Co. Fair is joining with other County Fairs across the nation to "Dream Big" and help feed the hungry. Fair goers are asked to bring in non-perishable food items to the fair and receive a chance to win daily prizes & a grand prize at the end of the fair. We are looking for businesses to donate items or gift certificates

to give out each day at the fair. The food will be distributed after the fair to the food banks of the Mohawk Valley.. Call 315-895-7464. On Internet at www.herkimercountyfair.org

AUG 15

Brooks Chicken Barbecue

Salem United Methodist Church, 1254 Stone Arabia Rd., Fort Plain, NY. 4:40 pm. \$9 adults, \$5.50 children, chicken half \$6. Dinner includes chicken, baked potato, sweet corn, winter slaw, roll, cupcake & beverage. Take outs available. Also a bake sale including chocolate jumbles and homemade pies. Partial proceeds being donated to Fort Plain Flood Victims.

AUG 16 NY CONNECTS Informal Breakfast

Fort Plain Serior Center, 204 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY. 8-10 am. Space is limited and reservations are required by Aug. 9. Breakfast is free and open to the public. Contact Montgomery Co. Office for Aging, 518-843-2300

AUG 17

Free Clothing Giveaway

Valley Alliance Church, State Hwy. 5, east of Nelliston, NY. 9-11:00 am. Doors open at 8:45 am. Refreshments will be provided.



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Calendar of Events

AUG 19

Monthly Meeting of the Salisbury Historical Society 1805 Frisbie House. 6:30 pm.

AUG 24 All Day Christian

Concert Dolgeville Central High School A. Contact Bobby Pierce, 315-868-5815.

Fifth Annual Reign Fest: NY

Dolgeville Central School Auditorium, 38 Slawson St., Dolgeville, NY. 2-10 pm. Grammy nominated "The Rhett Walker Band" headlines this year's

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AUG 27 NY CONNECTS Infor-

mational Luncheon Raindancer Restaurant, 4582 State Hwy. 30, Amsterdam, NY. Topics will focus on needs of Montgomery Co. citizens with long term care needs regardless of age. Space is limited and reservations are required by Aug. 19. Space is limited. Luncheon is free and open to the public. Contact Montgomery Co. Office for Aging, Inc., 518-843-2300.

SEP 7, OCT 5, NOV 2 & DEC 7

Acoustic Coffee House Fultonville Methodist Church, Montgomery St., Fultonville, NY. 6:30-10 pm. Now into our 4th year, the no admission, no donation Acoustic Coffee House is open to all types of music as long as no vulgarity, doesn't offend anybody and is acoustic. If you can't make it at 6:30, that's OK there is a new performer every 9-13 minutes on average. Call 518-853-4964.

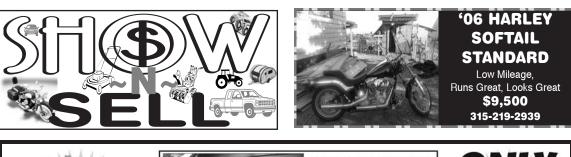
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Class of 1963 50th Class Reunion -All Classes and

Teachers of the 1960's Knights Inn, Albany St., Little Falls, NY. 5:30 pm. For more information contact Donna O'Rourke at dor1227@comcast.net or call Barb Cooley at 315-823-4162 and leave a message..

