



SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

# Start your fall adventures at Creekside Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch



Creekside Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch will open at 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the weekend of September 16 and is located at 463 Pegg Road in Morris, NY. The corn maze is over ten acres; making it the largest in the area and a family play area is complete with playgrounds, cornhole, games, and more. A five acre pumpkin patch has perfect sized pumpkins for everyone. Pre-picked pumpkins are also available. (Submitted Photo by Creekside Facebook)



BY KELLI MILLER  
GAZETTE STAFF WRITER

MORRIS — Creekside Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch will open at 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the weekend of September 16 and continue every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until the last days of October 30 and 31. The location is 463 Pegg Road in Morris.

Farm owner Shawn Zrowka said they're up early in the morning on their working farm, taking care of cattle and putting finishing touches on projects in preparation of opening day.

"We purchased the farm four years ago and then Covid hit and that gave us a stall. I like to say this is our fifth first year," he added.

Their 200-acre farm

has one of the largest corn mazes in the area. Their ten acre corn maze is professionally designed, GPS planted, and guaranteed to keep trekkers twisting and turning in pursuit of a way out. Overall, the time spent inside the maze can range from one to three hours and includes interactive educational games for children.

To reserve tickets, visit [creeksidecorn-maze.com](http://creeksidecorn-maze.com) and choose a day and time slot for the best possible experience. Tickets are \$12 on line and at the gate general admission before 6 p.m is \$15 or \$12 after 6 p.m. Admission for children three and under is free.

Admission includes free parking, mega maze, wagon ride, courtyard games, chil-

dren play area, s'mores fire pit, cow train, friendly farm animals, multiple photo areas, maze games, tire mountain, duck races, and tug-of-war.

Zrowka said they get a lot of people out that have never been on a farm or seen farm animals and they revel in watching their eyes light up and enjoying the outdoors.

There are plenty of farm animals including horses, cattle, sheep, and goats and a five acre pumpkin patch provides perfect pumpkins of all sizes. Pre-picked pumpkins are also available.

A family play area is complete with playgrounds, Corn Hole, games, and more. Additional activities include Buzzard Gulch Gem Mining, X-treme

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## Local media star, WCDO General Manager Craig Stevens, to join NY State Broadcasters Hall of Fame

By Sophia Root  
Commerce Chenango

CHENANGO COUNTY — Do you remember that high school classmate who always did the loud-speaker announcements? Do you ever wonder where they are now?

In the case of the former classmates of WCDO General Manager Craig Stevens, their high school PA announcer is getting inducted into the New York State Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame later this year.

Stevens, who has worked at WCDO for 37 years, is honored to have been one of the five broadcasters chosen to be inducted this year. The induction ceremony is set to take place on October 26 in the Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Plaza.

"For the first time in my life I was speechless" he remarked. Many aspects of this distinction were surprising to him, like when he found out the vote to induct him passed unanimously. On the other hand, he is not surprised by the

community support he has received.

Stevens is proud of his career, evidenced by the many stories of his successes and celebrity encounters he shared. From the time he opened for Ray Romano to when he met President Bill Clinton, Stevens reflected on the highlights of his career. His most impactful stories are the ones where he reinforces the integrity of mass communication and has a direct hand in benefiting the community.

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Craig Stevens in the WCDO Studio (Photo by Sophia Root)

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# Preferred Mutual Senior VP & Chief Claims Officer, Michelle Raue, appointed to RISE Advisory Board

NEW BERLIN – Preferred Mutual Insurance Company proudly announces the appointment of Michelle Raue, Senior Vice President and Chief Claims Officer for the company to the Rising Insurance Star Executive (RISE) Advisory Board of Directors.

RISE provides young professionals entering the insurance industry with resources to help

them build a successful career through networking, mentorships, training, education, recognition, scholarship, and leadership opportunities.

Michelle brings over 30 years of experience in Property and Casualty Insurance to RISE with an extensive background in Claims. She is forward-thinking and is well-respected for her ability to drive continuous pro-

cess and performance improvements that deliver distinguished claims experiences for organizations, agents, and policyholders.

"I am incredibly passionate about the mission of RISE to grow and uplift the next generation of insurance professionals. With more than 50% of the industry set to retire in the next 15 years, it is incredibly important that we pro-

mote our industry as a worthy and honorable career option. I am excited for the opportunity to bring my love of this industry to help RISE further this mission," said Raue.

Preferred Mutual Insurance Company provides property and casualty insurance coverage to more than 232,000 individual and business customers through a network of more than 560

independent agents located throughout New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

In business since 1896, Preferred Mutual is rated 'A' by AM Best Company for 21 consecutive years and is headquartered in New Berlin.

– Information from Preferred Mutual Insurance Company



Michelle Raue, Senior Vice President and Chief Claims Officer for Preferred Mutual Insurance Company

## New Berlin Library Corner

### Pirate Week

Avast me hearties. The New Berlin Library crew has discovered the treasure map of legendary pirate, Landlock LaBrie. The map will lead ye lads and lassies to hidden pirate loot. All hands (12 and younger) hoay, September 18-23 and find the loot while supplies last.

The New Berlin Library is holding Pirate Week September 18-23. Children 12 and younger are invited to "join the crew", pick up a treasure map and



The idea started when library staff found a "treasure map" of the library interior in

the back of the circulation desk. It was drawn by the former director, Darlene LaBrie. The discovery of the map in conjunction with September 19 being International Talk Like a Pirate Day and New Berlin Library Pirate Week was born. The map had to be redone as the interior main floor of the library has changed since the original map was made. I think kids will enjoy it."

The craft of the month in the juvenile

literature room is popsicle stick apple magnets. Children 12 and younger are invited to come in and make the craft or take a kit home, while supplies last. Next month's craft is popsicle stick spider webs, complete with plastic spider.

Some great new additions to the library include: Clive Cussler's Condor's Fury (A Novel from the NUMA Files) by Graham Brown, Payback in Death by J.D. Robb, Reykjavik: A

Crime Story by Ragnar Jonasson and Katrin Jakobsdottir and translated by Victoria Cribb, Flamer by Mike Curato, Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh! By Mo Willems, and Spider-man Across the Spidaverse DVD.

The New Berlin Library is located at 15 South Main Street, New Berlin. The Library is open Monday and Wednesday 10AM-8PM; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-5PM; and

Saturdays 10AM-noon. The web address is <http://libraries.4cls.org/newberlin/wp/>. Please contact us at 607.847.8564 or like and message our Facebook page New Berlin Library and Museum [www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny](http://www.facebook.com/newberlinlibrary.newberlinny) or our Twitter @Lib\_NewBerlin [twitter.com](https://twitter.com/Lib_NewBerlin) with any questions.

