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10 years ago

(No paper published Jan. 3, 1993. From the Jan. 5 issue:)
Former Albion councilman Charles H. Nesbitt was sworn in by county Judge James Punch as the 137th state Assembly district's newest representative — Frank R. Berger was appointed chairman of the county Legislature. Lyndon Billings was appointed vice chairman.

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HORSE 4-H Club will have next meeting Jan. 26

MEDINA — The HORSE 4-H Club met Dec. 22. Members of the club discussed many topics and upcoming events.

Participation in the Holiday Faire was discussed. Everyone in the club entered at least one object. Jessica Arno, Tyler Tower, Audrey Rath, Kelly Walsh and Carley Wells won court of honor on their wreaths or swags at the faire. Tyler won court of honor for a gift bag, Audrey won for a penguin wind chime and gift bag, Carley won for a cookie jar, and Kelly won for a stuffed tiger and an ornament.

At the meeting club members wrapped gifts that they purchased for a family for Christmas. Members bought gifts for a father and his children.

Members discussed many upcoming events. A military mailgram is planned on Saturday, public presentations will be Feb. 1, and the club's 5-star tests will take place in March.

The next meeting will be Jan. 26.

\$11 million in aid to be sent to state apple farmers

Staff and wire reports **The Journal-Register**

WASHINGTON — The federal government is expected to send out roughly \$11 million in aid to New York state apple farmers as early as this week, but U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer says the money has been too slow in coming.

The aid, part of a national farm relief package, was granted to compensate growers for losses sustained in recent growing seasons.

The United States Department of Agriculture is expected to send out checks to individual farmers this week, the third such payout since 2000, Schumer said. Congress voted last May to send the aid.

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Bruce Kirby, Albion grower

Schumer, D-N.Y., said farmers need the relief much quicker than the federal government has been able to deliver it.

"It's great to tell apple growers that the check is in the mail," Schumer said. "I still find it disturbing that they had to wait so long."

About 530 farmers would receive money, and the average check amount will be around \$20,000, Schumer said.

"Hopefully it means that everyone who is qualified for federal help will now get it," Schumer said.

The money is in addition to nearly \$19 million paid out in previous years to offset poor crops.

"The fact that the check was coming has been known for a year," said grower Bruce Kirby. "A lot of us needed it in the fall."

Kirby has a small 50-acre orchard in

Albion.

Although 2002 was no fun, things look a bit brighter for this year, he said.

Apple losses in the state due to freeze and hail totaled more than \$80 million last year, according to the state's Horticultural Society.

A spokeswoman for the USDA said the checks would go out late this week or early next week — and that their disbursement was slowed because Congress only gave the agency half the amount they'd asked for to run the program.

"We're working as hard as we can to get payments out," said USDA spokeswoman Alisa Harrison. "We feel like we've done a great job of getting payments out to producers."

A list of green thumb resolutions for 2003

By Dave Reville

New Year's resolutions, everybody makes them and a few people keep them. If you're a gardener, you can make these more relevant by focusing on your lawn and garden.

Examine the 2002 growing season with its wet start and dry summer for educational experiences that you could turn into green thumb resolutions for 2003.

Vow to try something new or do something differently this year. Making resolutions for the coming growing season is a way of reflecting on past successes and planing for future ones.

Remember in gardening, we can only improve with each new year.

Some resolutions to consider as you prepare to garden in this New Year:

- To make my list of needed seeds and plants before I start browsing through the seed catalogs.
- To limit the size of my vegetable and flower gardens to what I can reasonably expect to be able to care for.
- To keep records of where I plant what in the landscape, the perennial

garden and the vegetable garden, and to file those diagrams where I know I'll be able to find them later.

- To plant the vegetable garden carefully (using last year's diagram) so that closely related crops don't follow one another in the same spot and all available space is productive all season.

- To use disease-resistant vegetable varieties whenever possible.