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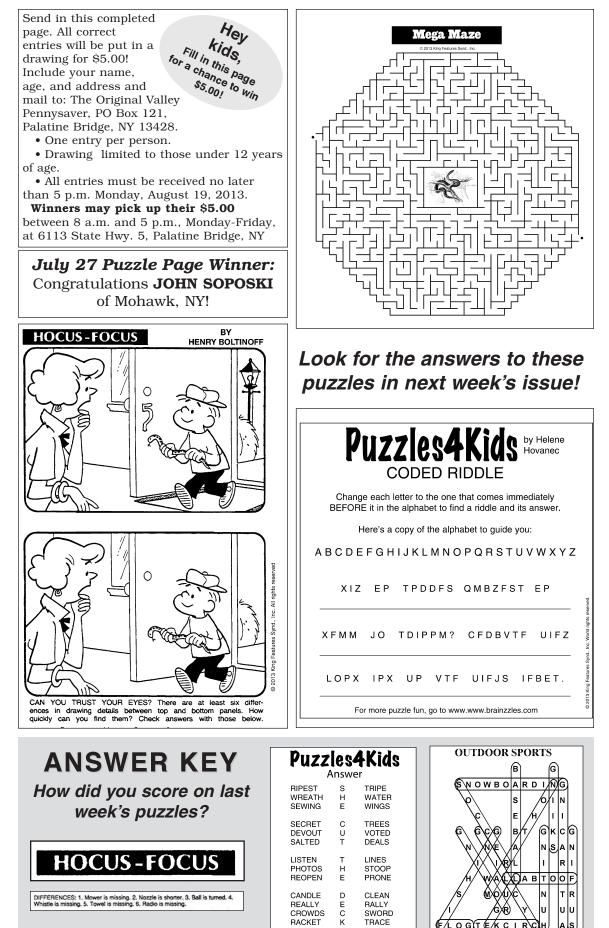




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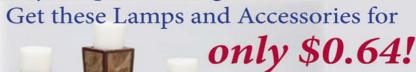


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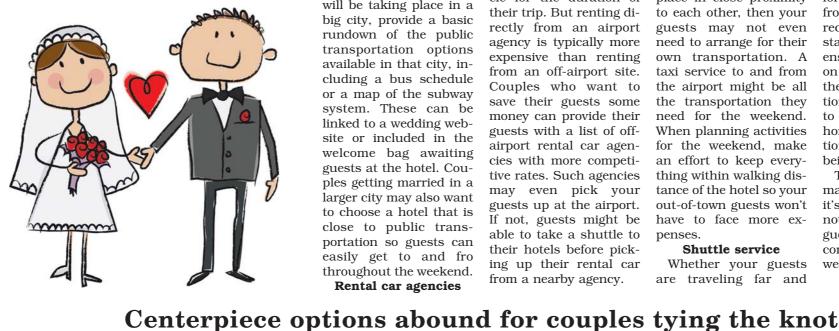
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How your guests can get around

Couples have a lot of wedding. This is an espefactors competing for attention when planning their weddings. From finding a reception venue to choosing the menu to pinpointing the perfect honeymoon destination, couples must make many decisions on their way to becoming man and wife.

One decision that's easily overlooked is how guests will get around come the weekend of the



cially important consideration for couples whose guest list includes many out-of-town guests that will be flying in for the festivities. Though the bride- and groom-tobe typically will not have to pay for their guests' transportation all weekend long, it can be considerate for couples to share a variety of transportation options with their guests prior to the

big day. The following are a handful of ways guests might be able to get around town come the weekend of your wedding.

Public transportation

Public transportation is arguably the most affordable way for guests to get around. And in larger, more densely populated cities, public transportation is often the most practical option as well. If your wedding will be taking place in a big city, provide a basic rundown of the public transportation options available in that city, including a bus schedule or a map of the subway system. These can be linked to a wedding website or included in the welcome bag awaiting guests at the hotel. Couples getting married in a larger city may also want to choose a hotel that is close to public transportation so guests can easily get to and fro throughout the weekend. **Rental car agencies**

Major airports all include rental car kiosks where arriving passengers can reserve a vehicle for the duration of their trip. But renting directly from an airport agency is typically more expensive than renting from an off-airport site. Couples who want to save their guests some money can provide their guests with a list of offairport rental car agencies with more competitive rates. Such agencies may even pick your guests up at the airport. If not, guests might be able to take a shuttle to their hotels before picking up their rental car from a nearby agency.

Taxi service

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tion and Friday night meet-up will be taking place in close proximity to each other, then your guests may not even need to arrange for their own transportation. A taxi service to and from the airport might be all the transportation they need for the weekend. When planning activities for the weekend, make an effort to keep everything within walking distance of the hotel so your out-of-town guests won't have to face more expenses. Shuttle service

If your wedding recep-

Page 3 - Section B · ORIGINAL VALLEY wide to attend your wed-PE ding or live right around the corner from the venue, it's best to arrange for shuttle service to and from the ceremony and reception for any guests staying at the hotel. This ensures no one gets lost a on the way to and from **5** the ceremony or reception, and it's also a way a to ensure guests make it home safe after a reception where alcohol was being served.