– New Berlin Library Director Michelle Priola

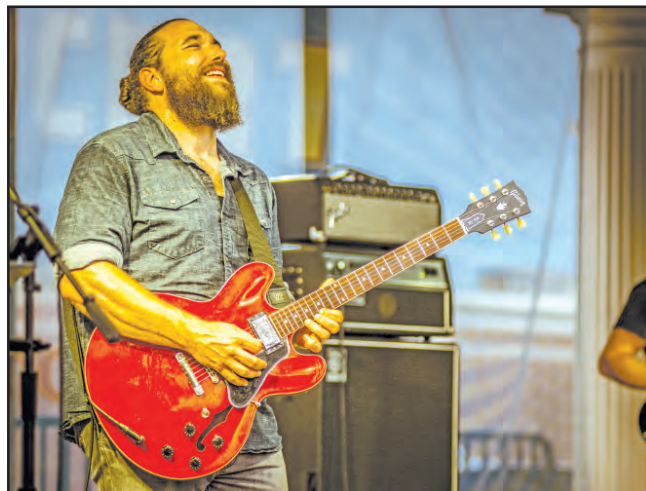
## Soulful Blues of Nate Gross in the EOH Courtyard

EARLVILLE – Earlville Opera House is pleased to present favorite local music legend Nate Gross on Saturday, September 16, 7pm, as a part of our outdoor Courtyard Series. "Looking more like a Linebacker than a Bluesman, but watch out when he straps on his Les Paul." - Syracuse Times

For 25 years, Nate has toured coast to coast spreading his brand of Blues. Combining Blues, Soul, Americana, Swing, Latin, Jazz and traditional sounds with monster sized guitar licks, The Nate Gross Band has a sound that has been captivating audiences at some of the most respected Festivals and Venues. Nate has shared the

stage with legends such as Levon Helm, Tommy Castro, Dickey Betts, G.E Smith, Jim Weider, Arlo Guthrie, JD Simo, Commander Cody, Walter Trout, Willie Nelson, Shemika Copeland, and JJ Grey to name a few.

When not on the road, Nate owns a private music studio where he teaches over 50 students a



Nate Gross performing at the NBT Bank Free Summer Concert Series in 2021. (Photo by Timothy C. Brown)

week. As a multi-instrumentalist, Nate teaches the importance and love of The Blues and Traditional Music styles. With Multiple solo albums and guitar/vocal credits on countless recordings, you can find Nate on your preferred Streaming Platform. From Spotify to Amazon to iTunes and Apple Music, you can listen to all your favorite Nate Gross riffs online.

Join us in the

Courtyard to experience Nate solo with everything from Americana to Southern-influenced Blues!

"I need to step it up after Nate's set!" - Papa Chubby

If you're looking for a great groove, join us for this gig and support local music! Tickets are only \$15 general admission, \$12 members (become a member!), with college students half off with ID and \$10 for youth (17

and under). Tickets are available at [www.earlvilleoperahouse.com](http://www.earlvilleoperahouse.com) or by calling (315) 691-3550.

Earlville Opera House Arts Center is located at 18 East Main Street in the charming Village of Earlville, NY and is handicap accessible. Please check our website for information on our programs and services, also like us on Facebook and Instagram!

Special thanks to Sidney Federal Credit Union for their sponsorship of our Courtyard Series. Events are made possible, in part, with public funds from New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor of New York and the New York State Legislature, and through the generosity of EOH members.

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# Chenango County Helping Families Inc to host Captain and Crew fund raiser

By Kelli Miller  
Gazette Staff Writer

SHERBURNE — Chenango County Helping Families Inc. will be hosting a Captain and Crew Golf Tournament at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on September 16 at Mountain Top Golf Course located at 3635 Route 80 in Sherburne, NY. All proceeds will go to Chenango County Helping Families Inc.



to help local families in the area. Event Organizer Terry Potter said, “This golf tournament

has taken place in Edmeston for almost 30 years but we decided to expand and do additional fund raising to help more families in our area.” He said the families receive help with heating bills, electric, rent and they’re also helping a lot of families now with back to school supplies and clothing. Potter said there is a limit of 20 teams and they’re still looking for

six more. Teams will be divided into two flights; one flight to tee off at 8 a.m. and the latter will tee off at 2 p.m. Call Mountain Top Golf Course at 607-674-4005 to sign up before September 7 deadline. “The entry fee is \$325 per team or \$80 per person, which includes skins, food, and beverage throughout the day,” Potter said. “We’re hoping to build another great fund rais-

ing event at this new venue to assist additional families.” Cash prizes will be given to top three teams and prizes will be raffled off throughout the tournament. “We know other organizations are really invested in helping families in the area and we’re looking to supplement the great organizations that are already here. This is that time of year, going back to

school and then leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas that we remain committed to helping families,” Potter added. “We appreciate the generosity of all of the great sponsors that make this possible,” said Potter. Chenango County Helping Families Inc. helps support families throughout Chenango, Otsego, and Delaware Counties.

## Local media star, WCDO General Manager Craig Stevens, to join NY State Broadcasters Hall of Fame

Continued from Page 1 → He said was appreciative of the listeners and the community. The appreciation for his legacy is obvious when in the WCDO office, containing a large cork board full of children’s drawings, thank you notes, and kindly worded Letter to the Editor snippets. Many of these letters came in for weeks at a time following the flood of 2006 to thank the station for their work in staying on air during uncertain times. Residents may recall the flood in 2006, affecting much of the Sidney area for days at a time. WCDO (CDO standing for Chenango, Delaware, Otsego) was determined to continue to disseminate information to eager and frightened listeners, but they had lost power in their studio. Stevens and his fellow staff members went to the FM transmitter site

out on the edge of the woods to grab the signal and connect it to their music computers and equipment, stored in the back of an SUV. They managed to conduct interviews using a tape recorder to grab the information and play it in the microphone, all to keep listeners informed. This included interviews with public officials and the location of safe sites. Stevens and his staff worked diligently to be as helpful and transparent as possible. Stevens shared another memory from the flood: when police came to him and said they needed him to take action to settle restless community members. Days into the flood, people were wondering if they could leave their homes and resume their everyday routine. At the time, it was not safe, and Stevens was sent out to give them a visual and keep them at bay.

Stevens thought this was a bizarre request for a radio personality, but he agreed to help convey the magnitude of the situation. The best way for him to express this information was to go out on a rescue boat with a recorder and describe what he sees: vehicles and playgrounds underwater and the tops of street signs peeking above the flood line. “It was one of those moments where I wasn’t really thinking about what I was saying, it was just genuinely- oh my god,” he said. Stevens is also proud of the drive WCDO held for the local Toys for Tots in 2013 after the toy storage facility burnt down weeks before Christmas. WCDO was on the air raising money to replace the damaged items and ended up raising more than \$12,000 quickly. This made Christmas for the kids and reaffirmed the

purpose of radio, to use their public platform for good. However, when he looks back, Stevens is most proud of his staff. He is proud of them for not questioning the overtime hours and strange requests during the flood, and how efficiently they did their job and informed as many people as possible. Stevens still hears about the positive impact and reassurance the station had during the flood to this day. He praises Rob Ray, the WCDO Morning host, for having his own legacy as well. Stevens said that he has people come to him and say things like: “I don’t know what I would do without Rob in the morning, he’s like my alarm clock”. WCDO truly is part of their listeners’ days, from playing oldies during lunch hour to doing giveaways on air to experiences like Water

Safari and Broadway in Binghamton. When asked about the importance of Radio, Stevens claimed: “There are so many options to listen to music now, but radio is the only one that gives you constant information like weather and updates. When there’s a fire in Preston, can you ask Alexa for updates? Is Spotify going to tell you about the success of the Oxford Girls Basketball team?” The tri-county heartbeat covers news and local sports. Stevens claims that often, both the home and opposing team listen to WCDO’s coverage of their game. The station also posts community events on their website calendar, visit: [wcdoonline.com](http://wcdoonline.com) to keep up to date with the station and to listen to the livestream anywhere, even outside the counties it broadcasts to. Stevens has had a great career this far

and makes sure that the radio maintains its status as a constant in the community. Not too many stations travel to report on sports games or share local events anymore. It disheartens him to watch broadcasting staff get cut across the country, and promises that as long as he is here, “radio will be live and local”. Stevens said that he still feels a bit of nerve before he goes on air, just like he did behind a podium or a microphone speaking at his high school events. This nerve excites and motivates him to keep doing the work he does. Craig Stevens’ career exemplifies the best that a small community has to offer, and he truly deserves to be recognized in this Hall of Fame. What a way to represent our community and continue to make it proud.

