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Canajoharie CSD Superintendent Debbie Grimshaw, Fort Plain PTA President Theresa Travis and Fair co-coordinator Lauri Broady greeted attendees at the door of the 4th annual Community Health and Wellness Fair, held at the Harry Hoag Elementary School in Fort Plain. See more on page 26.



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 April 26, 2014

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If you believe this bit of Irish blarney, you must be a fan of Nancy Pelosi or her nationally famous buddy. How is that old Irish saying? Never use blarney unless the truth don't work? It seems to have worked for them.

I arrived at my Palatine Bridge office to receive a special message from the "Coldbrook hermit." She offered blessings and suggested I remember life is like a roll of toilet paper...the closer you get to the end, the quicker it goes!

While driving east along Route 4 in central Florida, we noticed the westbound four lanes near Lakeland were absolutely plugged with cars. This created a several



mile long parking lot for hundreds, possibly thousands, of travelers. When we reached St. Johnsville traffic was also backed up at the single traffic light in our village. Three cars were ahead of us.

Today at lunchtime I drove over to Canajoharie to have lunch at Granny's new restaurant location. While leaving the company parking lot, I had another traffic situation. I had the privilege of waiting for an Amish lady driving her horse and buggy along Route 5. I should have offered a prayer of thanks, "Lord I thank you. Now — I am home in the beautiful Mohawk Valley." I guess it's never too late — so thank you, Lord, and thank you for friends and neighbors.

The following tale reads like it must have happened up near Dolgeville or Coldbrook, or at least up north somewhere. The wife of a Baptist minister or Methodist minister died. He was heartbroken and wrote to a fellow pastor. Imagine his friend, while in sympathy, was shocked to learn his wife had passed away and even more shocked when he read, 'I would be obliged if you could send me a substitute for the weekend.'

An Irish friend telephoned the "Gardia" police station to complain that his brake pedal, steering wheel and gas pedal had been stolen. A few hours later he called the police again and said, "Don't bother. After I sobered up I realized I was in the back seat."

How does the saying go? The more things change, the more they stay the same. In the Volume 4, Number 17, LIFE Magazine dated April 25, 1938, LIFE interviewed a Mr. Walter Kneal of Cleveland. Among other thoughts, Kneal said, "It's only common sense that the government can't go on indefinitely spending more money than it takes in." In

the same column LIFE stated that four fifths of the people surveyed by the Gallup Poll thought that helping business by reducing taxes would do more to end depression (hard business times) than would government spending. Their most frequent comment on spending was: "It failed once. Why should we try it again?" That LIFE Magazine article was published 76 years ago and our present government policy is to spend more money than it takes in, borrowing billions of dollars from other countries so that Washington can keep on spending. In good old dairy farmer chatter, "You can not drink more milk than the cow gives," and sooner than later the cow will go dry.

As Bret Maverick on TV said, "You've got to earn it to spend it."

During the time we spent in Florida it seemed that conversation about up home in the north was always the cold weather. So I wondered what the gang up home in coffee shops had on their minds. I found out at the Hungry Bear Café.

The usual four world problem solvers were in deep discussion. I would have expected Iran, Iraq, President Obama, or some other bit of world-shaking news. No a giant, husky, manly fellow from Thumb Road was trying to locate tiny wee cloth shorts. He was afraid — I guess — that his wee little feathered chicken friends should have shorts to wear.

Someone suggested Barbie Doll clothing might do the desired job. He is about two sizes bigger than I am so I will not include his initials, I'll just call him Larry.

Sorry Larry, I will continue to ask around but ... what age group do you want the shorts for? You could try a wanted ad in the Pennysaver or Country Editor. Those two papers are read in over 36,000 homes each week. Your chickens might get lucky.

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Country folk, gaggles of geese, friends, neighbors, church family, country roads, small villages, merchants who know you by name, cows, sheep, goats, horses out in the fields and freshly plowed ground; that's the real America. That is upstate New York and home.

As much as I love chatting with you, I can hear the little red three-wheeled Spyder calling. The sun is shining and you know how the mercury in the valley is full of surprises.

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Mohawk Valley FFA hosts 13th annual Farm Toy Show

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Tractors, trucks, hay wagons and a vast variety of other toy farm equipment, including implements, bulldozers and bucket loaders covered the tables that 15 vendors had spread out, filling the gym at St. Johnsville's high school on April 12.

The Mohawk Valley FFA was holding their 13th annual Farm Toy Show.

Randy Dygert was proudly showing off his 2month-old grandson, Mason, while Mason's dad did some shopping. "We come to the show every year," said Dygert.

With 41 tables holding the goods supplied by vendors, some coming from as far as 150 miles away to take part in the show, it is no wonder it has grown over the years to attract so many fans.

"The toy show has been around since Bert Cook was a sophomore," recalled Mike Settle, former Ag teacher and FFA advisor at the school. "Bert was responsible for getting it going." Cook, who worked on a dairy farm during his school years, graduated in 2005 and each year since then the Farm Toy Show has expanded a little more.

"It's a wonderful learning experience," said first time attendee Natalia Sistrunk, from the Fort Plain area. "It's interesting to see how tractors have developed over the years and to see how some of the antique farm toys were designed."

Sistrunk was examing pictures and books at



Mohawk Valley FFA Advisor Chris Smith helps Shannon and Dylan Dygert select a toy Case tractor.



Mohawk Valley FFA members (from back left) Rob Christman, Casey Watson, Chapter Advisor Kristy Shafer, Laiken Whittredge, Jeff Baker, (front) Liam Sammons and Chapter President Stephanie Arndt, served at the concession stand during the Mohawk Valley FFA's 13th annual Farm Toy Show.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

the exhibits and displays.

While some folks were at the show just to browse, others, more serious collectors, came to buy custom farm toys and equipment of all makes and models, including popular models of John Deere, Case, Ford and New Holland.

"I think that we had a much better outcome than we had expected this year," reported MV FFA Chapter President Stephanie Arndt. "This Toy Show was another success, thanks to the great venders that participated and all of the community support!"



Chapter members Dustin Vicciarelli and Ashley Chapman collected admission donations for the event.





Choosing the right wedding reception favors

Planning a perfect wedding is no small undertaking. From scheduling venues and hiring vendors to tasting menus, lots of decisions must be made when planning a wedding. But when the pieces fall into place, the entire day can be magical.

One of the final components of weddings are the favors guests will take home with them as mementos of the festivities. Though favors don't immediate require attention, that does not mean couples should wait until the last minute to made decisions regarding their wedding favors.

Brides and grooms-to-be should not underestimate the importance of handing out wedding favors, a tradition with a rich history. A wedding favor is considered a symbol of good will to guests, and there are many different wedding favors on the market. Finding the right one can take a little work. It is usually a good idea to find something that suits the theme of the wedding and is both long-lasting and practical. Try to avoid anything that is too kitschy.

A couple's budget should be considered when choosing wedding favors. A couple may want to give their guests lavish gifts but should only do so if their budget allows. It may be challenging for couples to find favors that fit the theme of their wedding, as well as their own personalities and budgets. But it can be done. The following are some favor-finding guidelines. Be creative

Wedding favors can be just about anything, so there's no need to stick to Jordan almonds or wine bottle stoppers. The more creative couples are, the more receptive their guests will likely be. For example, for an autumntheme wedding, fill mason jars with the ingredients for а spiced cake and give the recipe directions on a tag. For a summer wedding, gift

guests with a sun and surf survival bag, full of sunblock, a beach towel and sunglasses. Go traditional

Couples who opt for universally appealing can lean favors toward some popular options, such as silver cake servers, candlestick holders, decorative photo frames, or engraved keepsake boxes. Aim for favors that have utility. Otherwise, favors may end up collecting dust on someone's shelf.









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Deadline set for Senator Tkaczyk's Flood Relief Measure in 2014-2015 State Budget

Two important deadlines for local governments and owners property impacted by last summer's flooding are approaching. Legislation first proposed by State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk to provide property tax relief to businesses and homeowners hurt by the floods was included in the 2014-2015 State Budget. Her measure allows impacted businesses and homeowners to have their property taxes reassessed and lowered to reflect flood-damaged the status of their home or property. The deadline for local govern-

ments to opt into the program is May 15, 2014. If the local government does opt-in, the deadline for property owners to apply for assessment relief is June 30, 2014. The deadlines were set by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. She developed her legislation after meeting with local official and community leaders to discuss the needs and the challenges they faced in the recovery effort. She also wants the State take further action to reimburse local governments for lost tax revenue.

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Montgomery **County to receive** \$4.2 million for road repairs

State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk announced that municipalities in Montgomery County will receive more than \$4.2 million for local highway, road and bridge repair projects.

Tkaczyk Senator said the 2014-15 State Budget provides governments local with additional an million \$40 for extreme winter weather assistance" to help repair pot-holes and road surface damage caused by the harsh winter weather.

Earlier this year, Senator Tkaczyk met with Highway Superintendents from across the State who told her about the extensive road damage being caused by the harsh weather, and the steep costs for repairs.

"Their budgets were already being wiped out by overtime payments for plow drivers, as well as the costs of road salt, Senator Tkaczyk said.