Though couples have many decisions to make, it's important that they not overlook how their guests will get around come the weekend of the wedding.

Weddings may be characterized as a dozen little details coming together to form one big celebration. Key elements of the big often must be day

planned well in advance, and timing is usually of the essence to ensure the day goes off without a hitch.

Reception centerpieces



Impressive floral arrangements make for popular centerpieces at weddings, but couples should not feel as though a floral centerpiece is their only option.

are one of those seemingly minor, yet important details couples have to consider. The reception is a memorable night for the couple, and creating a magical experience involves setting the scene, which includes decorating guests' tables with centerpieces that capture the theme of the wedding.

Many different styles of centerpieces can be considered. Couples frequently opt for floral centerpieces because of the versatility of flowers and the myriad color combinations that are available. But couples should not limit themselves to a floral centerpiece. In fact, couples can explore a variety of centerpieces options before choosing the one for them.

• Candles: Inexpensive and beautiful, candles impart a subtle glow to a space. Candles of varying heights will cast light on the table and make the reception room look and feel more intimate. Place candles on a mirror or silver cake serving platter so that the light of the flames will reflect and disperse even more.

• Fruit: Pieces of fruit, such as lemons, limes, apples, and oranges, can be used as a cost-friendly centerpiece. Whether placed in a basket or clear vase, the colors of fresh fruit can be vibrant and eye-catching. Afterward, the fruit can be brought home and eaten to limit waste.

• Beads and baubles: Filling a vase or low-profile glass bowl with beads, shells, rocks, or crystals is an easy way to dress up a table. Consider pairing these decorative beads with candles to have a visually appealing design.

• Edible ideas: Centerpieces that double as favors cut down on the expense and amount of work that goes into idea creation. A basket with tulle-wrapped Jordan almonds or decorative boxes of cookies stacked in the center of the table will look attractive and then can be taken home by guests. Even a tall vase filled with candy-covered chocolates can be attractive, and then guests can fill up their own little bags of sweet treats.

• Themed objects: Birdhouses, watering cans, teapots, a small birdcage, or other items that fit with the theme of a wedding can work well as centerpieces. A carved pumpkin or gourd fits in with a falltimed wedding, while a sand pail may complete the look of a summer-inspired wedding.

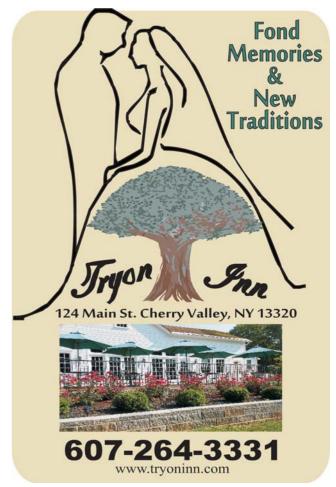
Whether your guests

are traveling far and

• Balloons: Don't underestimate the power of a billowing bouquet of balloons in the center of a table. Relatively lowpriced when compared to flowers, balloons are easy

to set up and will quickly fill a space.

• Wildflowers: Rather than centerpieces full of exotic flowers, do-it-yourself couples can place whimsical bunches of wildflowers and fresh herbs into vases on each table.



Top 10 plants you can't kill

Page These 10 plants are not m only tough as nails, but they're pretty, too. Turn your black thumb into a green thumb with these top picks. **Coneflower:** (Echi-

nacea, Zones 3 to 9) Coneflowers have become a garden staple for their easygoing nature. Ъ Growing 2 to 5 feet high and $\ensuremath{\mathbf{2}}$ feet wide, they are the perfect companion plant in just about any garden. They require well-drained soil but will thrive in full sun as well as partial shade. Known for attracting birds, bees and butterflies, coneflowers also make lovely cut blooms.

Why we love it: The coneflower is the lowmaintenance star of nature-friendly gardens. It comes in many colors, and it's easy to find one you — and the birds will love.

Cosmos: (Cosmos bip-

innatus)

If big, beautiful flowers are one of your top requirements, cosmos is perfect for you. Though it's an annual, it often reseeds on its own. Blooming summer to frost and growing up to 6 feet high, this backyard favorite deserves a regular spot in your sunny garden.

Why we love it: It's easy to grow from seed. So for a couple of bucks, you'll have a gorgeous show in a single season.