## Start your fall adventures at Creekside Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch -

Continued from Page 1 → paintball range, Apple Checkers, and Jumbo Jump Pillow. Food and snacks are available from Diamond D’s concessions and include s’more packs for the bonfire, Philly cheese steaks, burgers, hotdogs and more. Join in a bonfire with fellow adventurers or rent a

pit for a private group experience. Zrowka said they added a tavern-saloon called “Ripped Donkey” and will also hold live entertainment by local bands. According to the website, field trips are available Monday through Friday and can be scheduled for scout troops, schools,

church groups, and more. Educational fun programs with lessons on the stages of crop growth as well as the animals on the farm will be shared. The Zrowka family has put together a recipe for all day family enjoyment at the Creekside Corn Maze and remind visitors to wear comfortable

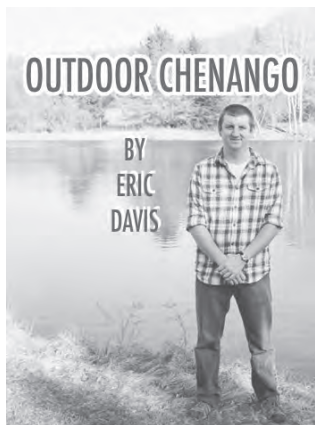
closed toed shoes, a hat and bring sunscreen. For more information, please call 607-325-7555, visit their website, [CreeksideCornMaze.com](http://CreeksideCornMaze.com), or Facebook page. **Special dates at the Maze include:** Food Drive Weekend, September 23 and 24. Donate non-perishable food items and receive

\$2 off admittance. Doggy Days at the Maze, September 30 and Oct 1. Dress your doggy p and enjoy \$2 off admittance. All dogs must be up to date with vaccines and rabies, well behaved and on a leash. Salute to the Troops, Oct 7 and 8. All past and present military personnel will receive

free admittance with military ID. Teacher Appreciation, Oct 13 and 14. Any teacher will receive free admittance with school ID. Spooky Days at the Maze, Oct 28 and 29. All visitors dressed in Halloween costume will receive \$2 off admittance.



## Preparing Your Traps



Trapping season will be here before you know it and it is important to have your traps ready to go before you go out in October (or later) to set them. The process of cleaning, dyeing, and waxing traps can seem daunting but can be accomplished if you are prepared for all that it involves.

The first step is to inspect your traps for any problems. This could be mechanical problems such as bent dogs or it could be visual problems like your trap tag missing or having the wrong information on it.

As a reminder, in New York, your trap must have a tag that has either your name and address or your 12-digit NYSDEC ID number (which is on your license). I have gone to the DEC number as I moved during and after college and got tired of removing tags with old addresses and putting new tags

on. Fix any traps with problems before you boil them. This makes it so there is minimal handling of the traps once the preparation process has begun. Once each trap is ready, place a nail in the jaws of the trap unless they are rubber-coated jaws.

Fill a large pot about half to two-thirds full of water leaving room in the pot for the water level to rise once traps are put into the pot. I like turkey fryer pots as I use a turkey fryer to heat the pots. I have seen others use small livestock watering tubs, beer kegs that are cut in half, and other various metal containers along this line.

They are often used over a wood fire and are placed on stacked stone/brick or on metal stands. Add a degreaser to the water. Toilet cleaner is commonly used. This helps strip any old wax off from the traps or factory grease from new traps. Get the water to a boil and add traps to the pot. I wire traps into small groups of 4-6 traps and use the turkey fryer hook to place the bundle of traps into the water. Let the traps sit in the water for about half an hour before removing them from the water. Upon removing the

traps, I hit them with a garden hose on the jet setting. This is because as the wax melts off the trap when heated, it will float on top of the water, so when you pull the traps out of the water, a thin layer of old wax will get on the traps. Repeat this process until you have boiled all your traps, adding water and cleaner as needed. I hang the traps on nails driven into a pallet that is stood up and leaned against a tree or post. This lets the traps drip dry and start to get a coat of surface rust.

After at least a week, fill your pot again with water and whatever dye you want to use. Logwood powder dye is easy to work with but other trappers use sumac fruit or black walnut hulls. Add your bundle of traps and follow the directions for how long to leave them in the dye before removing them. Repeat until all your traps have been dyed, adding water and dye when needed. Be prepared to wax your traps the same day or the next day. Some trappers like to add a couple pounds of wax to the dye water so that as they remove their traps, they get coated with wax.

I keep a separate pot

that is solely used for waxing traps. Heat the pot with wax in it until all the wax is melted and it looks like the oil in a deep fryer. Make sure your traps are dry and don't have a lot of water on them as the water will cause the hot wax to pop and gurgle like hot grease or oil. Slowly lower a bundle of traps into the wax. You will see a thick layer of wax build on each trap as the wax hardens onto the cooler surface of the trap. After a few minutes, you will notice the layer of wax deteriorates as the trap heats up to the same temperature of the wax. Once this has occurred, remove the traps and hang them to dry, preferably out of direct sunlight.

Once all the traps have been waxed and are dry, remove them from their bundle, scrape the excess wax off the dog and pan latch, remove the nail from between the jaws, set the trap and test fire it. Make sure it fires as a reasonable pan level and under the right amount of pressure on the pan. If the trap passes this, add a cable stake (if you use cable stakes) and place it into a plastic tote.

Remember, do NOT wax conibear or body-gripping traps. This makes them fire easier and can cause you a lot of pain if they accidentally fire when you are setting the trap.

## Obituary

### JOY I. BEECHING

Joy I. Beeching, 78, of Milford, PA went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday September 3, 2023. She was a resident of Milford Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Her family was by her side.

Joy was born born August 14, 1945 in Utica, NY to the late Roy and Lois (Kingsly) Jones.

She was a graduate of New Berlin Central School, New Berlin, NY. She worked for many years at Chase Memorial Nursing Home until her retirement.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of New Berlin and she greatly enjoyed services on Angels Acres when weather permitted. She was an avid baker and enjoyed cooking. She would often bake "goodies" for friends and family. Any holiday or party, event or bakesale would find her baking or cooking up her famous mac & cheese, lasagna, baked beans, sweet breads or rolls.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her children's father, Doug, her husband George, daughter Christy, brothers, Francis, Ira (Dorothy), Myron (Barbara), Clifford (Judy), sisters, Irma (Guy), Louella (Paul), Marie (Buster), Julie (Paul).