- To plant using proper spacing so the summer squash plants don't overwhelm the first row of beans and the pumpkin vines don't infiltrate the lawn.

- To plant cool weather crops early and again in mid to late summer for a fall harvest.

- To harvest crops at their peak of quality. No more zucchini large enough to make dugout canoes from. No more lumpy, tough beans.

- To freeze or can produce as soon as possible after harvest to maintain high quality.

- To rotate frozen vegetables in the freezer so the oldest are used up first. No more freeze-dried broccoli.

- To check plants for insects and

diseases more often, for example, before tomato hornworms denude the plants, before bean beetles have turned the snap bean leaves to lace etc., and to take preventive measures against cutworms. No more peppers snipped off at the soil line.

- To use biological, and or cultural, rather than chemical controls for pests and weeds whenever possible, for example, mulch earlier and deeper.

- To hold the line against weeds all summer so they don't go to seed and make next year's weed problems worse.

- To look at my home grounds in light of future, as well as, current needs and make major changes according to a carefully thought out landscape development plan.

- To try out major landscape changes with stakes and strings before starting to dig.

- To plant only hardy, relatively problem free ornamentals in site that provide the growing conditions they need and the room they need to grow so as to minimize the need for chemical sprays, aggressive pruning

and replacement to correct problems.

- To recycle landscape leftovers, garden waste and other organic materials in a compost pile.

- To use the products of the compost pile to improve soil quality in the vegetable and flower gardens.

- To take a preventive approach to home and landscape maintenance rather than wait for small problems to turn into disasters, for example, to prune dead limbs out of trees overhanging buildings before they fall in an ice storm, taking down utility wires, damaging the garage roof and otherwise bringing unneeded excitement into an already stressful time.

- To store firewood outdoors away from the house so that any bugs or rodents that take up residence in the wood stay in the wood rather than migrate into the house.

- To preserve the manufacturer's operating manuals for all lawn and garden equipment and read them frequently, at least at the beginning of every gardening season, or before using the equipment for the first time, and following the directions for

operation and maintenance.

- To keep a healthy perspective on gardening. Its exercise in the fresh air, not a competition with the neighborhood perfectionist. A list of green thumb resolutions is a statement of intent, not a nag list. And you can only do what you can do with what you have to work with.

- To remember that Murphy's Law is the ruling principle of gardening. Anything that can go wrong, particularly with the weather, most certainly will. But there's always next year.

- Finally, why not enroll in the Home Horticulture Program of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County? This will bring you a monthly gardening newsletter, garden class announcements and the latest in garden research. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County at 589-5561 for more information.

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Just Past the City Limits

Top 10 signs the farmer down the road has gone nuts

10. He lines his cap with tinfoil to prevent USDA satellites from finding out whether he's going to keep his heifers or not.
9. Demands that the co-op pay him in pesos.
8. Keeps telling you that the mailman is really Osama bin Laden.
7. Has new "Born to Break Even" tattoo on his bicep.
6. Stands up at soils and crops meeting and asks Extension agent if a limited nuclear strike wouldn't be just the thing to break up the clay pan soil.
5. Has his combine painted camo.
4. Keeps telling everyone it's not too late to jump on the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig bandwagon.
3. He tells his seed dealer he has enough caps already, thank you.
2. Suggests at the cattlemen's meeting that, "Next time, let's have chicken."
1. Tries to convince you to go on "The Jerry Springer Show" to settle your fenceline dispute.

By Mark Parker, Farm Talk
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Forum points out the health benefits of locally grown fruits and vegetables

By Deborah Roberts

We have a well kept secret to better health here in Orleans County. At the New York State Agricultural Society's Agricultural forum last week in Syracuse, presenters shared the latest research on the potential benefits of several foods we grow locally.

Apparently our grandmothers were right when they said "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Dr. Rui Hai Liu from Cornell University presented some of the results from studies done on the antioxidants and phytochemicals in various fruits and vegetables. These are the substances that are believed to be anticancer agents.