The 2014-15 State Budget includes \$438 million for the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) which local governhelps ments with road improvements and repairs. This appro-priation maintains a record level of funding for the CHIPS program for a second consecutive year.

Each municipality the State will in receive approximately the same amount of CHIPS Aid as last year, but will also receive a share of \$40 million in Extreme Winter Weather Assistance Capital.

Appropriations for Montgomery County include \$2.4 million in CHIPS aid and an additional \$230,000 for extreme weather assistance. Additionally, the City of Amsterdam will receive \$490,000 in CHIPS Aid and an additional \$46,000 for extreme recovery. weather within Towns the county will receive \$700,557 in CHIPS and another \$84,000 in extreme weather funding. Villages will receive \$262,491 in CHIPS and about \$29,000 in additional funds.

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4th annual Community Health & Wellness Fair bigger than ever

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

With more organizations participating in this year's 4th annual Community Health and Wellness Fair and an increase in attendance; this year's event was the biggest yet!

Held at Fort Plain's Harry Hoag Elementary School, the fair combined efforts of the Fort Plain and Canajoharie school boards, PTAs, superintendents, and others.

"Forty-one organizations participated and we had 183 'guests' walk through the door to tour the fair," said Lauri Broady who co-chaired the event with Canajoharie BOA member Mark Brody. "This was an increase of 50 attendees over last year. We continue to build with each annual event, expanding our offerings and working to get the word out to the local communities about all that the Health & Wellness Fair has to offer."

Broady said that she was most pleased with the variety of organizations that participated in this year's event, explaining that they covered all aspects of self-care and health advocacy, including nutrition, exercise, stress management, medical screenings, mental health and social programs.

"Our 4th Annual Health & Wellness Fair was a huge success!" agreed Michelle Boylan, member of the Health & Wellness Fair BOD. Boylan said remarks from both the community and the vendors about the event were "extremely positive".

Boylan, who was involved in securing the



Zumba student Janine Keller helps to lead the class in the Zumba presentation at the 4th annual Community Health and Wellness Fair, held at the Harry Hoag Elementary School in Fort Plain.



McKenna and Emma Karker learn about tooth care and 'sealing molars' with a hands-on coloring activity. Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

chefs from 'The Table' and 'Dome 49' for the salad competition, said that both chefs won awards for their salads, which they had designed specifically for the event. "Best use of local and seasonal ingredients, went to Chef Aaron from The Table and 'Most interesting blend of flavors' went to Chef Rich from Dome 49."

Chef Aaron introduced quinoa- a small grain, similar to rice or couscous- to attendees, which the majority had never tried before.

'Hands-on' demonstrations and activities including cooking, Healing Touch, body readings, acupuncture and massage sessions were only a few of the activities available.

Zumba classes, led by certified instructor Kim Ross and Missy Congdon in the gym, were free to all participants and the classes were full throughout the event

Donations from local businesses were abundant.

"The PTA's received donations from C&H Fundraising, Chobani Yogurt, and Price Chopper," said Fort Plain PTA President Theresa Travis, adding that water was donated from Save-a-Lot and from Mohawk Valley Vending owner Tony Machetti.

"This is the third Health & Wellness Fair I have been involved with," commented Canajoharie CSD Superintendent Debbie Grimshaw. "Every year we include more things for folks to learn about as they take charge of their own well being. What a great opportunity!"

Now here's a tip

by JoAnn Derson

• Need a quick fix for tarnished brass? Look in your fridge. Ketchup, applied liberally then buffed off, will remove tarnish in a pinch.

• Cut a paper grocery bag open and then cut it to fit the top of your refrigerator. It will catch dust and kitchen grease, and keep the top clean. It's free and replaceable as often as needed.

• "Small cardboard boxes can be covered in gift wrap for pretty storage containers. Simply wrap the outside, leaving the top or side open, then fold the gift wrap over the open edge and secure on the inside. I love this idea, because it's easy to coordinate with a lovely gift wrap, and it's inexpensive too. If you have leftover wallpaper, this works as well!" — T.F. in Virginia

• "If you buy a loaf of French bread and can't use it all the first day, freeze it. When you defrost it, stick it in the oven, and it's good as new." — C.E. in Florida

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- Weekly SUDOKU __

SWITCHING FIRST AND LAST





- King Crossword —

Answers

Whatchamacallits

It is a paint can opener!

Red, green, yellow or blue — this gadget opens your paint and holds it too!

Painting, which helps protect buildings from moisture, was revolutionized by the Sherwin-Williams Company, the first major paint manufactuer in the United States. The company began producing tin paint cans in 1875. In 1877, the first resealable tin paint can made its debut.

Although we don't know exactly when this opener/holder was created, it certainly must have been very useful for painters up on ladders, who needed a paint can holder to act as a spare hand as they worked high above the ground. Have your own Whatchamacallit? Send it to Kelly Gallagher at kgallagher@leepub.com or mail to Lee Publications, Attn.: Whatchamacallits, PO Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428.



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Housing help: Home repairs/modifications

There are several agencies you may contact to learn about help for home improvements:

• Search for a local Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office or call the Public and Indian Housing (PIH) Customer Service Center at 1-800-955-2232 for the phone number of your local HUD office.

• Search for a local Public Housing Agency (PHA) or call the PIH Customer Service Center at 1-800-955-2232 for your local PHA's phone number.

• Search for a local housing counseling agency or call 1-800-569-4287.

• Search for a state housing finance agency.

Help may also be available to you if you qualify as one of the following:

• Veterans: Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 1-800-8271000. TTY users may call 1-800-829-4833.

• Senior Citizens: Use the online Eldercare Locator or call the Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116.

• Citizens with Disabilities: Contact your local vocational rehabilitation service office.

• Rural Residents: Contact your local Rural Development (RD) office for information about rural housing grants and loans.

Selecting a Contractor Home improvements and repairs can cost thousands of dollars and are the subject of frequent complaints. The following information may help when selecting a contractor:

• Hiring a Contractor

• How to Choose a Contractor

• Homeowner's Resources

• Borrower's Guide to Home Loans

Before You Dig — Remember, you must call 811, or submit an online request, before you plan to dig anywhere on your property even if it is just a small project like planting trees or shrubs. You should report your plan to dig at least a few days in advance and do not dig until all lines are clearly marked.

Need more Information? Try These Additional Resources:

• Before You Dig — Frequently Asked Questions

• Mortgage Help and Avoiding Foreclosure

Housing Help: Purchasing
Housing Help: Rent Payments

• Housing Help: Resources for People with Disabilities

• Housing Help: Resources for Veterans

• Housing Help: Resources for Native Americans

• State Consumer Protection Offices

The short link for this FAQ is http://1.usa.gov/17ecF3n







THE ORIGINAL VALLEY PENNYSAVER

April 26, 2014 • A33










PUBLIC AUCTION Fri., May 2nd, 2014 • 9:30AM

Owners: John & David Mast Auction Held At: 1002 St. Hwy 67 Fort Plain, NY 13339

Farm Equipment: IHC Corn Binder; Case Model Q Ensilage Cutter; IHC #7 Ensilage Cutter; Fox Ensilage Cutter; IHC Cuttivator; 2 IHC Corn Planters; Lely Fertilizer Spreader; New Idea #14 Manure Spreader; New Idea #8 Manure Spreader; John Deere Manure Spreader; Cultipacker; Extra Cultipack Roll; Spring Tooth Harrows; Killefer Single Shank Subsoiler w/mole; Massey Harris Hay Loader (for parts); IHC #6 Mowing Machine; Crop Sprayer (needs pump); Farm Wagon; Running Gear; IHC Side Delivery Rake; Spring Wagon; Buggy Top; Hog Crate; Old Fanning Mill; Steel Wheels (2-40" and 2-50"); Wheelbarrow Wheels; Rake Teeth; Milk Cooler; Myers Pump Jack (9 inch stroke); 2 1/2 x 5 Sap Pan.

Sawmill and Shop Related: Single Band Resaw w/return (needs work); Large Radial Arm Saw; Old Sawmill Edger; Buzz Saw; **Thermo King** 28hp Diesel w/clutch; **Perkins** 4 Cylinder Diesel; Dowel Machine; 15 inch Planer; Table Saw & Jointer; Table Saws without stands; Bench Top Drill Press; Vise; Gas Lanterns; Floor Jack; 2 Circular Sawmill Blades (worn out); Saw Swages; Shop Stoves; Lots of small items.

Household: 3 Burner Oil Stove; Lard Press; Several Dressers; High Chairs; Ice Box (antique); Rayo Lamps; Pressure Cookers; Suit Cases; Coffee Pots; Pots & Pans; 4 Old Bow Back Chairs; Hickory Rocking Chair, and more.

Lunch Stand by the Amish ladies Auctioneer: Tye Eglin



Antiques and Consignment Auction • Tuesday, April 29th • 5:00PM

Already Consigned is a Large Collection of Arrow Heads and Artifacts!! This collection is over 350 arrow heads including 6 large ax heads!! Also a large House Clean out from Canajoharie, and another one from Scotia, We don't know what all is involved!! So Don't Miss This Auction if you are an Arrow Head, Indian Artifacts, Antiques, and Tool Collector!! Go to Auctionzip.com for pictures ID # 29324 or call 518-993-4668

ANNUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 3rd • 10AM • ATTENTION BRING YOUR ITEMS!! ANIMALS!! MACHINERY!! FLOWERS!! TOOLS!! FURNITURE!! LAWN & GARDEN!