She is survived by her sister, Janette (Erlo), her twin sister Vicky (Jim), daughter, Connie (Pat), Son, James (Theresa), son – in – law Bob (Ann), grandchildren, Shannon, Patrick, Cody, Derek, Shelby, Kaylee, Brianna, Heather, Alyssa (Justin). Many many nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church of New Berlin, 30 South Main St, New Berlin, NY 13411 on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 11 AM. The pastor Dan Baltich will be officiating. A time of fellowship and remembering Joy will follow the service in the fellowship hall. The comital service will be held Saturday, September 23, 2023 at Edmeston Union Cemetery, 1909 NY – 80, Edmeston, NY at 10AM, where she will be laid to rest near her daughter, Christy. Pastor Dan Baltich will be officiating.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Joy's name to the First Baptist Church of New Berlin, 30 South Main St, New Berlin, NY 13411

A private cremation took place at Jennings Calvey Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc. 111 Colburn Avenue, Clarks Summit, PA at their on-site crematory.

Jennings Calvey is honored to serve Joy and her family.

For more information or to send an online condolence, visit the funeral home website.



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**THE GAZETTE**



# The Early Files

By Peggy Finnegan

## WEEK #37 THIRTY YEARS AGO

**September 8, 1993**  
Summer is almost over and fall approaches. Ivan H. Kellogg, 85, of Pittsfield... was employed as a section foreman for the UV Rwy. for many years. Ed Kupris is a patient at Faxon Hospital for recuperation.

**YEARS AGO**  
**September 9, 1983**  
Clyde and Cindy Burton and children moved into the former home of Margaret Sherwood, empty for two years.

First Annual Old Fashioned Revival, So. Edmeston Community Church. The public is invited. Surveys indicate that 85% of humans are right-handed.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**September 13, 1973**  
First frost in the area was on Monday. Richard Mitchell is the new principal at NBCS. Enrollment is 900. [2023 enrollment at UVCS is 790.] Mr. and Mrs. Ted Welch are living in a mobile home on Route 8, across from the Wm. Beckwith property.

Irving Decker was badly burned while burning rubbish at his home.  
FOR SALE: 4 bdrm

house at 20 Academy, \$8,000.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**September 13, 1963**  
Fireman stayed on duty all night at the Rondall Bennett barn fire due to burning hay. Herbert Whipple moved his trailer from Pittsfield to Route 8 near the Armstrong farm. Leaving for college: Diane Dart; Suzanne Camp; Jack Chase; Cheryl Angell; Victoria Jones; Marjorie Sweet; John Honeywell; Martha Mitchell.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**September 10, 1953**  
Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Gravesen announce the engagement of their daughter, Elsie Joyce, to Lief Zakariassen of Copenhagen, Denmark. Budine Schriber was promoted to the rank of Sargeant while serving in Korea. Mr. and Mrs. Warren D'Aprix moved to the former Chapin house on West street. Dr. and Mrs. Basil Gray of Boston and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray of New Berlin, spent the week-end at Niagara Falls.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**September 16, 1943**  
509 student are enrolled at NBCS. Troopers receive

orders from Albany directing enforcement of the 35 mph speed limit throughout New York state. Domestic Egg Products Corp. reopened their egg-breaking plant in New Berlin. It is wise to remember that you are really a bit of a fool. A son, Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. U.G. Hazenbuhler. In the Navy a floor is a deck, a door is a bulkhead, downstairs is below, and a cigarette is a Camel.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**September 14, 1933**  
Frost reported in many sections. Prosperity may return before the government gets all of the big crooks investigated. Lewis Spafard Chapin, respected farmer, passed away at his Pittsfield home. Born at the Colegrove home to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Spicer, a daughter, Lona Jean. The cost to county taxpayers due to the milk strike is \$3,383.52 for special deputies, \$560 for tear gas bombs and \$50 for telegraph services. Lee Elliott received head injuries when the truck he was driving was crowded off the road near the Fay resi-

dence. Clarence Coman cut down a bee tree and secured two big pails of wild honey. A lucky find. **100 YEARS AGO**  
**September 15, 1923**  
Hard frost Friday morning. The Gazette office was wired for electric lights by H.M. Willard. Fred Chase is making extensive improvements to his house on North Main. A large number of candidates will be baptized in the Unadilla at So. Edmeston, just north of the bridge on the east bank of the river. Jewett Mathewson and wife are attending court in Norwich this week, having been subpoenaed on the trial of Lee Cole. Cottage prayer meetings are being held every week during September, making ready for evangelistic meetings in October. Miss Ruth Talbot and Elizabeth Bass have entered Oneonta Normal. James Stuart is recovering from the measles. **NEW BERLIN HELPS JAPAN:** The Sum of \$450, Our Full Quota, Sent In. The condition of Ruth Manning, ill with typhoid fever, is still critical. Hopes are entertained for her recovery.

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**September 15, 1923**  
Hard frost Friday morning. The Gazette office was wired for electric lights by H.M. Willard. Fred Chase is making extensive improvements to his house on North Main. A large number of candidates will be baptized in the Unadilla at So. Edmeston, just north of the bridge on the east bank of the river. Jewett Mathewson and wife are attending court in Norwich this week, having been subpoenaed on the trial of Lee Cole. Cottage prayer meetings are being held every week during September, making ready for evangelistic meetings in October. Miss Ruth Talbot and Elizabeth Bass have entered Oneonta Normal. James Stuart is recovering from the measles. **NEW BERLIN HELPS JAPAN:** The Sum of \$450, Our Full Quota, Sent In. The condition of Ruth Manning, ill with typhoid fever, is still critical. Hopes are entertained for her recovery.

recovery. Glen Carpenter is the first in this vicinity to get his silo filled. The last abutment of the Hoboken Bridge is finished. Mrs. Charles Phelps met with an accident near Bridgewater when she was blinded by the headlights of an approaching car. On account of low water in the reservoirs, Health Officer Noyes advises boiling water for drinking purposes. WARM STABLING for student horses. F.E. Wilber

**110 YEARS AGO**  
**September 13, 1913**  
Killing frost Sept. 10th. Grand maneuvers of the German army opened in the presence of Emperor William, who is acting as the supreme umpire. M.D. Bennett of Sidney has the contract to build the new U.V. engine house. The Water Board will soon attach meters to all premises where motor washing machines are used. Water in the upper reservoir is only eight feet deep at the deepest. Edwin Moore, well known Pittsfield resident, died suddenly, aged 70 years 1 month, 12 days. He was afflicted with dropsical trouble. What might have

proved to be a very serious accident came out fortunately when Wm. Backus driving an auto and Milton Shatzel on a motor cycle came up Burdick Ave and collided. Waldo Page is filling Fred Camenga's silo. New cement walks are being made on South street from Gager's to Coats', and from VanZant's to the Five Sisters. S.A. Card is putting a small front veranda on his tenant house and painting his home place. Rev. G.N. White delivered 150 baskets of peaches. Amos Lape bought the Dr. Morgan farm on the east side, formerly the Wm. Bagg farm. Last Friday while in school, Emma, 15-year-old daughter of Clinton Wilber and wife, was taken ill with acute appendicitis. Dr. Crittenden attended her and advised removal to the Cooperstown hospital. She was taken there in C.A. Goodrich's auto and operated upon at once, and all reports are that she is doing fine and will soon be able to return home. WAY TO KEEP BABIES WELL: Guard Against Heat and Bad Food, Experts Tell Mothers