Daylily: (Hemerocallis, Zones 3 to 10)

An excellent choice for a classic garden, daylilies can tolerate flooding, drought and salt and are often used for erosion control on steep hillsides. The pretty blooms come in every shade except blue and pure white; their distinctive trumpets may be triangular, circular, double, spidery or star-shaped. Daylilies

grow 10 inches to 4 feet high and 1-1/2 to 4 feet wide and do best in full sun to partial shade.

Why we love it: Some cultivars attract hummingbirds and butterflies. A plant that is best divided every three to five years, the daylily is perfect to share with friends. Hens and Chicks:

(Sempervivum tectorum, Zones 3 to 8)

The only way to kill this succulent is by being too kind with overwatering. This perennial is perfect for rock gardens. It grows 3 to 6 inches tall and up to 20 inches wide and blooms in summer. For best results, plant in well-drained soil that gets full sun to light shade.

Why we love it: This low grower also works wonders in containers. Since it doesn't have a deep root system, you can plant it somewhere fun. Try growing it in an old



Yarrow: (Achillea, Zones 3 to 9)

These easy-care, longlasting flowers come into their own once summer is



inches to 4 feet tall and 18 to 24 inches wide, in yellow, white, red and pink. Well-suited to most growing conditions. yarrows provide a long season of bloom. They're a good cutting flower, too. Avoid seedy varieties that may require a bit of weeding to keep contained.

Why we love it: This plant is heat- and drought-tolerant and can survive on benign neglect.

Hosta: (Hosta, Zones 3 to 8)

Easy-to-grow hosta is a must for shade gardens. The beautiful foliage comes in a wealth of colors, textures, sizes and shapes, growing 4 inches to 3 feet high and 6 inches to 6 feet wide. In summer, hosta blooms in purple, white or lavender. Divide in spring or late summer to early fall. Hostas like moist ground, but be careful not to overwater.

Why we love it: The ultimate low-care shade plant, hosta comes in endless varieties and colors. It also can be easily divided-perfect for the budget-minded.

(Sedum Sedum: species, Zones 3 to 10)

Take a close look and you'll see this plant's star-shaped blooms, similar to a pentas. With yellow, orange, red, pink or white flowers, it grows from 2 inches up to 2 feet high and wide. You can grow some species as ground cover, while others make good border plants.

Why we love it: Hello, butterflies! If you want flying flowers in your yard, this plant is a slam dunk.

Zinnia: (Zinnia)

With new heat-, drought- and disease-resistant plants on the market, there's never been a better time to grow zinnias. This annual grows up to 3 feet high, with blooms that last until the first frost.

Why we love it: You'll save tons of money growing these from seed. Start seeds indoors, or sow outdoors about 1/4 inch deep after the threat of frost has passed.

Petunia: (Petunia x hybrida)

Petunias have been around for decades, but the newer varieties have advanced in leaps and bounds. Days of deadheading and diseaseprone plants are long gone. Nowadays, these beauties flourish in both full sun and partial shade without a lot of extra work.

Why we love it: Even if you forget to water for a few days — it happens to everyone - these plants keep going.

Yucca: (Yucca filamentosa, Zones 4 to 11)

There's a good reason so many Southern gardeners use this as a backyard centerpiece. It's about as drought-tolerant as they come-and on top of that, it boasts beautiful white flowers amid its spiky leaves.

Why we love it: Both flowers and foliage come with this beauty. For a unique variety, look for the variegata cultivar. Its blue-green leaves with white edges are stunning. Source: Birds & Blooms