Just Consigned 3 point hitch 2 row corn planter, ford snow blower, jet ski in good condition, Disk, Harrow, a load of used lawn and garden equipment from Cobleskill, and much more still coming!!! Animal to be sold under the tent!! Please have your animal consignments here as early as you can!! Will be accepting consignment on Saturday morning starting at 6:00am, Come early stay late!!!!!

<u>Consignments Wanted</u>: Animals, Lawn and Garden Equipment, Tools, Trees, Flowers, Perennials, Furniture, Antiques, Sheep, Goats, Ponies, Calves, Pigs, Chickens, Roosters, Bantams, Ducks, Geese, Rabbits, Pet Birds and more!! 1st Auctioneer will start with Animals at @10:00am 2nd Auctioneer will start at 10:30am with Flowers, Tools, Jet Ski, Machinery, Lawn & Garden, and will also be set up inside with Furniture, Antiques and much more!! This will be an all day event!! Call for details 518-993-4668 Auctionzip.com ID # 29324 Food Stand will have Soft Pretzels, Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Breakfast Sandwiches, Home made Cookies Cheesecakes, & more!! This will be an all day event!! Lots of food!! Come early & stay late!! We will be selling with 2 Auctioneers!!!!!

Antiques & Arrow Head Collection Auction Tuesday, April 29th • 5:00 PM Antiques, Furniture, Tools, Collectibles, Flowers, & more!! Large collection of Museum Certified Arrow Heads & Indian Artifacts If you bring your items we will turn them into CASH for you!! Antiques & Consignments Wanted for our every Tuesday night Auction!!

Tuesday, April 29th • 5:00 PM Saturday, May 3rd • 9:00 AM Tuesday, May 6th • 5:00 PM Thursday May 8th • 6:00pm Saturday May 17th • 10:00am Antiques, Furniture, Tools, Collectibles and more!! Large collection of Arrow Heads!! Huge Customer Appreciation Day Auction!! Animals, Flowers, Antiques, Consignments!!! Antiques, Furniture, & another large collection of Indian Arrow Heads & Indian Pottery! Antiques, Furniture, and Lots of other items!! On Site in Palatine Bridge NY Antiques, Furniture, and much more!!

lf you bring your items we will turn them into CASH for you!! Antiques & Consignments Wanted for our every Tuesday night Auction!!

New Berlin, NY 13411

WEEKLY SALES EVERY MONDAY HOSKING SALES Weekly Sales Every Monday 11:30 (note starting time) with Misc. & Small animals, Antiques & Auctions 1:00 Dairy, followed by feeders, sheep, lamb, goats, pigs. Call for more info and sale times. Our Volume is increasing weekly - join your neighbors & send your livestock our way! Calves start at 5PM followed by cull beef. Monday, April 21st sale - cull ave. \$.80, Top cow \$1.12, Bulls/Steers \$.96 - \$1.30, bull calves top \$3.20, heifer calf top \$3.02, Dairy feeders \$.68 - \$1.00, dairy milking age Grade cow top \$1700. Monday, April 28th - Normal Monday Sale. Special: 6 fresh Jerseys, all 2nd lactation. Saturday, May 3rd - Sale on Farm - Schenevus, NY. 10:30AM. Dan & Mae's Dairy Complete Cattle & Machinery Dispersal. 120 Head of mostly Holsteins - 71 milking age balance youngstock. Complete line of Machinery: Ford 8600; Ford 5000 row crop; White 2-85; NH LS 170 Skid steer w/3411 hrs.; NH 273 kicker baler; Int. 445 kicker baler; Hesston 5500 Round baler; 2 - Gehl Scavenger Spreaders; NH 155 spreader; 1 steel hay wagon; 2 wooden hay wagons; Int. 120 tandem self unloading wagon; Gehl 640 tandem self unloading wagon; H&S front & rear unloading forage wagon w/tandem gear; JD 714 self unloading wagon; Gehl 640 self unloading wagon; Brillion seeder; 12' transport; White 4 row corn planter (dry fert.); Allis Chalmers Chisel plows; Oliver 10' 252 transport disc; White 508 4 bottom spring reset plows; JD 1360 Disc bine; NH Super 717 chopper w/hay head; 2- JD Choppers 3950 w/2 heads & 3940 w/2 heads; Kelly Ryan 9' Bagger; JD 65 blower; Gehl 1540 blower; Reel Auggie 2250 mixer; Knight 3030 mixer; 2 smoker elevators; 3pt. fertilizer spreader; Ford front end loader; 18.4x34 duals; **KING'S** misc. running gears; bale spear; bale grabber; 1 plastic grain bin; 3 poly calf hutches; 4 polly feed carts; 1 bedding cart; **Agri Metal** bedding chopper; 8 metal water tubs; 530 Agri Metal feed cart; 820 Uebler feed cart; Lindy semen tank. Produce selling: 16x40 silo full of corn silage; 9x200 ag bag of corn silage; Thurs., May 1st Food Auction ~ 6:33pm 9x200 ag bag of haylage. ORDER OF SALE: MACHINERY AT 10:30AM, PRODUCE THEN CATTLE. GPS address: 1675 Co. Hwy. 34, Schenevus, NY. Monday, May 5th - Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale. Sat., May 3rd Consignment Auction ~ 6:33pm Monday, May 12th - Monthly Heifer Sale. LOOKING TO HAVE A FARM SALE OR JUST SELL A FEW - GIVE US A CALL. Sat., May 10th Recreation Auction ~ 3:30pm **Trucking Assistance - Call the Sale Barn or check out our trucker list on our Web-Site. Call to advertise in any of these sales it makes a difference. Watch Then Sat., May 10th Consignment Auction Follows website for any last minute updates. Directions: Hosking Sales 6096 NYS Rt. 8, 30 miles South of Utica & 6 miles North of New Berlin, NY. Sun., May 11th Breeder Sale ~ 11:33am www.hoskingsales.com Call today with your consignments. Tom & Brenda Hosking Burrows Rd., West Winfield, NY • (315) 822-5221 607-699-3637 \$1153 6096 NYS Rt. 8 or 607-847-8800 WE ACCEPT CASH - CREDIT CARDS - DEBIT CARDS cell: 607-972-1770 or 1771

PUBLIC AUCTION Held at the Former Tryon School Wed., May 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Preview Tues., May 6, 2014 10:00am to 4:00pm All Kitchen Equipment will be sold starting at 1:00pm

Photos are posted to auctionzip.com — auctioneer ID # 22286 **Ordered by the Fulton County Industrial Development Agency**

100's of quality items to be sold to the highest bidder including: Western 9,000 lb. car lift, Mohawk car lift model # sys1- 9,000 lb capacity, 11 horse power gasoline Lincoln welder, Kohler fast response 2 powered by Cummins diesel, oxygen acetylene tanks, tel 3" trash pump gas powered, Onan electric plant 524hrs model # 60DYA-4r8-8083A diesel will produce up to 250 amps 300 volts, Jameson walk-in freezer 10x14 like new, Jameson walk-in freezer 10x12, Jameson walk-in cooler 10x12, new commercial exhaust fan, 16' stainless work area with four bay steam table, Hobart commercial dish washing station, Garland 2 door electric oven, 54' vent master exhaust hood, 10' stainless hood with Ansel system, 4' Cockle exhaust hood, Hobart commercial mixer with attachments, 12' three bay stainless sink with faucets, paten exhaust fan, 6 lunch tables with attached seating, multiple Rockwell drill presses, Craftsman heavy duty 15 1/2' drill press, Rockwell 10" unisaw, 24" Rockwell industrial planer model # 22600 and edger 3 phase, 50-850 Delta commercial vac, Rockwell unifeeder, 15 ton commercial floor jack, Rockwell grinder, Miller falls grinder, Amaco potters wheel, three 1,000 gallon water tanks, Fletcher glass cutting machine new in box, Coats 40/40 tire changer, 6' shop bench with vice, reel craft retractable air hose, three horse commercial air compressor, Speedaire portable air tank, 10' work bench with pipe vice and steel vice, 3' ridged pipe wrench, 4' ridged pipe wrench, several long lengths of copper, galvanized and plastic pipe, assorted long length aluminum angle iron and flat stock, AO Smith commercial natural gas 180 gallon water tank, 7' industrial two stage snow blower, 8' three point hitch commercial flair mower, new toilets, new sinks, new urinals, over 130' commercial steel shelving, rotating nail and bolt rack, Miller falls ball bearing grinder, ladder jacks, boxes of nails and screws, large assortment of new nuts, bolts, washers, pipe fittings, 7 tier metal racks, shelving, file cabinets, fire extinguisher, steel cabinets, misc office supplies, hand tools, student desks, (14) 4' florescent lights, (10) one yard dumpsters. (Some electric items are 3 phase)

This is only a partial listing, 100's of items to numerous to mention, plan to spend the day.

Make arrangements, all items must be moved within 48 hours!!