## Butternut Valley Grange news

GILBERTSVILLE – Butternut Valley Grange, Gilbertsville, will hold its regular meeting on Monday, September 11. At the last meeting, Carrie DeJoy, Linda Gover, Michaela Lasher, and Lori White were welcomed as new members. It is noted that Stan and Sally Leonard and Empire House recently renewed their associate membership status, greatly appreciated. At the August meeting, checks of \$50 each were presented to food pantries of Otego, Unadilla and Butternut Valley with representatives present, who shared some insights on the workings of each

site. The Grange voted to participate in National Grange's FCC Affordable Connectivity Program, in efforts to bring about broadband services at affordable pricing to rural families. More details will follow from Roger Halbert as materials become available. Emily Ferrell's proposal for a Fall Evening of Fine Dining was accepted for the proposed date of Sunday, October 8. Open to the public, this semi-formal event will consist of several courses, starting with mocktails. With experience in fine dining in New York City, the food will be prepared

by a Grange Team lead by Emily Ferrell, a proud Grange member, who loves cooking and sharing hospitality. Reservations will be required as details are finalized. The Grange will be providing homemade pies for the Harvest Festival in Cooperstown on September 16, also at the Covered Bridge Fall Festival in Unadilla on September 24. The Grange is planning a Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, October 14, chaired by Donna Dvoracek, which will feature area crafters and seasonal items, open to the public. Inquiries may be directed to Dvoracek at 237-4365.

The Grange voted to paint one side of the Grange Hall, a huge undertaking to be accomplished this fall.

Colleen Bushnell and Laurie Johnsen will greet members with beverages and conversation at 7 o'clock prior

to Monday's meeting. – *Information from Roger Halbert, Butternut Valley Grange*

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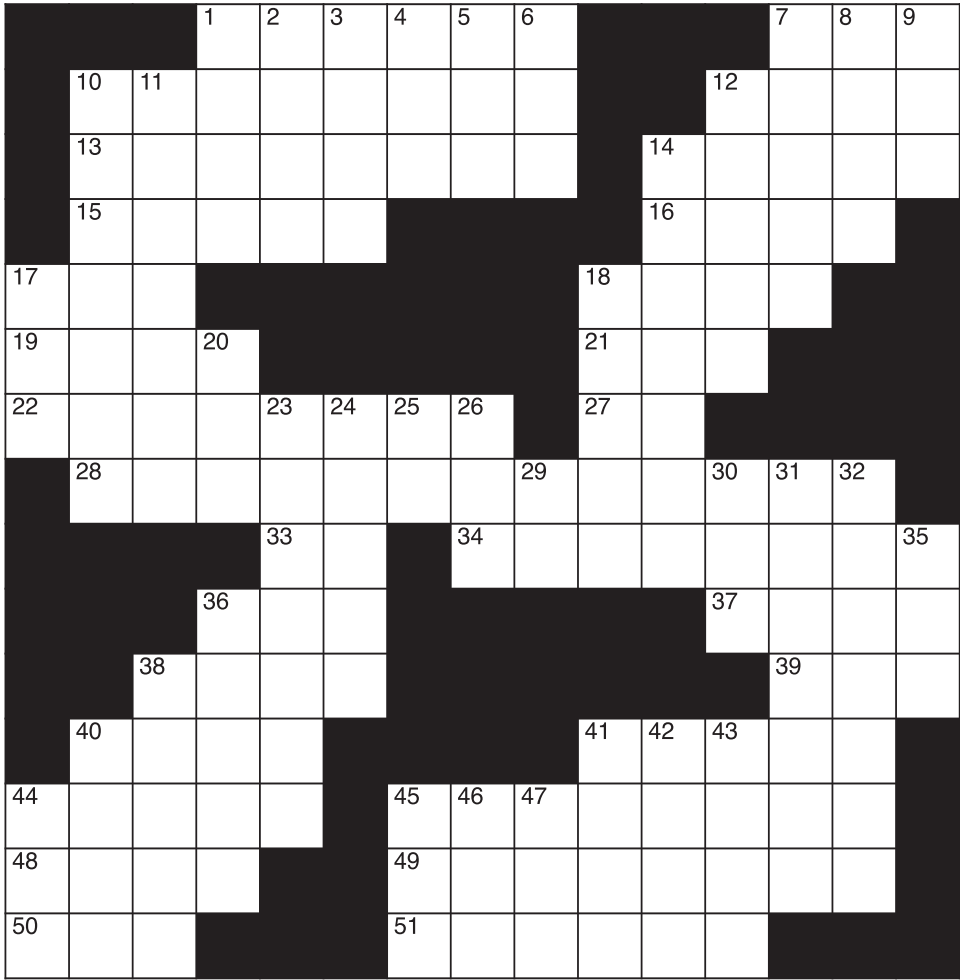
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7. Fashion accessory