It turns out, however, that just these agents and other vitamins by themselves are not as effective as when they are combined, as they are in "whole" foods. In other words, eating an apple or an orange is better for you than taking the vitamins and minerals themselves.

The combined effect of the entire fruit is also more effective than just parts. The apple peel apparently has more anticancer activity than any other part, so don't peel the apple!

Combinations of fruits and vegetables also produce higher anticancer activity because they work synergistically with one another. Besides, apples, onions of

the type grown in western New York, have high activity, as does processed sweet corn. A variety of fruits and vegetables is also beneficial because different fruits and vegetables have different antioxidants and phytochemicals that effect different types of cancers.

So in western New York, we have some of the healthiest of foods grown right here. Certainly you can buy produce from all over the world, but why buy something locally grown?

The first reason is that freshness makes a big difference in taste as well as nutrition. The longer a fruit or vegetable sits before being processed, cooked or eaten, the more plant sugar is converted into starch. So, fresher means sweeter and juicier and therefore tastier.

Secondly, food safety is an issue that we fortunately have not had a problem with. When you buy locally, you know exactly where your food comes from and, from an economic standpoint, you know where your money is going — locally.

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has launched a program to help consumers identify New York grown produce in the supermarkets. This program called "Pride of New York" labels products that are grown or processed in New York and meet quality standards. Many fruits and vegetables

have labels that identify where they originated. While not all locally grown fruits and vegetables are available, especially this time of year, be sure to watch out for those "foreign" Washington state apples.

Several studies have been released recently highlighting the concern that our country is overweight and doesn't eat healthy. Jane Brody, health columnist for The New York Times, was also a presenter at the Agricultural Forum. She pointed out that many Americans don't focus on the healthy things. Eating fruits and vegetables is good for you. By eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day helps ensure that you receive the necessary vitamins and minerals necessary for good health.

Over time and around the world, the healthiest diets have been shown to be those that are high in fruits and vegetables, balanced and with portion control.

When you go to the grocery store or farm market, remember to choose a variety of fruits and vegetables to increase your health. And be sure to look for the N.Y. label.

For more information on the Buy Local or Pride of New York programs contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

American Legion Hall, Albion
Walk-ins are welcome. If an
appointment is preferred, call
798-3170.

Potential donors must be at
least 17 years old, weigh 110
pounds or more and enjoy
general good health.

Military heads out from East Coast

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.
(AP) — Four Virginia-based
Navy ships that have received
deployment orders in the past
week headed out to sea
Sunday as a military buildup.
Each member of the
grandson Daniel Jr. and grand-
daughter Dorothy. Each mem-
ber of the family, including
Daniel and his wife, Nancy,
Dresser III and wife June, son
involved in the farm: John
Today, three generations
100 milking cows.
herd had increased to almost
and by September 2002 the
tion. They purchased 40 cows,
re-establish a full dairy opera-



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Dan Dresser Jr. gets some pointers on milking equipment from his grandfather John Dresser, who owns Dresser Farm in Shelby.

Orleans farms honored for longevity

By Jeremy Moule
The Journal-Register

Two Orleans County farms — the
Dresser Farm in Shelby and the Mathes
Farm in Barre — have been honored as
Century Farms by the New York State
Agricultural Society.

The Century Farm honor recognizes
farms that have been in operation for 100
years or more and have been passed
from one generation to the next, accord-
ing to society President Joe Peck.

"We find this is an award that recog-
nizes the longevity and perseverance of
farmers in New York state," Peck said.

Both farms were founded in the 1800s
and today are operated by several gener-
ations descended from the founders.
Both farms had applied for Century Farm
designation in past rounds, and the fami-
lies were glad to finally be named as
recipients.