No buyers premium, cash or check only, out of state check must be accompanied by a bank line of credit! Sorry no credit or debit cards will be accepted!

For more information call (518) 848-7040

Location: County Highway 107 - just 5 miles from Johnstown, 4 miles from Perth

Watch for auction signs!! Lunch will be available!!



Furniture: Hand crafted hickory furniture and other misc.

Building Material: 10,000 ft. barn siding; other misc. lumber and supplies; **Delta Rockwell** 14" table saw w/electric motor; 14" **Craftsman** bench top drill press.

Sheds: 8x12 Adirondack - Red, White Trim; 8x12 Cottage - Gray, White Trim; 12x16 Cabin - Brown; 8x12 Cottage - White, Gray Trim

Farm Equipment: NH 316 baler w/Vanguard, nice cond.; NI 2 row corn picker; Mud Creek basket harrow; NH 55 rake; Lower Valley 4' basket harrow; Mud Creek fore cart; Farmco headlock feeder wagon; Conestoga manure pump 10' high-pressure, 1300 gal.; Conestoga spreader w/engine; J-S torsion axle cart w/brakes; 3 seat spring wagon, new; breaking cart; 3hp air compressor; Hydro 84 International front end loader w/quick attach. White Horse 725 2-bottom reset plow w/14" Keystone bottoms; White Horse 607 forecart w/torsion axle; White Horse 715 single bottom leaf spring reset plow w/ #4 Keystone bottom; NH 782 chopper, hay & corn head, electric controls; 8' wood trailer.

Horses: Must have current Coggins test or pay \$50 vet fee, who will be on site from 8am to 10am Saturday. A \$20 non-refundable consignment fee will be charged for all horses.

1 load driving horses from Kauffman Bros.

1 load driving horses from Martin Boys

1 load draft horses • Approx. 15 head local horses and ponies

NOTE: Lots of homemade food, baked goods on Friday evening & Saturday. Breakfast Saturday morning.

TERMS: By the Mohawk Valley Produce Auction

Benuel Fisher 518-568-2257 • Mervin Byler 315-858-0959 Horses: Christ King 518-568-9910

Calendar of Events

ORIGINAL VALLEY PENNYSAVER

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

APR 1-30

Arkell Center News and **Events for April**

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. Arkell Center Programs to all Area Seniors during April are

607-264-3306

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

as follows: Mondays - Fridays: 12 Noon meals are provided by OFA - Meals of Montgomery Program. Reservations are required by noon of the previous day.

Church Directory

Call 518-673-3011 To Place Church Listings

or Fax Listings to 518-673-2381

Call 518-673-2000 or Mondays - Fridays: Noon meals are provided by OFA - Meals of Montgomery program. Reservations required by noon of the previous day. Call 518-843-2300. (Suggested donation is \$3 for those 60 years of age or older).

Mondays - Fridays: 10 noon. Arkell's Indoor Walking Program has begun. Seniors invited.

Mon, Wed & Fri: 10-10:30 pm. Arkell Center Senior Exercise Program is in the basement. Stop for coffee after.

Wednesday: 3-4 pm, Gentle Yoga with instructor Patty Pietrowicz. SPECIAL EVENTS

April 30: 12:30 to 4 pm.

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

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 School 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

518-673-3440 Communion Sundays at 9:30am Fellowship Time to Follow Call for Holy Day services

Senior Citizens Public Pinochle Card Party, donation - \$2, prizes & refreshments. If you would like to sub call Terry at 673-5635.

April 30: 12 noon. OFA Meals Program is having Birthday luncheon а w/Chicken salad sand, 3 bean salad, carrot raisin salad, roll and birthday cake. Come and join us call to register at 673-2000.

APR 26

Benefit for **Randy Oeser**

Moose Lodge, Canajo-harie, NUY. 1-5 pm. Food, cash bar, DJ, Ĉhinese Auction, Vendors, 50/50 raffle.

Spay-Getti Dinner Herk's Tavern, 65 Bridge



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 Rev. Jack Ford 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 Joe Miller Sunday School 10am, Morning Service 11am, Eve. Service 6pm, Wed. Service 6:45pm, Thurs. Visitation 6pm www.fordsbushbiblechurch.com Home of Victory Christian Academy

Glen Reformed Church State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen 4 miles South of Fultonville glenreformed@nycap.rr.com Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School immediately following Children's Message

Cherry Valley Christian Church of **Charleston Four Corners** Assembly of God 1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers 37 Alden St., Cherry Valley, 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.christianchurchcharlestonfourcorners.o Pastor David Carpenter, Jr. Sundays 9:30am

> **Reformed Church** 829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422 Rev. Donald Hoaglander Visiting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt 518-705-2201 Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:00am

Reformed Church 140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally. Everyday.Everywhere.Everyone.

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

Freysbush United Methodist Church Freysbush Rd., Fort Plain 518-993-3645 Rev. Alan Griffith, Officiating Worship 9am, Sunday School 10am ALL ARE WELCOME coffee hour to follow service

Currytown

) 10am

Ephratah Pastor Jeff Hindriter Sunday School for all ages 10am September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11am Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7pm

First Baptist Church

Calendar of Events

St., Amsterdam, NY. 4-7 pm. \$10/person. Eat in or bring your own container takeout. MAY 1

National Day of Prayer Gathering

Haslett Park, Fort Plain, NY. 6:30 pm.

MAY 2-3

Super Spring Rummage Sale

Fort Plain United Methodist Church, 39 Center St., Fort Plain, NY. 9 am - 3 pm on May 2 and 9 am - 11:30 am on May 3. \$2 bag sale.

MAY 3

Chicken BBQ Stratford Methodist Church, 29A, Stratford, NY. 3:30 until ? \$9 adult, Call \$4 children. 315429-9820 for details.

Craft Fair East Herkimer Fire Station, 193 Main Rd., East Herkimer, NY. 10 am - 4 pm. Free admission.

1st Annual Open House Cambridge Saddle Club 5 Fish Hatchery Rd., Cambridge, NY. A variety of demonstrations, membership sign up booth,

food & tack vendors. Contact Linda Laveway, 518-466-6635 or e-mail cambridgesaddleclub@h otmail.com . On Internet www.cambridgesadat dleclub.org

MAY 4 Valley Choralaires Spring Concert, A **Rainbow of Dreams** United Methodist

Church, 50 E. Main St., Canajoharie, NY. 3 pm. MAY 10

Free Clothing Giveaway

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

Herkimer Now Fundraiser

Herkimer Polish Community Home, S. Washington St., Herkimer, NY. 11 am - 2 pm. To make a donation or volunteer please contact committee member, Kathy Penree, cnycheer@hotmail.com or 315-866-0376.

> MAY 12, AUG 12 & OCT 4

Defensive Driving Course

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. 9 am - 3 pm. \$20/person. Bring a bag lunch, or weekday classes call to sign up for the Meals of Montgomery luncheon. Call 518-673-2000 1 day prior to class. Individuals will qualify



Holy Family Parish Little Falls, NY 315-823-3410

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10:30am

Marshville Evangelical Church Route 10 South

Rev. David Bowley Worship Sunday 9am

Our Lady of Hope R.C. Church 15 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339

Parish Office 518-993-3822 ourladyofhope@frontier.com Pastor: Father Dennis Murphy Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday 8:30am & 11am; Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am. Confessions: Sat. 3 & by appointment lease call parish office for Holy Day schedule

Reformed Church of Fort Plain 65 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-4302 • fortplainrca@yahoo.com Rev. Nancy E. Ryan

Sunday Worship 10:30am, AA meetings on Tues. 7pm, Home of Manna House Meals, A Community Meal Program-Sat. Noon-1:30pm

Rose of Sharon Church of God 5 miles east of Sharon Springs on Rt. 20 ~ 518-284-3307 Rev. Fred Jones Sunday Service morning 11am; evening 7pm; Wed. Spring adows 6pm Bible Study; Tues. 122 Moyer St. Bible Study 7pn The Rose of Sharon where sin is called sin and we act on it and the full Bible is preached

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Call 518-673-3	Ch Dire 3011 To Place C istings to 518-6	hurch Listings	G
Grace Episcopal Church 32 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley 315-858-4016 <i>Fr. Kyle Grennen, Rector</i> Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion/sermon 11:00am	Grandview Baptist Church 15 Washington St., Fort Plain 518-993-9929 Pastor Dan West Sunday School 10am Morning Service 11am Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:30pm	Guiding Light Fellowship Rose of Sharon Church of God 122 Moyer St. Canajoharie, NY 518-284-3307 Pastor Fred Jones Tuesday 7pm	ŀ
Joy Fellowship 296 Co. Hwy. 119 St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-3217 William Hayes Pastor Joyce Loughran Assistant Pastor Sunday School 9am, Morning Worship 9:30am Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm	Lassellseville United Methodist Church State Hwy. 29 Pastor Robert A. Lindsay Worship: Sunday 9:30am Sunday School to start soon	Lighthouse Baptist Church 1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114 Stratford, NY 13470-0114 315-429-8854 <i>Pastor Martin Smith</i> Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am; Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6:00pm; 2nd & 4th Sunday Dinner following Morning Service with Afternoon Service following dinner "Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching"	F
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Selecting the best trees

by Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor, University of Vermont

Choosing the best tree for a site depends on what you desire from the tree, its traits, its quality, and a proper match to the site. According to a brochure from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) on Tree Selection, the main cause of tree death is not from pests and diseases, but from planting the wrong tree.