10. Most cerebral

12. Incline from vertical

13. Dependent on

14. Broken in

15. Strongly desires

16. Mounted soldier

17. Ad \_\_: when necessary

18. Cattle

19. Ottoman military commanders

21. \_\_ student, learns healing

22. Composed in poetic meter

27. Promotional material

28. Where people live
33. Sodium

34. Embarrassing

36. Medical man

37. Mother of Hermes

38. One who saves the day

39. Tooth caregiver

40. Not clothed

41. Slope covered with loose stones

44. Used to cook

45. Praises enthusiastically

48. Rooney is a famous one

49. Beekeeper

50. Pigpen

51. Potato chip brand

CLUES DOWN

1. Living quarters

2. Horizontal passage

3. Attacks

4. Vietnamese offensive

5. Midway between east and southeast

6. Confined (abbr.)

7. Book of Esther antagonist

8. Port in Yemen

9. CNN’s founder

10. Type of bulb

11. Prepare

12. Promoted

14. Dinner jackets

17. Partner to cheese

18. Nebraska city

20. Human gene

23. Pays no attention to
24. Lowland South American plain

25. Blood group

26. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano

29. Atomic #37

30. Unit of electrical resistance

31. Jeweled crowns

32. Nastiest

35. Traditional cars need it

36. Bowler hat

38. Robust

40. Not straight

41. Stony waste matter

42. Have an interest in

43. Jacob \_\_, journalist

44. Maintains possession of

45. Swiss river

46. Average cost of market goods

47. Spanish soldier: El \_\_

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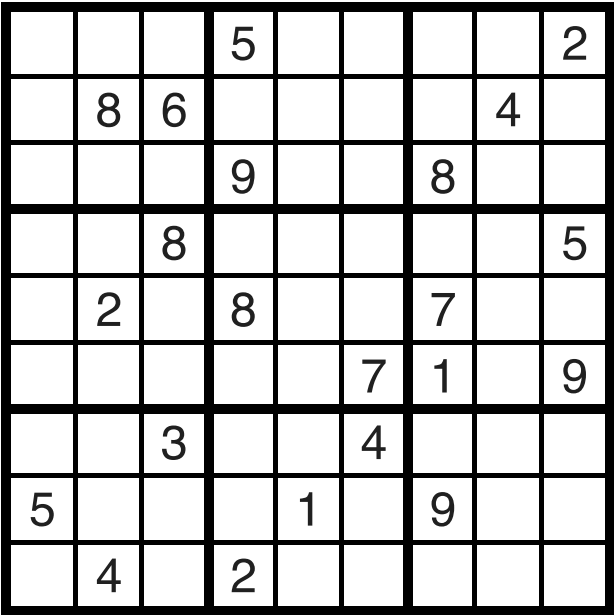
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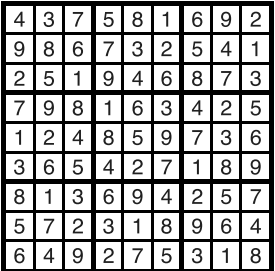
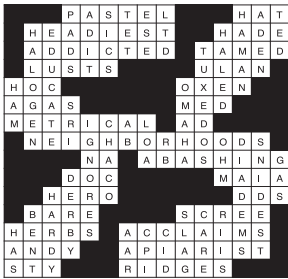
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**Upstate Renaissance Faire celebrates first opening in Norwich**

NORWICH – The first Upstate Renaissance Faire held at the Chenango County Fairground in Norwich last weekend hopes to become a yearly medieval tradition.

On Sept. 2 and 3 local residents welcomed knights, psychics, a harpist, axe throwers, leatherworkers, blacksmiths, metalworkers, jewelry makers, turkey legs, and more than 45 vendors to Norwich. Demonstrations and workshops were on hand, such as a yarn-spinning and leather making, where participants learned how to make their own items.

Many attendees dressed up in era appropriate garb. Playtrons also who dressed up in full costume and played the part of a renaissance-era characters, strolling the fairgrounds.

The Upstate Renaissance Faire’s goal is to set up a permanent renaissance village on a private parcel of land to provide an even more immersive experience, several weekends of faires, holiday-themed faires, and educational opportunities for local schools.

More information on the Upstate Renaissance Faire can be found on the Upstate Renaissance Faire Facebook page.

– Sun Contributor Sarah Genter



Photos by Tyler Murphy



# UV girls fall in championship, S-E wins consolation in NY Pizzeria Tournament



S-E's Jalyne McCarthy is surrounded by teammates and coaches after scoring the game-winning goal against GMU in overtime in the tournament consolation game. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

BY MORGAN GOLLIVER  
GAZETTE SPORTS WRITER

NEW BERLIN – The Unadilla Valley girls soccer team kicked off the 2023 season with its annual NY Pizzeria tournament over the weekend. Sherburne-Earlville, Gilbertsville-Mount Upton (GMU),

and Milford also participated in the tournament. Milford came out on top over UV in the championship game while S-E defeated GMU in overtime in the consolation game.

**Friday's games:**  
**UV 7 - S-E 0**

In the first round of the tournament held on Friday night, UV defeat-

ed the Marauders 7-0. The Storm scored four goals in the first half off the feet of Natalya Schrag, Jaiden Schrag, Adrienne Hodge, and Bella Potter. In the second half, Madison Dix scored her first varsity goal while Jaiden added with her second goal of the day. S-E was held to just one shot

on goal. Goalie Savanna Born made 12 saves in the loss.

**Saturday's Games:**  
**S-E 1 - GMU 0**  
**F/2OT**

After two scoreless halves, the Sherburne-Earlville Marauders and the GMU Raiders battled it out in double overtime. S-E's Jalyne McCarthy found



The UV Storm girls soccer team huddles up prior to kick-off in the NY Pizzeria tournament championship game. (Photo by Morgan Golliver)

a breakaway and was confident enough to shoot the ball past the GMU goalie for the game-winner.

**Milford 3 - UV 1**

After winning back-to-back NY Pizzeria tournaments, UV suffers the 3-1 to Milford. Milford led 1-0 at halftime. Shelby Rose scored the Storm's lone

goal off a pass from Jaiden Schrag in the loss.

Congratulations to S-E's Clare Barth, Kendall Hill, and Jalyne McCarthy, along with UV's Jaiden Schrag, Bella Potter, and Shelby Rose on their tournament all-star honors.



By Sophia Root  
Commerce Chenango

GUILFORD—This week, Commerce Chenango would like to highlight P.A.K. Construction Inc. in Guilford: a construction company specializing in concrete and excavation in the local area for over 30 years.

Owner Paul Knowles has lived in Guilford his whole life and started the business in May of 1990 with his wife, Barb Knowles. Since opening, P.A.K. Construction Inc. has done thousands of projects in the 20-mile radius around Guilford, almost exclusively in Chenango County. Knowles is grateful for his loyal custom-

ers, many of whom use his services repeatedly, some of whom since day one.

P.A.K. Construction Inc. offers complete site prep packages for residential and commercial sitework: offering everything “from the sill plate down.” The business does prep work for new homes, businesses, dairy farms, barns, facilities, and more. They move dirt, install septic work, install ponds, do land improvements, and pour concrete foundations. This is valuable because the complete site prep P.A.K. Construction Inc. offers is streamlined, so that customers don't have to coordinate with multiple contractors.

On all their projects, P.A.K. Construction Inc. prioritizes quality and completion as their main objectives. Knowles is excited about his current effort: foundation removal



and site reclamation on the north end of Oxford for the Blueox Corp. For himself, P.A.K. Construction Inc. is continuing work to complete their new shop, after outgrowing the facility they were located at for the past 30 years. Starting at 6 AM and working every day until the work is completed, Knowles is proud of the construction work he has completed for Chenango County.

The company also is involved in Chenango County, outside their projects. This past year,

they invited the public to their shop for a Business After Hours Program. This introduced the public to their business in a new way, by being able to meet the central staff and see their facilities. Knowles often volunteers his heavy machinery for local Touch a Truck programs, an educational and hands on experience for children.

In the Bainbridge Guilford Central School District, P.A.K. Construction Inc. provides a \$1,000 scholarship called the Dirty

Hands Award. This award is not always meant for the top student in the class, it is given to a student who has a job and maintains a passing grade. The award is geared for: adding to a current business, purchasing tools to start a new business, or to attend a trade school.

Furthering their involvement in the community, P.A.K. Construction Inc. hosts an annual Clean up

P.A.K. Construction Inc started business in May of 1990. Since opening the local business has done thousands of projects in the 20-mile radius near Guilford. (Submitted photos)



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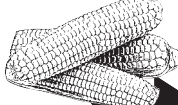
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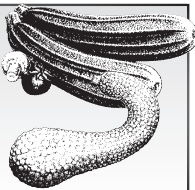
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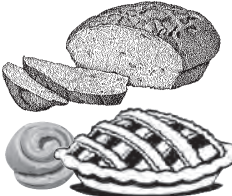


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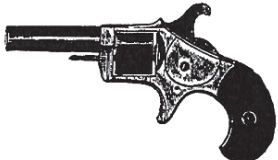
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# 12 ways to maximize vertical space

Who hasn't, at one point in their lives, lamented a lack of space and organization at home? A lifetime's worth of items have to be kept somewhere, and without the right organizational strategy, clutter can quickly take over.