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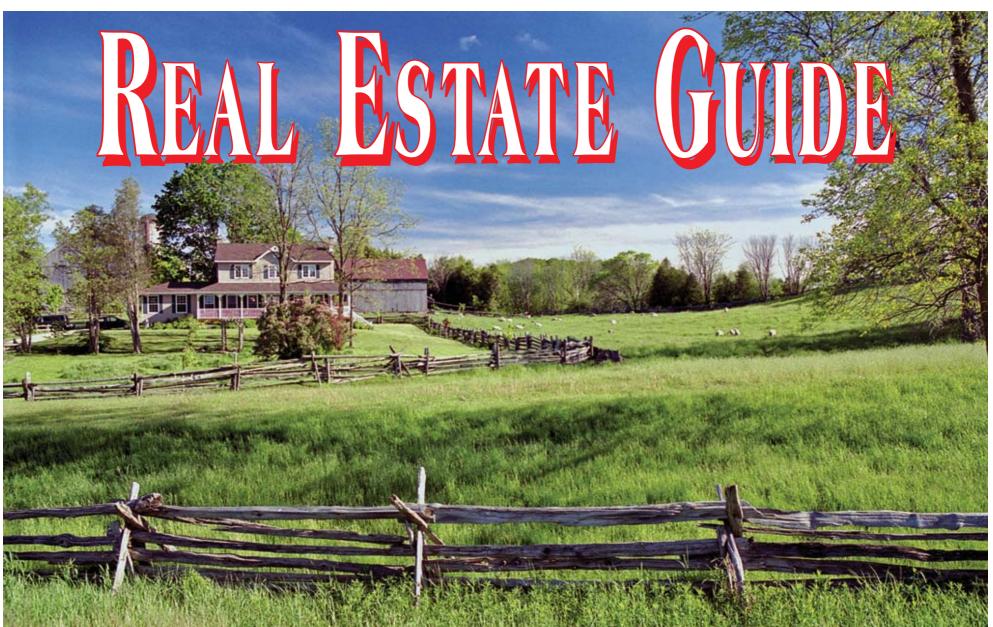


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In appreciation of National Cell Phone Courtesy Month (Initiative)

Submitted by Lisa Ford, Youth and Family, Nutrition Connections, UNH Cooperative Extension

I laughed and asked if they were serious. Is there really such a thing as National Cell Phone Courtesy Month? There is. It's in July.

I was recently shown an article about this initia-

ing able to call for help immediately is invaluable! There are reasons to share information about cell phone etiquette. Who

cell phone eliquette. Who wants to be interrupted at the movies? During movie previews, one of the reminders is to silence cell phones. Take a college course and you are sure to hear your professor's phone. What was very apparent was the difference she and I had regarding the importance and what is appropriate use of the cell phone (cell phone etiquette). From the time I would pick her up, she was texting. She would put her phone down, cell phone still in hand. The phone would vibrate, our young person. It was difficult to carry on a conversation that was constantly being interrupted. It was irritating to start and pause and start and pause a conversation.

I thought about this situation for a while. The next time we got together, I brought up the topic right away. I asked if it would be possible for her not to text when we were together. She said she would try. I asked her if she wanted to put her cell phone down so she didn't have to hold it all the time. It was then I realized that phone was more like a part of her being. I was amazed. She was not able to put her phone down. She had to hold onto it. I asked her how she got through a day of school when she couldn't put down her phone. She confessed she gets in a lot of trouble at school for keeping her phone with her and texting. So we practiced. Yes, we actually practiced her putting her phone down and walking away from it.

This may be an extreme situation, but it highlights how unaware this person was of her cell phone habits and how it can affect interacting with other people.

Just the other day, I did a double take! I was walking through a restaurant located in a hotel and around a table were what looked to be three generations of a family. What astonished me most was that 4 out of the 10 people at the table had cell phones out and they were using them. There was a child at the table, who looked to be about three years old, who was playing with a cell phone. These cell phone users were not being present to spend time with their family members.

We all have busy lives. Therefore, when we gather for family mealtime it's a time to connect with one another; a time to talk about fun and happy

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things and learn from one another. There has been a lot of research and many articles have been written about making mealtime, family time. We often hear about the importance of unplugging, turning off the TV and computer during meal time. Unplugging includes cell phones.

Mealtime is not just about sitting around the table and eating together. It starts before then.

Children learn from **SAUR** watching. When adults **We** use cell phones to talk or text during dinner, a message is being sent that this behavior is acceptable. It takes away from time when a family can communicate with one another. In recognition of National Cell Phone Courtesy Month, be courteous to your family and those around you. Model appropriate cell phone manners.

Make meal time family time. Unplug and engage.

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tive. After reading the article and pondering the idea, I realized how important it is to bring to light cell phone etiquette and the impact cell phones and technology can play in regard to social and family time.