Before you start shopping for a tree, consider what you want from it. Will it be for aesthetics? If so, what are its shape, growth habit, rate of growth, flowers, fruit, or attractive bark? You'll hopefully be living with this tree for some time, so personal preferences are important and will vary with individual.

Will your tree be for an environmental use providing such as shade, screening winds, providing wildlife food or habitat, reducing noise, or just adding more oxygen? Evergreen trees provide a backdrop for other plantings, screening from wind, and food or habitat for wildlife in winter. Trees along streets help reduce pavement glare and rain runoff, and filter pollutants from vehicles.

Then consider where the tree will go, and the space for its ultimate growth. This is perhaps

the most misjudged or overlooked decision in buying and planting trees, with them ending up too close to buildings or other plantings, or too tall under utility wires. Or they may block desired views and need frequent pruning, or be of an undesired shape. Choose the right size and shape of tree, and maintenance will be greatly reduced. You even may end up deciding you just don't have room for even a small tree — which is perhaps better than planting one and having to deal with the size in a few vears.

Consider aspects of the environment, such as hardiness, soil type, and if a small tree if it will be shaded by a building or taller trees. Often hardiness is given as a USDA zone, referring to average low temperatures, with maps either in catalogs, on labels, in books or online (planthardiness .ars.usda.gov).

Soil type is critical, as trees just can't be moved easily as can smaller shrubs or flowers. Poor soil drainage will starve the roots of oxygen, drowning them and leading to root rots. If you're unsure about this, dig a hole a foot deep and fill it with water. If the water doesn't drain away in 6 hours, you may have a problem and should consult a landscape professional or tree specialist. Or you should choose a tree that can tolerate "wet feet".

Soil compaction from foot or vehicle traffic can keep water and air from entering the soil as well, resulting in tree decline or death. Keep in mind that tree roots extend out at least as far as the tips of the branches, or "dripline", this should be so planned for in tree growth if they're to be in areas of potential soil compaction.

While many trees will tolerate some level of pests and diseases, and in fact insects on trees provide a huge supply of food for birds, there are some specific ones you should think about or ask your nursery professional for their recommendations.

When looking at trees to purchase, the ISA says to keep in mind R.I.F. This is a way to remember to inspect a plant for problems with roots, injuries, or form. Make sure the tree has plenty of roots to support the top — the larger the top, the larger the pot or "root ball" if a ball of burlap holding soil and roots.

Even if plants in pots or a root ball seem well rooted, look at the base of the trunk for any roots that are tight and circling the trunk or rubbing against it.



These "girdling roots" are from improper growth, or plants in pots too long, and will eventually strangle the tree. This is a common cause of tree decline in later years in landscapes.

Check the trunk and stems for injuries, either broken branches trunk wounds. or Branches pruned off should not have stubs left, as these lead to improper healing and diseases. If trunks are wrapped with paper or a tree guard, check under this as it often can hide injuries from improper handling, or insects. Look for cracks in the trunk below branch unions. Sunken and discolored areas on trunks may indicate start of a canker disease, so avoid trees with these.

Check the tree form as well — there shouldn't be too many branches on one side and not another, branches should be well-spaced around and up the trunk, branches should not be rubbing or squeezed together, and upper V-shaped angles between branches are weak areas that often result in a branch breaking off.

If buying trees in spring, particularly before leafed out fully, make sure they are what the label states. The best way to get the correct plant is to buy from a reputable

Going through these steps in planning for your new tree, then selecting one of high quality, you should be rewarded with one that grows well and gives you many years of enjoyment. Trees in the landscape also will increase the value of the property, should you decide to sell it and move. You can learn much more on choosing and care of trees online from the (www.treesare-ISA good.org/).



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Contain your vegetables

by Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor, University of Vermont

According to the survey of the National Gardening Association, over one quarter of households are involved in some form of vegetable gardening and, of these, almost half are growing at least some vegetables in containers. If you already grow vegetables in containers, try some new varieties or crops. If you don't use containers yet, check out all the opportunities this easy type of gardening can provide.

As in the garden, most vegetables "prefer" a sunny site (a minimum 6 to 8 hours direct sun a day - the more the better). A nice aspect to containers is that even if you don't have a large garden space for such, you may have a smaller sunny area for a few containers. Or you can group containers in various sites, depending on the available light.

If you only get 3 to 4 hours of sun a day, some crops that tolerate this level include arugula, chard (for its leaves), many herbs, kale, lettuce, mustard greens, scallions and spinach. Requiring even less at least 2 hours of sun a day — are mesculun and Asian greens. These also take "dappled shade", or no direct sun but rather bright light filtered by trees. If you have, on the other hand, a bit more direct sun (4 to 5 hours a day), you should be able to grow all these plus peas, beans, and many root vegetables.

One aspect to containers that's different from ground beds is that the soil volume is of course limited, so especially when plants grow large and their roots fill the pots, they'll need more watering than if in the field. That's not so bad as it gives you an excuse every two or three days to check on your plants

for water (perhaps daily during hot weather), and at the same time look for pests, watch their growth, and see if any are ready to harvest. Fertilize when watering, according to label directions on the product of your choice. Use a fertilizer for vegetables, as those with too high nitrogen will cause great leaf growth, but few if any fruits.

When potting, using an organic well-drained soil mix with lots of peat moss or compost will help reduce watering, as these hold onto lots of water. I often use one part compost to two parts of one of these soilless mixes, or equal parts bagged potting soil and compost. You also can incorporate a water-absorbing product to hold onto even more water. Don't use garden soil as it is too heavy, holds too much water in pots usually, and may introduce soil diseases. Make sure have drainage pots

Many vegetables and herbs are ornamental as well as useful. Examples that come to mind are the brightly colored stems of some Swiss chard varieties like 'Bright Lights', variously colors in peppers both sweet and hot, and some of the newer tomatoes with different colored fruits such as gold, black, white, or green and white zebrastripes. The ornamental cabbage and kale are often used for fall container plantings, and last well through many heavy frosts up until heavy snow covers them. Many kale have frilled or deeply cut, attractive leaves, in pur-

combinations. Vegetables that grow rampantly and large, or that must be grown in great numbers to obtain

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satisfactory yields, generally should not be selected for container growth. Many catalogs offer newer varieties bred to be dwarf, or smaller bush types. Look for these, or those in your garden stores labeled as good for containers. If you get large containers, consider casters for the bottom if they'll need frequent moving. Lettuces and other greens, radish, and herbs are good for smaller or shallow containers, even windowboxes. A common container

vegetable, and one of the most attractive, is of course the tomato. Special dwarf "bush" varieties have been bred under a foot high, with small to medium-sized fruits. Larger tomato varieties that grow to a set height (determinate) are suitable for large containers. Those that

keep growing taller (indeterminate) will need taller and more elaborate staking if grown in containers. A range of fruit types are available, from the large beefstake types, suitable for slicing, to the small grape, cherry, and pear shapes.

Then of course you could plant just an herb container to have near the kitchen door. Tall herbs such as dill and fennel, with their attractive flowers and tall lacy foliage, might be underplanted with lower ones such as chives and parsley. Thyme may be used to hang over the sides of a pot. Chives tend to spread and seed around, so pots are great for them. Or you can plant a whole container just of various basils (they like sun) to use in Italian sauces and pestos.

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Feeding hummingbirds and other May gardening tips

by Charlie Nardozzi, Horticulturist and Leonard Perry, UVM Extension Horticulturist

Proper flowers and feeding for hummingbirds, proper watering of new transplants, and working on lawns are some of the many garden activities for this month.

Hummingbirds arrive back in our area usually in late April in southern locations, early May in the north. After their incredibly long journey northward, they're ready for food. Hang a hummingbird feeder or two this time of the year, and either use hummingbird food you can buy (a powder to mix with water), or make your own.

To make your own food for "hummers", add one cup of white sugar to a quart of water, heat to dissolve, then allow to cool before placing out. Don't use any other additives such as food coloring. Refrigerate what you don't use, and replace the feeder food every few days. If your feeder hangs from a pole, and ants find it, put grease on a section of the pole to deter the ants.

Even if you put up hummingbird feeders, also plant some of their favorite flowers, such as fuchsias, salvias, columbines, nicotiana. trumpet vine,

bleeding hearts, foxgloves, and others that trumpethave

shaped blooms. They are already, rake to remove attracted to the color red but they visit flowers of other colors, too, as long as they are the right shape.

To encourage good rooting of new plants in the ground, make sure you water enough to moisten the soil around the root zone of the plant. Sprinkling a little water on plants every day can do more harm than good by encouraging the roots to stay close to the surface where they are susceptible to drying out faster. Stick your finger into the soil and if it's dry two inches deep, it's time to water. Apply enough water to moisten the soil a bit deeper than the root zone.

Brace plants that tend to flop over now, while they're still small. Use wire rings and supports, or make your own by placing sturdy branches in the ground in a ring around the plant. If staking, place 3 or 4 around plants, then loop twine from stake to stake to encircle the plant. If you set wire cages in place now, the foliage will soon hide them. In contrast to supporting now, trying to tie up toppled plants later is frustrating and usually ends up looking ridiculous.