The home improvement site Home Therapy says that, when square footage is limited, tapping vertical walls is the fastest way to maximize and multiply the space available. Hooks, rods, shelving, built-ins ... the sky is the limit when it comes to finding additional storage and adding a bit of personality to tight quarters. Even homes that may have adequate space can benefit from vertical solutions.

Here are some ideas to put vertical and other less-utilized areas to work for you.

1. Hang wire or plastic file organizers on the inside of kitchen cabinets to easily store cookie sheets, trays and cutting boards.
2. Save on counter or cabinet space with hanging spice racks. These can be hung directly on walls or on the inside of cabinet doors.
3. Stack all the stuff you can, including washers and dryers, beds (with storage drawers underneath) and even stacking nesting tables.
4. Choose furniture that is tall rather than wide. This can mean swapping out a dresser in a bedroom for an armoire or vertical chest of drawers.
5. Canvas bags hung on a towel bar on a wall can keep dirty clothes wrangled until it's time to wash them. This also eliminates clothes hampers on the

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6. Add a second rod or shelving to the inside of closets to create more space for clothing and other items.

7. Take kitchen cabinets all the way to the ceiling. Store lesser used items on the uppermost shelves and the items you use each on the most accessible shelves.

8. Install a shelf over the entryway to a room to utilize this seldom-used space. Shelves also can be custom cut and placed in oddly shaped areas, such as in attic rooms under the eaves or on slanted walls.

9. Dowels or curtain rods and some fabric can be used to fabricate slings to hold books or magazines.

10. Invest in some magnetic boards that can hold keys or notes by the front door or store knives on a kitchen wall.

11. Install two towel bars parallel to one another on the wall of a bathroom. These can hold extra toilet tissue or rolled hand towels.

12. Use rope plant hangers to store potatoes or onions near prep areas. The same plant hangers can wrangle stuffed animals and small toys in kids' rooms.

Utilizing vertical areas in a home is a great way to increase storage capacity and keep rooms more organized. TF191646



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# Fall Home Improvement

## How to design a fitness room at home

People exercise for many different reasons. Exercise can improve one’s appearance, reduce the risk for illness, alleviate stress or anxiety, and even help pass some time. Exercise is often a social activity, but in the wake of social distancing guidelines issue in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, many people have found themselves looking for ways to exercise at home.

Building a home fitness room has never been a more timely project, and such a project can continue to provide rewards even when life returns to some semblance of normalcy. Here’s how to successfully stock a home gym.

- Find a dedicated space. A home gym will be limited by the amount of space that can be devoted to workouts. Possible fitness room locations include a spare bedroom, a garage, a basement, or an enclosed patio. Measure the space so you can pick and choose equipment that will fit. Leave some floor space empty for movement exercises or mat activities.
- Keep the space bright. Darkness can sap energy levels, so invest in mirrors and adequate overhead lighting to make the space inviting. Natural light can make the exercise area more enjoyable.
- Consider the flooring. New flooring can protect against damage and make an area more conducive to working out. Rubber mats can offset echoes and reduce the noise of running on a treadmill or setting down

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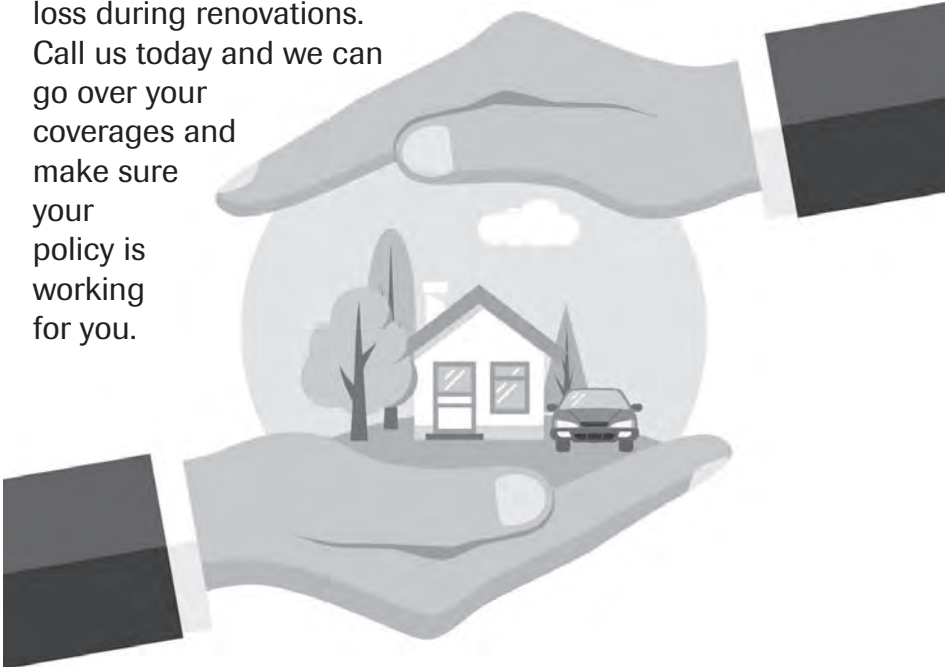


heavy weights.

- Use space-saving equipment. A home gym space will likely not be as expansive as the space inside a traditional fitness center. Thankfully, many activities do not require a lot of space or equipment. Classic exercises like squats, lunges, push ups, and sit ups require little gear but still produce results. Figure out which equipment you like the most and invest in two or three key pieces. Dumbbells of various weights, a medicine ball and a yoga mat can be all you need to create a versatile, effective workout. A TRX system and a door-mounted pull-up bar also are great space-saving options.
  - Have a TV hookup. A home gym may benefit from a smart TV that you can use to stream workout videos or catch up on the latest news while running the treadmill or using the stationary bike.
- A home gym is beneficial year-round, and can be especially valuable when social distancing guidelines are put in place. TF207075

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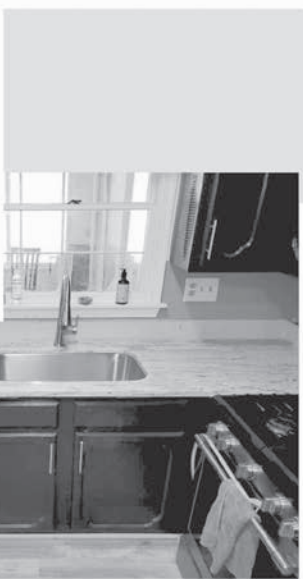


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# Winterize To Safeguard Your Home From Harsh Weather

Autumn is a beautiful time of year marked by welcoming cooler temperatures and the natural beauty of leaves changing colors. Autumn also has a tendency to fly by, as if the powerful weather of winter simply cannot wait to make its presence felt. With such a seemingly short time between the end of summer and the dawn of winter, homeowners know they don't have too many weekends in between to prepare their homes for the potentially

harsh months ahead. But such preparation, often referred to as "winterizing," can make a home more comfortable when the mercury dips below freezing, while saving homeowners substantial amounts of money along the way.