First cell phones and then smart phones have influenced our behaviors. They have provided us with a way to communicate with one another instantaneously. If we want to send a quick note or piece of information to another person we can send a text. We can access information from the internet right away (in most areas). They enable us to be in contact with whomever we want. whenever we want. In case of an emergency beviews on why texting is not allowed during class, it makes it seem like class is not interesting to you, it's not possible to text and listen, and it inhibits and it is distracting to others in the class.

Cell phones can be addicting. On several occasions I was with an individual who was broughtup having access to a cell conversation would be interrupted, she'd snicker at the message, press a few buttons, and ask, "Where were we?" Whatever we had been talking about was forgot when she continued on with her texting.

After this happened the second time we were together, I realized that this was a way of life for this









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Considering a diesel engine vehicle

Page by Ellen Wren

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How internal combustion engines work

201 Diesel engines and gasoline engines are both ő, internal combustion sysb tems designed to convert **F** the chemical energy available in fuel into mechanical energy. Both accomplish this through repeated small explosions, or combustions. The big difference is in how the explosions occur.

Gasoline engines work

when fuel is mixed with air and compressed by pistons. The fuel/air mixture is then ignited by sparks supplied by spark plugs, causing the tiny explosions which power the pistons.

Diesel engines work by pressurizing the entire engine to a much higher degree (up to five times as much as a gasoline powered engine). Because air becomes hotter the more compressed it becomes, no spark plugs are needed to start the combustion. Once the pressurized air is mixed with the fuel, combustion occurs without the need for an additional spark.

In order to withstand this intense pressure, diesel engines are manufactured much heavier. The engine block is much thicker and made of sturdier metals than a comparable gasoline engine. However, because diesel engines do not require a

spark to start combustion, they are also simpler. They don't require spark plugs, distributor caps or other ignition systems necessary in gasoline powered engines.

Pros and cons of diesel When considering purchasing a diesel powered vehicle, there are several factors which should be taken into account. First of all, diesel vehicles are more expensive to purchase than their gasoline powered counterparts. This is mostly because of the additional cost needed to manufacture the diesel engine. However, this higher up front cost is easily offset by the fact that diesel engines are more reliable and last longer than gasoline powered engines. In fact, Mercedes Benz diesel powered vehicles hold the longevity record, with several vehicles reaching over 900,000 miles travelled on original engines. Diesel engines are widely known to be more reliable than gasoline powered engines, require repairs less often and never require ignition tune ups. However, diesel mechanics require specialized training and repairs may be more expensive if necessarv.

Because diesel engines are more efficient than gasoline powered engines they can operate at lower RPM and deliver similar performance than gasoline powered engines. Perhaps you have heard that diesel engines are slow because they do not have as much horsepower as gasoline engines. While this is true, it is misleading. Gasoline engines do have greater peak horsepower at high RPMs, but diesel engines deliver greater torque, and thus more driving

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Diesel engines are widely known to be more reliable than gasoline powered engines, require repairs less often and never require ignition tune ups. Photo by Ellen Wren

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Heading off problems with your vehicle

The more you know about your vehicle, the more likely you'll be able to head off repair problems. You can detect many common vehicle problems by using your senses: eyeballing the area around your vehicle, listening for strange noises, sensing a difference in the way your vehicle handles, or even noticing unusual odors.

Looks like trouble

Small stains or an occasional drop of fluid under vour vehicle may not mean much. But wet spots deserve attention; check puddles immediately.

You can identify fluids by their color and consistency:

• Yellowish green, pastel blue or florescent orange colors indicate an overheated engine or an antifreeze leak caused by a bad hose, water pump or leaking radiator.

• A dark brown or black oily fluid means the engine is leaking oil. A bad seal or gasket could cause the leak.

• A red oilv spot indicates a transmission or power-steering fluid leak.



• A puddle of clear water usually is no problem. It may be normal condensation from your vehicle's air conditioner.

Smells like trouble

Some problems are under vour nose. You can detect them by their odor: • The smell of burned toast — a light, sharp odor — often signals an electrical short and burning insulation. To be safe, try not to drive the vehicle until the problem is diagnosed.

• The smell of rotten — a continuous eggs burning-sulphur smell usually indicates a problem in the catalytic converter or other emission control devices. Don't delay diagnosis and repair.