а good month to work on your lawn. If you haven't done

May is

dead grass and, if you have a gravel drive, rake out any stones that may have gotten plowed into the lawn over winter. Top dress bare areas with a mix of topsoil and compost, then reseed. Use a good quality grass seed mix containing Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue, and perennial ryegrass. Avoid zoysia and other warm-climate grasses as they will not grow well in Vermont. Water seeded areas, keeping them moist as the grass starts to grow.

Plant cool vegetable crops early, such as carrots, lettuce, peas, spinach, broccoli and cabbage. Wait until the usual last frost is past for warm crops such as tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers, and for sowing seeds of melons, squash, and corn. Have frost protection fabric, such as you can buy at garden stores, ready for your transplants, or even use sheets or "hot caps". Liquid starter fertilizer, higher in phosphorus than other elements (the middle number of the three in a fertilizer analysis), will help get transplants off to а good

start.



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have become a distant memory.

Many families have spring cleaning rituals that allow them to efficiently clean their homes in a single weekend. But it's just as important for spring cleaners to place as great an emphasis on the environment as they do on efficiency when cleaning a home. Eco-friendly spring cleaning prac-



Homeowners should periodically inspect their appliances, including vacuum cleaners, to ensure they are working at peak efficiency and not expending excess energy.

tices produce less waste and rely on less chemicals to rejuvenate a home and get it ready for those seasons when huddling inside under the covers takes a backseat to lounging around the house as fresh air washes into the home. The following are a handful of ways to efficiently clean a home while also protecting the environment.

* Clear out the clutter. Clutter is an enemy to homeowners and the environment alike. That's because addressing clutter is often an inefficient process in which homeowners methodically go through items that have accumulated over the years, individually choosing which items to keep and which items to discard. Clutter can also prove harmful to the environment because rooms filled with clutter tend to collect dust, reducing air quality and leading to more indoor air pollution that can prove harmful to human health. When sifting through

clutter in a home, discard those items that have gone ignored for years, as they likely have little or no financial value and it's safe to assume they serve no practical purpose as well. Once clutter has been cleared out, prevent more of it from accumulating by making a conscious effort to discard items once they no longer serve any practical purpose. This includes old newspapers and magazines, as well as any other items that are likely to sit in a pile or on a shelf for months on end. Preventing the buildup of clutter reduces the amount of time you need to spend spring cleaning next year while also improving indoor air quality.

* Use cleaners only when windows are open. Many people get a head start on spring cleaning in late winter, when the weather might have started to warm up but has not yet warmed to the point when windows throughout the home can be opened. Though there's nothing wrong with starting early, avoid using cleaning products on days when you can't open the windows. Many cleaning products contain ample or even just trace amounts of chemicals that can compromise indoor air quality and may exacerbate existing medical conditions like respiratory ailments. When using cleaning products, try to do so only when the windows are open and fresh air can enter the home.

* Ensure appliances are working at peak efficiency. Spring cleaning is a great time to inspect appliances to make sure they are operating efficiently. Clean or replace

filters on window air conditioning units. Dusty or dirty filters will force the air conditioner to work harder and use more energy to cool a room. In addition, dirty or dusty filters make units less efficient, which means rooms won't cool as quickly on those scorching summer afternoons. Appliances forced to work harder also cost more money, and those costs can be considerable.

When checking appliances, be sure to check the refrigerator as well. Refrigerators are plugged in all day long, and those that are not operating at peak efficiency can cost you a lot of money in the long run. Periodically clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator so it can operate more efficiently, saving energy and money.

Vacuum cleaners should also be inspected before each use to make sure reels are not covered in hair, which can make it nearly impossible for the machine to

collect dirt and dust from the floors.

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* Use reusable cloths. Another way to turn spring cleaning into a more eco-friendly affair is to forgo using paper towels in favor of reusable cloths. Reusable wash cloths can be just as effective at wiping down counters as paper towels, which require more and more trees to be cut down and eventually end up in landfills. If you are feeling especially ecofriendly, you can go the extra mile and create your own reusable cleaning cloths out of old clothes or linens, saving you money and making use of items that might otherwise have been headed straight for a landfill.

Spring cleaning can rejuvenate a home after a long winter. Emphasizing eco-friendly techniques when cleaning can ensure your home's revival is as beneficial to the environment as it is to the home's inhabitants. TF144109



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Your dream home doesn't have to be just a dream

(MS) -- The dream of owning your own vacation home is one shared by men and women all over the world. Who wouldn't want their very own sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of every day life?

According to Andrew Nadalin, President of Pace 2000 Inc., a leadcustom home ing builder in Port St. Lucie, Florida, many people not only want their own vacation home, but they already know what it is they want from their home

"We're finding that customers have very definite ideas of what they want in their dream homes," says Nadalin. "They've waited until just the right time to make that dream come true, and they don't want to compromise the image they have in their mind of what their ultimate home will feature." When it comes to find-

ing a place to call home away from home, consumers tend to prefer somewhere that offers year round warm weather and unlimited games of golf, as well as proximity to local shopping hotspots and access to community activities. This puts a premium on warm weather locales such as Port St. Lucie, which was named one of the 10 fastest growing cities in the country, providing vacationers all the warm weather golf, shopping and nightlife they need.

Located at the southern end of mainland St. Lucie County, in the southeastern part of the state, Port St. Lucie has been called the Jewel of the Treasure Coast. More than 300 years ago, several Spanish galleons carrying gold and silver are thought to have shipwrecked off the southeastern shore of Florida, dumping their vast treasures into the ocean. And the Treasure Coast was born. But locale likely won't

be all that's on the minds of men and

women shopping for a vacation home. Before shoppers start their search, Nadalin offers the following advice.

* Consider custom built. Many consumers might think custom built homes are beyond their price range, but such homes are growing in popularity.

"Sometimes customers come to us with a lot already chosen, other times we help them find just the right lot," says Nadalin. "But they always have definite ideas about what is going on the property."

Much of the benefit of a custom built home lies in the options a homeowner has as opposed to a resale where many of the decisions have already been made. Buyers who choose a custom built home can select the features and layout they want, instead of being forced to live with the design preferred by a home's previous owners.

* Work with someone

you can trust. Because it's a vacation home, chances are buyers won't know any local builders or contractors they can trust. Nadalin notes that buyers should be comfortable with a builder and avoid those who aren't ready and willing to discuss their history.

"It's important to look for a builder that can deliver hands-on experi-

ence, dedication and

commitment to the project," says Nadalin. "The builder should have as much passion for fulfilling the quest for the dream home as the customer does." Shop around for a

builder, asking other residents of the community if they can recommend any professionals and if there are any to avoid. Once you have narrowed down the list, ask to see some past

and current projects, and be as diligent as possible when doing your homework on a builder. If a builder is reticent about his company and work history, it's best to cross him off the list.

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Fence etiquette prevents disputes

People fortunate enough to own their own plots of land often choose to fence in their pieces of paradise. Fences serve many purposes: to designate property boundaries, keep pets or children contained in a safe environment, corral livestock, offer privacy or add aesthetic appeal.

Although installing a fence may seem like the right idea for you, going about it the wrong way may lead to problems among neighbors, particularly if you live where the houses are relatively close to one another. Some homeowners find fences become the final point of contention among disagreeable neighbors or create tension with a neighbor with whom you previously had a good relationship. Being courteous with fence plans is the way to avoid any animosity along the way.

There are certain things you must do and should do if you plan to erect a fence. Most people find neighbors appreciate being informed of any decisions you are thinking of making to the property that can affect their views or their adjoining property. Before drawing up fence plans with a contractor, talk to their receptiveness to a fence. At this point, you may want to consider offering to make the fencing project a joint deal to save money should the neighbors decide to install a fence as well. Contractors will often discount if they have several customers doing an installation at the same time. Property owners can save by splitting the costs of the shared walls of the fence where their property lines meet.

Explain your case for the fence. Most neighbors are receptive to the idea if they know the reasoning especially if the desire for a fence is not to keep them at bay. It's hard to protest a fence that is a safety precaution for children. If your neighbor already has a fence, you must ask whether you can connect your fence panels into the support post on your shared side.

Once you notify your neighbors as a courtesy, there are certain steps to take that will prevent any legal disputes down the road. Even the most easygoing neighbor could grow aggravated if the fence is put up carelessly or ends up partially on his property. The best way to prevent this is to apply for a new, professional property survey and have property lines indicated with paint or wood markers.

Each town or city has different regulations with regard to fencing, so it is important to learn the ropes or hire a contractor who is familiar with the rules. It might be illegal to install fences directly on the property line. The law might require the fence be installed a few inches inward. There also may be rules about how high fences can be in the front of the home, sides and back. Corner lot properties may have added regulations depending on whether the fence could prove a visual obstruction to drivers.

If you live in a planned community, or one with a homeowners' association, it is your job to find out the guidelines for any home improvements. The HOA may dictate the style, size and maintenance of the fence or may not allow a fence at all.