- Clean the gutters. Leaves falling in fall can be a beautiful sight to behold, but many of those leaves are likely finding their way into your gutters, where they can lodge and cause a host of problems down



the road. If the leaves and additional debris, such as twigs and dirt, that pile up in your gutters are not cleared out before the first winter storm, the results can be costly and even catastrophic.

Winter rain and snowfall needs a place to go upon hitting your roof, and gutters facilitate the travel of such precipitation from your roof into street-level drainage systems. If gutters are backed up with leaves and other debris, then ice dams may form, forcing water to seep in through the roof. That damage can be costly and can even cause the roof to collapse inward in areas with heavy snowfall. Clean gutters throughout the fall, especially if your property has many trees, and be sure to check gutters one last time before the arrival of winter.

- Tend to your attic. Homeowners who have attics in their homes might want to add some extra insulation up there, especially those who recall feeling cold inside their homes last winter, which is often a telltale sign of improper insulation in a home. A good rule of thumb when determining if your attic needs more insulation is to look for the ceiling joists. If you can see the joists, then you need more insulation.

- Address leaky windows and doors. Sometimes attic insulation is not the culprit when it comes to a cold home. Oftentimes, leaky windows and doors are the real bad guys in a drafty home. Fall is a great time to inspect for leaky windows and doors, as the wind outside can serve as your partner. When the wind outside is blowing, take a tour of your home's windows and doorways, standing next to them to determine if there any holes or leaks that are letting outdoor air inside. If you notice any leaks beneath exterior doors, install some door sweeps to keep outdoor air where it belongs. Leaks around windows can be snuffed out with caulk or weather stripping.

- Test the furnace. Homeowners typically do not devote much thought to their furnaces in spring, summer and fall. But with winter on the horizon, fall is the time to test the furnace to make sure it's ready for the months ahead. Expect a somewhat foul yet brief odor to appear when starting the furnace. That odor should dissipate shortly, but if it does not go away, then your furnace is likely in need of repair. But even if the smell does not stick around, you might want to have the furnace cleaned by a professional anyway. Such cleanings ensure the furnace works efficiently throughout the winter.
- Clean the garage. You might not mind parking in the driveway during the warmer months of the year, but why subject your vehicles to harsh winter weather if you don't have to? Clean the garage in the fall so you have an indoor parking spot throughout the winter season. Protecting your car from the elements can add years to its life and also saves you the trouble of digging your car out of the snow.

Fall is a time of year for homeowners to spend a weekend or two preparing their homes for the often harsh weather that awaits when winter arrives.

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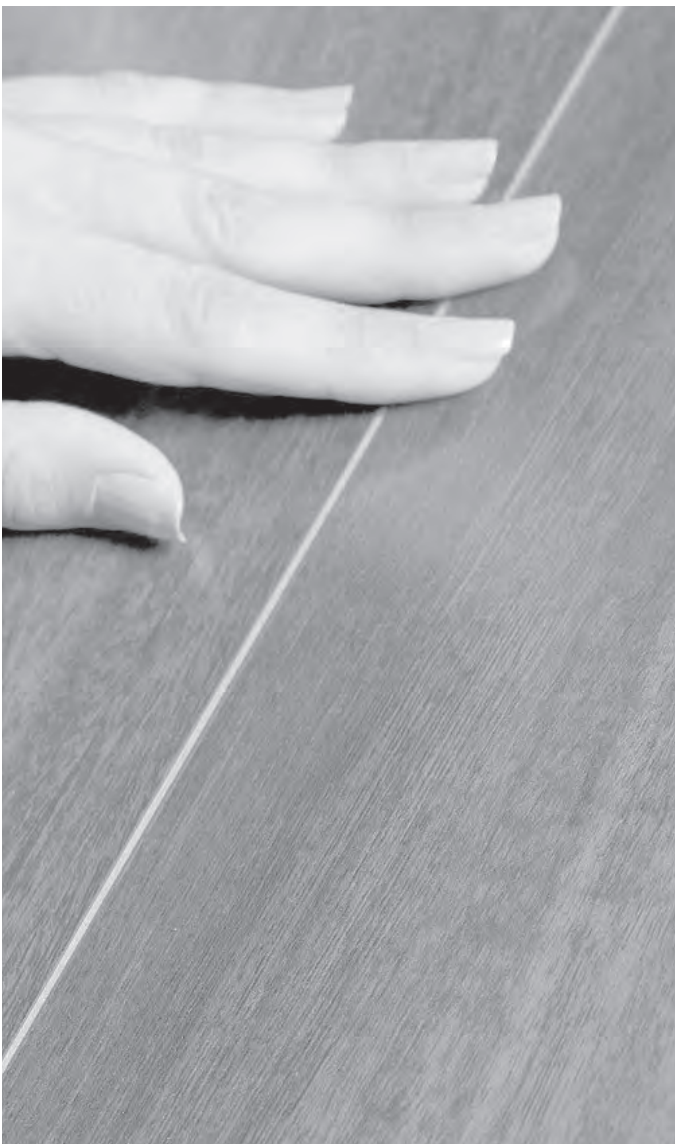
# How to protect wood floors from inclement weather

Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on flooring. Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.
- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.
- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.
- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use. With proper care, hardwood flooring can survive rain, snow and cold weather. FH198119



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## Design ideas to give your home a farmhouse feel

Farmhouse style homes are having a moment. A 2020 survey from Homes.com asked more than 5,000 adults across the United States about their favorite house style from a list that included bohemian craftsman, mid-century modern ranch, French chateau, and Tudor, among others. Modern farmhouse was the runaway winner, as participants in 42 of the 50 states indicated this simple, cozy style was their favorite.

Home renovation projects can help homeowners put their own unique stamp on their homes, and such projects can be both aesthetic and functional in nature. The following are some farmhouse design elements homeowners can consider as they look to transform their home interiors with this popular style in mind.

- **Exposed beams:** Exposed beams instantly evoke images of a farmhouse. The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that this rustic renovation project can utilize real wood or faux beams that look like the real thing. Decorative beams that have nothing to do with a home's structural integrity can be installed by skilled do-it-yourselfers. However, even faux beams are heavy, and BobVila.com recommends homeowners have an engineer assess their existing structure prior to installation.
- **Distressed wood finishes:** Distressing is designed to make something look less than perfect. Distressed wood finishes can be found throughout many farmhouse style homes. Furniture and picture frames can provide the distressed look farmhouse fans are looking for. This is a relatively

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- **Kitchen sink:** Many components combine to create a truly classic farmhouse kitchen. But perhaps no component is more essential than the classic farmhouse sink. The renovation experts at HGTV note that a classic farmhouse sink features a deep, wide basin. Farmhouse sinks are large enough to handle all the dishes that come after a big family meal. Old-fashioned porcelain sinks are worth consideration by homeowners who want their kitchen sinks to evoke a traditional farmhouse feel.
- **Countertops:** HGTV recommends butcher block countertops for homeowners who favor European farmhouse style. Homeowners overhauling their kitchens to create a farmhouse feel should consider installing a large island with a walnut butcher block countertop for an authentic farmhouse feel.

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