• A thick acrid odor usually means burning oil. Look for sign of a leak.

• The smell of gasoline vapors after a failed start may mean you have flooded the engine. Wait a few minutes before trying again. If the odor persists, chances are there's a leak in the fuel system - a potentially dangerous problem that needs immediate attention.

acrid chemical odor may signal overheated brakes or clutch. Check the parking brake. Stop. Allow the brakes to cool after repeated hard braking on mountain roads. Light smoke coming from a wheel indicates a stuck brake. The vehicle should

• Burning resin or an

be towed for repair. • A sweet, steamy odor indicates a coolant leak. If the temperature gauge or warning light does not indicate overheating, drive carefully to the nearest service station, keeping an eye on your gauges. If the odor is accompanied by a hot, metallic scent and steam from under the hood. your engine has overheated. Pull over immediately. Continued driving could cause severe engine damage. The vehicle should be towed for repair.

Sounds like trouble

Squeaks, squeals, rattles, rumbles, and other sounds provide valuable clues about problems and maintenance needs. Here are some common noises and what they mean:

Squeal — A shrill, sharp noise, usually related to engine speed:

• Loose or worn power steering, fan or air condi-

tioning belt. Click — A slight sharp noise, related to either engine speed or vehicle speed:

• Loose wheel cover.

 Loose or bent fan blade. • Stuck valve lifter or

low engine oil. Screech -A highpitched, piercing metallic sound; usually occurs while the vehicle is in motion:

• Caused by brake wear indicators to let you know it's time for maintenance.

Rumble — a lowpitched rhythmic sound. • Defective exhaust pipe, converter or muf-

fler. • Worn universal joint or other drive-line component.

Ping — A high-pitched metallic tapping sound, related to engine speed:

• Usually caused by using gas with a lower octane rating than recommended. Check your owner's manual for the proper octane rating. If the problem persists, engine ignition timing could be at fault.

Heavy Knock — A rhythmic pounding sound:

• Worn crankshaft or connecting rod bearings. • Loose transmission

torque converter. Clunk — A random thumping sound:

• Loose shock absorber or other suspension component.

• Loose exhaust pipe or muffler.

Feels like trouble

Difficult handling, a rough ride, vibration and poor performance are symptoms you can feel. They almost always indicate a problem. Steering

Misaligned front wheels and/or worn steering components, like the idler or ball joint, can cause wandering or diffi-

culty steering in a straight line.

• Pulling — the vehicle's tendency to steer to the left or right — can be caused by something as routine as under-inflated tires, or as serious as a damaged or misaligned front end.

Ride and Handling

• Worn shock absorbers or other suspension components - or improper tire inflation can contribute to poor cornering.

• While there is no hard and fast rule about when to replace shock absorbers or struts, try this test: bounce the vehicle up and down hard at each wheel and then let go. See how many times vehicle bounces. the Weak shocks will allow the vehicle to bounce twice or more.

• Springs do not normally wear out and do not need replacement unless one corner of the vehicle is lower than the others. Overloading your vehicle can damage the springs.

• Balance tires properly. An unbalanced or improperly balanced tire causes a vehicle to vibrate and may wear steering and suspension components prematurely. Brakes

Brake problems have several symptoms. Schedule diagnosis and repair if:

• The vehicle pulls to one side when the brakes are applied.

• The brake pedal sinks to the floor when pressure is maintained.

• You hear or feel of scraping or grinding during braking.

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• The "brake" light on **9** the instrument panel is **D** lit.

Engine

The following symptoms indicate engine trouble. Get a diagnosis Difficulty starting the and schedule the repair. engine.

• The "check engine" Fight on the instrument panel is lit.

Rough idling or stalling.

• Poor acceleration. • Poor fuel economy.

Augu Excessive oil use (more than one quart be-0 tween changes).

• Engine continues running after the key is $\vec{\omega}$ removed.

Transmission

Poor transmission performance may come from actual component failure or a simple disconnected hose or plugged filter. Make sure the technician checks the simple items first; transmission repairs normally are expensive. Some of the most common symptoms of transmission problems are:

• Abrupt or hard shifts between gears.

• Delayed or no response when shifting from neutral to drive or reverse.

• Failure to shift during normal acceleration.

 Slippage during acceleration. The engine speeds up, but the vehicle does not respond.