Once all the details are checked, you may have to apply for a fence permit. This way the construction of the fence and finished product will meet safety standards, and the area in which you live can provide consistent quality control. If the fence is installed by code, there is little chance it will have to be torn down or changed in the near future. Also, doing it by the book means that a neighbor can be unhappy about a fence but not have legal recourse to ask you to remove it.

As an added form of courtesy, it is proper fence etiquette to put the "good" side of the fence facing the neighbors' yards. That means the side of the fence that doesn't show the support panels and posts. Remember, it is your fence so you are also responsible for all maintenance of the fence -- on all sides. Just because your neighbor also will be benefitting from your fence, doesn't mean he will have to care for it. SH122784







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New homes are getting smaller

From the early 1990s to the beginning of this century, "bigger is better" certainly was the mantra of the home-building industry. All across North America buyers could browse among home developments boasting homes of 3,000 square feet or larger and multiple bedrooms and bathrooms. But according to new data, home buyers are seeking less space today but more in green amenities.

Research by the Canadian Home Builders' Association has found that many people now desire smaller homes with multipurpose rooms and energy saving features. They're not ready to trade in their two- and three-car garages just yet, though. Plus, a survey of International Furnishings and Design Association members

forecasts that McMansions will become a thing of the past and more emphasis will be placed on smaller, more eco-friendly homes. Family rooms will grow larger, as will kitchens. Other rooms in the home will disappear, including the living room.

Many homeowners and potential home buyers realize that with girth comes a cost. In today's fragile economy, the ability to cash in on the dream of homeownership may come at the compromise of a smaller, better-planned home.

According to Tim Bailey, the manager of Avid Canada, a research and consulting firm for the building industry, "While many consumers are willing to forgo space, they are not equating this with having to forfeit functionality. Design creativity is requi-

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Nine ways to improve curb appeal

driveway and the lawn or

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features. This helps homes

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homes to make strong first impressions to potential buyers must prioritize curb appeal. Homes with strong curb appeal sell well and can impart a welcoming feel to all visitors. Improving curb appeal need

not be expensive, and the following are a handful of ways to improve the appearance of a distinct border between the your home.

1. Install bold-looking door in a vibrant color or one with a custom design. This helps the home stand out from

other properties in the neighborhood.

2. Edge the driveway to create a distinct border between the driveway and the lawn or other landscaping features.

This helps homes appear neat and well kept.

3. Use outdoor lighting to make a home more inviting. Outdoor light-

Homeowners who want their ing also makes properties safer to traverse at night.

> 4. Clean a home's exterior to remove mildew or discolorations from the siding, driveway, patio, and other outdoor elements.

5. Improve landscapes with fresh plants and season-

al color. Home-Edge the driveway to create owners without the time to plant can consider container gardens, which don't take much time to assemble but still add appeal to a home's exterior.

6. Prune planting beds and add new mulch to restore color.

7. Add shutters and accent trim to a home's exterior to improve on the beauty of the house.

8. Install new fencing or give a fresh coat of paint or stain to an existing fence.

9. Replace concrete paths with tile or stone walkways to make entryways more impressive and inviting.

site to adapt to this changing preference.'

Here are some things that you will and will not find in newer homes moving forward.

* The dining room is becoming extinct, with larger, eatin-kitchen/entertaining spaces the norm. The kitchen will be the main room of the home and be renamed the "kitchen lounge." * Separate rooms are evolv-

ing into spaces that serve many different purposes.

* Although the sizes of bathrooms may be scaled back, the amenities will not. Spa-style bathrooms with luxurious products, hightech features and televisions will be on the rise.

* The master bedroom suite may not shrink in size, but it could be combined to form a home office and exercise

space.

* Expect to see more hightech offerings, such as voiceor motion-activation devices in the home. Lighting, entertainment gear. heating/cooling systems, and even blinds could be hooked up to a master control system.

* Thanks to an increasing number of people working from home, the presence of a dedicated home office is a given in newer homes. Nearly 40 percent of industry forecasters say that they expect one in every home.

* Home storage solutions will also be a vital component of new homes. Builders will create clever solutions for mixing storage into more compact spaces.

* With aging Baby Boomers comprising a larger segment of home buyers, expect to see more one-level homes, or at

least homes where there is a master suite and the majority of the living space on the first level.

Part of what is driving this trend is the cost of homes in relation to space and the increased interest in environmental conservation. Smaller, more efficient homes require less in terms of heating and cooling energy. They need less furniture, and new materials made from sustainable products help further fuel green initiatives in the building industry. Energy efficient homes are a main priority for buyers. Although the homes may be smaller, they will not be miniscule. And home buyers can expect a host of amenities that will make the smaller size of homes barely perceptible. SH122770

How much homes are selling for

How can I find out how much homes are selling for in certain communities and neighborhoods? Your real estate agent can give you

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What should I look for when walking through a home?

In addition to comparing the home to your minimum requirement and wish lists, consider the following:

• Is there enough room for both the present and the future?

• Are there enough bedrooms and bathrooms?

• Is the house structurally sound? • Do the mechanical systems and appliances work?

• Is the yard big enough?

• Do you like the floor plan?

• Will your furniture fit in the

space? Is there enough storage

space? (Bring a tape measure to better answer these questions.)

• Does anything need to repaired or replaced? Will the seller repair or replace the items?

• Imagine the house in good weather and bad, and in each season. Will you be happy with it year-round?

Take your time and think carefully about each house you see.

Ask your real estate agent to point out the pros and cons of each home from a professional standpoint. Source: HUD.gov

Time your move right to save money

pensive purchase a person is likely to make in his or her lifetime. It also can be one of the more stressful. The Emplovee Relocation Council states that moving is the third most stressful event in life, following death and divorce. But a well-timed move can reduce stress and save money.

Moving during certain times of the year can result in considerable savings. Moving during the summer, when children are out of school and the weather is nice, can make a move more manageable. Keep in mind that because late spring and summer are the peak moving seasons, they also tend to be more expensive. Many moving companies and truck rental agencies will charge a premium if you use their services during the summer. Furthermore, crews may change in the summer when students on vacation could fill in for regular, more experienced movers.

High prices are not only reserved for those who buy a new house during the spring and summer. Renters may find spring and summer is also the peak season for rentals. Many apartment managers can attest that the dates between June 2 and August 30 are quite busy in terms of apartment turnover. College students are more likely to move as soon as the academic year ends, and many landlords plan leases to expire in the summer months to ensure that rerenting places will be easier thanks to a flooded apartment market. According to Apartment Wiz, a Houstonbased apartment locating service, although there might be greater apartment availability during the warmweather months, it also means greater competition between prospective tenants. That greater competition can drive up prices.

But apartments are harder to fill in the fall or at the onset of winter.

Buying a new home is the most ex- That's because many people do not want the hassle of moving once school has started or the weather has chilled. Landlords who are stuck paying utilities and advertising fees for vacant apartments are far more likely to negotiate rent prices, lease terms and even security deposits during the winter in an effort to fill the apartment quickly.

> People sitting with homes on the market are also more likely to negotiate during cooler months when foot traffic has fizzled out. That can make shopping for a home in the fall advantageous to home buyers.

Here are some other tips to reduce stress and save money when moving into a new home or apartment.

Move mid-week. Weekends are a prime time for truck rentals and moving companies. Pick a Tuesday or a Wednesday to move, and you're much more likely to find an available moving service (even during peak moving months); you may even be able to negotiate a lower rate.

Pick a mid-month moving date. Many people move at the beginning of the month when leases are up or after mortgage payments are made. Fewer people move in the middle of the month, so you might find more affordable moving deals if you can wait a few extra weeks.

Schedule a fall or winter move. The American Moving and Storage Association says half of all moves occur during one-third of the year -- between the beginning of May and Labor Day. Beat the rush by moving outside of these dates.

Get an early start. Many people underestimate the amount of time it takes to actually move their belongings. Try to schedule a moving company to come very early in the morning to give you ample time to pack up the truck and unpack at your new home. TF135165

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Real Estate Agents Can Help Save Buyers and Sellers Money

Record-low interest rates and record-low housing prices are renewing interest in the floundering housing market for many people. Now could be the time to sell and buy a new home and earn an even bigger slice of the real estate pie. Whether an individual is a buyer or a seller, or doing both, his or her goal is to get the best financial deal on the home -- and often that means having a qualified real estate agent working in his

or her corner.

Those entering the real estate realm may have misconceptions about what's involved. Oftentimes, individuals think they can go it alone and save money on real estate commissions in the process. However, not having a knowledgeable agent to navigate the process can end up costing more money in the long run. An agent is not there just to open up houses for viewing or to simply put a for-sale sign on the front lawn. Agents guide the seller or buyer through a complicated process of legalities and emotional hurdles. The agent also negotiates for the buyer and seller to help them make important financial decisions.

"When sellers are interviewing real estate agents to market their homes, their primary focus is usually on the advertising that the agent will offer them," says Jessica Goodbody of Weichert Realtors. "Advertising is important, but, once sellers have an offer, they need a strong negotiator to help them get the best price and terms. Buyers should also look for agents who have strong negotiating skills and neighborhood knowledge which will help them make the most of their purchasing power."

Individuals can expect a real estate agent to help them navigate a process that, to first-time buyers or sellers, can prove intimidating.

Buying a Home

1. Schedule a consultation to discuss what features and amenities buyer is looking for in a home.

2. The agent may suggest buyers speak with a mortgage consultant to figure out their buying power and obtain a mortgage pre-approval letter.

3. The agent will then look up home listings in a particular price range and help the buyers to view the homes.

4. When buyers find a home they want to purchase, the real estate agent will help them come up with a fair market price and write up the contract to present to the seller.

5. The agent will help the buyer negotiate on the final price with the seller.

6. In some states, the agent will accept a down payment to place in trust or work with a real estate attorney on behalf of the buyer.

7. The agent may be present during a home inspection, which is recommended.

8. The agent will then schedule the home appraisal. 9. He or she will then confirm the closing and be present at closing with the buyer and the attorney, if necessary. Selling a Home

1. The real estate agent will meet with the sellers and evaluate the home and property.

2. He or she will do a market analysis to figure out the best price to list the house based on the neighborhood and comparable sales.

3. The agent may make suggestions for repairs or improvements that can help make the home more attractive to buyers.

4. The real estate agent may present a marketing plan that indicates where the home will be advertised.

5. He or she will write up a listing agreement and begin the process of marketing the home.

6. An open house for real estate brokers may be scheduled, also a caravan of brokers from the agents' own real estate office and surrounding affiliates.

7. An open house for buyers will be scheduled.

8. The agent will field calls from other agents and notify the seller when a viewing request has been made.

9. Follow-up feedback can be offered, which may include information the agent receives by making calls to people who viewed the home or by tracking how many potential buyers viewed the home listing.

10. When an offer comes in, the agent will notify the sellers and advise him or her of the negotiation process.

11. The agent will be present during the home inspection, if the buyer requests one.

12. The agent will schedule with the city or town to have a certificate of occupancy inspection conducted.

13. The seller will be notified by the agent when the buyer has obtained a mortgage commitment and made good faith deposits.

14. The agent will likely be present at the home closing with the real estate attorneys.

Individuals buying or selling a home can certainly do it by themselves, but real estate agents have the knowledge and provide assistance through the myriad steps of the process, helping individuals to save time and money. MM10C156



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(MS) -- The return of warm weather marks the return of road trips for millions of motorists across the country. Whether going to the beach or heading off to parts unknown, hitting the open road with the windows down is a time-honored tradition for drivers of all ages.

But such road trips can prove disastrous if drivers don't take the right steps to prepare their vehicles for spring and summer travel. The following are a few ways motorists can ensure tackle the open road.

* Tighten things up. Loose parts, such as exhaust clamps, license plates, and interior trim panels, can create rattles and cause parts to get damaged or fall off. What's more, rattling sounds can be a noisy

nuisance for drivers and passengers alike. Permatex Threadlockers can be used to keep the nuts and bolts from coming loose and save parts replacement costs. They also have a threadlocker for plastic fasteners, which vehicle manufacturers have grown to rely on more and more.

* Wash your car. A newly washed car not only looks good, but it's often much safer as well. Take your car to a car wash a few days before the trip and have their car is ready to the vehicle thoroughly cleaned. A thorough cleaning will remove dirt and grime from the vehicle's undercarriage, not to mention unsightly bird droppings and water spots or salt stains leftover from winter.

* Fix foggy headlight

summer road trippers travel at night so their days can be spent soaking up some sun at the beach or lake. Before heading off for parts unknown. motorists should inspect their quire the battery be reheadlight lenses to reduce risk of accident. If the lenses are yellowed and foggy, that's likely because salt, ozone and road debris has dulled them to a point where vision can be impaired, placing drivers and their passengers at risk. But foggy lenses don't mandate an expensive headlight replacement. In fact, The Permatex Lens Renew Kit makes it easy to clean up and polish dull headlight lenses and restore them to like new condition, improving your car's lighting and driver visibility.

* Check the battery. lenses. Many spring and Over time, battery ter-

start to corrode. Such corrosion will eventually eat away at the battery's parts, creating a bad connection that sooner or later will replaced. Check the battery before your trip and remember to clean the battery periodically as part of routine vehicle maintenance.

* Address windshield nicks and bullseyes. Nicks and chips in the windshields are a common problem regardless of the season. But such damage is most prevalent in the winter because of the extra debris that's on the road. These nicks and cracks need to get fixed as soon as possible to prevent them from spreading and resulting in the need for a windshield replacement. Often-

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Fuel efficiency is an important issue for car buyers, and understandably so. Conserving fuel is good for drivers' budgets and the planet, so the concept of fuel efficiency would seem to benefit everyone.

But just because fuel efficiency is a good concept does not mean there are not misconceptions about it among drivers and automotive professionals alike. The following are some of the more widely held misconceptions about fuel efficiency.

* Full tanks conserve fuel. Many people have long believed that a nearly full tank of gas means the fuel within that tank is less likely to evaporate, and that tanks that half-full tanks are losing gas to evaporation. Though this might have been the case years ago, today's vehicle's are smarter than ever before, and their fuel systems are designed with vapor recovery systems so drivers traveling around with tanks that are closer to empty than full aren't losing gas to evaporation.

* Manual transmissions are more fuel efficient. Technology can once again be credited with turning conventional wisdom on its head. In the past, manual transmission vehicles might have been more fuel efficient because drivers could more efficiently control engine revving with a 5-speed manual transmission than they could with the standard 3-speed automatic transmission. However, automatic transmissions have evolved over the years, and they are now more adept at controlling revs and conserving fuel than many drivers of manual transmission vehicles.

* When you fill up poorly maintained car matters. Some drivers will not operate at peak have long believed that fuel efficiency because filling up during the it's likely being forced to cooler hours of the day

earns them more gas than filling up when the temperatures are at their peak. This theory traces its origins to the fact that liquids are at their most dense when they are cool. But today's filling stations store their gas in tanks beneath the ground, which is why you might see a tanker emptying its contents into the ground at the filling station. These underground tanks are insulated from temperature swings, so you aren't likely to receive any more gas by filling up in the morning than you will when filling up at night.

* An old vehicle is destined to be less fuel efficient. Any product that is allowed to fall into disrepair will prove less efficient than products that are well maintained, and cars are no exception. A poorly maintained car will not operate at peak fuel efficiency because it's likely being forced to work harder to get down



the street than it would if it was well kept. But a well-maintained vehicle should not grow less fuel efficient over time.

* Shifting into neutral while stopping saves gas. This is another misconception that was once true but no longer applies thanks to advances in technology. When engines still had carburetors, shifting into neutral might have helped conserve fuel by stopping the flow of gas into the engine while the car was idling. However, fuel injection systems are now computerized and capable of sensing when an engine is revving above idle. This shuts off the fuel injectors, preventing gas from being injected

into the engine and preventing gas from being wasted while the vehicle is stopped as a result.

Taking steps to conserve fuel is a good way for drivers to save money and benefit the environment. However, some of the conventional means to conserving fuel are no longer viable. SC143014

Protect vehicles in hot conditions

Dramatic fluctuations in temperature can wreak havoc on automobiles. While cars and trucks are designed to be reliable under various conditions, sometimes the weather can get the best of even the most reliable vehicle.

Many people associate car troubles with cold weather. However, cars are susceptible to breakdowns when it is hot outside. Extreme heat adds to an already high temperature under the hood, requiring ventilation and cooling systems to work that much harder. Batteries, alternators, starters, fan motors, and cooling systems are particularly vulnerable to high heat. It's easy for a car to overheat and breakdown. Proper maintenance and some hot weather guidelines can keep drivers safe and on the road when temperatures soar, whether drivers are going on a quick ride or an extended road trip.

* Be sure the radiator is working properly and is filled with fluid at all times. This helps prevent overheating, which can strand a vehicle on the side of the road.

* Hot temperatures cause items to expand, such as the air molecules inside of the tires. Make sure the tires are properly inflated so blowouts do not occur.

* Keep up-to-date with oil changes and other routine maintenance. Vehicles that are well maintained are less likely to be susceptible to heat strain.

* Proper air flow is essential to cool an engine and keep a vehicle air conditioning system operating efficiently. If the cooling system has not recently been serviced, have it done before the hot weather arrives.

* Replace an old battery, and top off a functioning battery with distilled water when necessary, particularly if evaporation has occurred.

* Clean the vehicle so that it will better reflect the sun's rays, cutting down on radiant heat.

* When the vehicle is parked, use a car cover or a reflective shade in the windshield to protect the interior from sun damage and excessive heat.

* Tinted windows can help block out more of the sun's ultraviolet rays. Make sure that tint is legal and applied properly if it is done after-market.

* Plan road trips for early in the morning or late at night to cut down on the amount of time spent driving during the peak heat and sunshine.

* Passengers should wear appropriate clothing and apply sunscreen. Car windows do not block UV light, and passengers may be susceptible to sunburn even when they're in the car.

* Park in the shade whenever possible.

* Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle, even for short moments.

* If the temperature gauge inside of the car reads hot, pull over, open the hood and turn the heat on inside the car to expel some of the pent-up heat.

* Keep plenty of water on hand in the event of a breakdown to prevent dehydration until help arrives. SC143994

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