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and towing power under normal driving conditions (low to moderate RPMs).

The cost of fuel is another consideration that should be examined when comparing gasoline and diesel engines. Currently regular grade gasoline is anywhere from 25 to 50 cents per gallon cheaper than diesel fuel. But diesel engines are more efficient than gasoline engines and get 25-30 percent better fuel economy. In fact, the most fuel efficient diesel engines have the same or better fuel economy than gasoline electric hybrid vehicles. So almost always, the overall fuel costs for driving diesel vehicles are lower than

comparable gasoline powered vehicles.

One important thing to consider is that historically, cold weather has caused some diesel engines to have trouble starting. Diesel fuel gels cold weather and in needs to be heated to 190 degrees in order for combustion to occur. The colder the weather, the harder the engine needs to work to heat the fuel to operating temperature. This is particularly true of older model diesel vehicles. Newer models have safeguards in place to offset this limitation, such as glow plugs and high output automotive batteries. Older models can use engine block heaters to help eliminate this issue. Today's technologies for cold starting diesel engines are very effective, and modern diesel engines start in cold weather with very little effort.

New clean diesel vehicles can hold their own even against hybrid vehicle when looking at environmental factors as well. With the rising popularity and availability of biodiesel, it is possible to drive a diesel powered vehicle from renewable fuels that have fewer emissions than conventional petroleum based fuels. Biodiesel is frequently made by collecting, filtering and processing waste vegetable oil from restaurants, and through the addition of methanol and the magic of chemistry, recycled waste oil is converted into biodiesel. In theory, it is possible to grow your own diesel fuel by growing soybeans or other oil-rich crops, pressing the oil and processing it into biodiesel. Conversion kits are even available for certain diesel vehicles to allow them to run directly from filtered waste vegetable oil

Overall, choosing a diesel powered vehicle is a viable option. Though the upfront costs may be somewhat higher, there are long term savings benefits.



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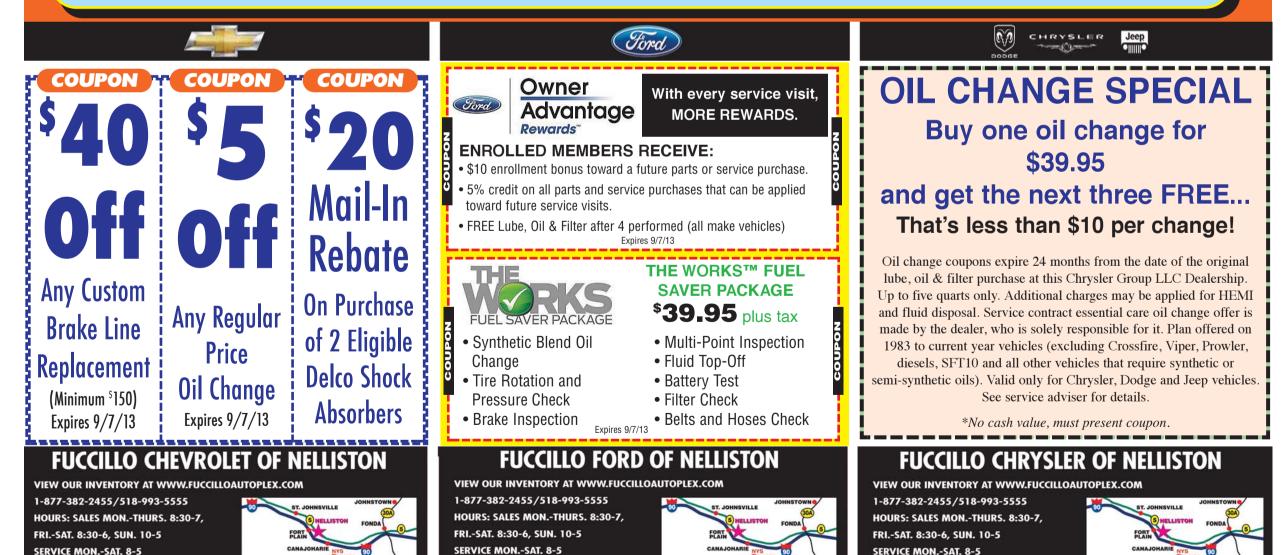
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