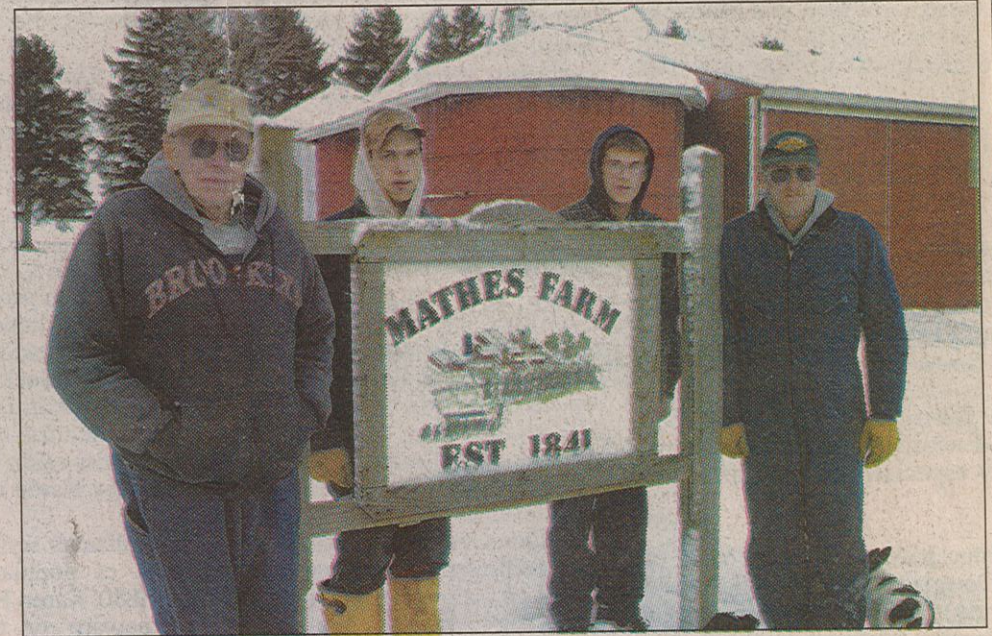
For the Mathes family, the award is
quite an honor.

"It's been so exciting. He (farm owner
David Mathes) has been wanting this for
many years," said Helen Mathes.

For John Dresser, owner of Dresser
Farm, it was a surprise to learn of the
honor.

His son, Daniel, had actually applied
for the award, unbeknownst to father. He
wanted it to be surprise, said June Dress-
er, John Dresser's wife.

Daniel Dresser had seen an article in
the newspaper and, aware that his family



Dennis Stierer/The Journal-Register

Members of the Mathes family include, from left, David, Joe, Charles and Kirk.

had applied in 1979 and 1985, decided to
give it another shot. When the family
found out they had received the award,
they were excited.

"We were all thrilled. It was something
we've always wanted ... It's nice to have
something to show for all your hard
effort," Daniel said. "When you really sit
and think about it, it is a high honor to
receive it."

Both farms were honored during an
awards dinner in Syracuse on Thursday.

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Briefly

Orleans Extension group is to meet

ALBION — The board of directors of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension will meet at 7:30 tonight at the extension office, 20 S. Main St. The meeting is a regularly scheduled get-together.

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Local conservationist Ed Weeks is honored by the Orleans County Soil and Water District —



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Members of the Dresser Farm include, from left, family friend Dan Michaud, Nancy, Dan Jr., Dan, Jersey cow Patsy, Nancy, John III and June.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2003

Special valentine desserts available through 4-H

Orleans County 4-H and Clarendon Cheesecakes are partnering for a special Valentine's Day fund-raiser.

Orders are being taken for heart-shaped cheesecakes through Jan. 20. Sales benefit the 4-H program.

Among flavors being sold is "4-H Green Supreme," a mint chocolate chip cheesecake that was unveiled at the 2002

Orleans County Fair and is available exclusively through 4-H.

The business and 4-H will be teaming up in the future to show youths about the entrepreneurial opportunities that exist locally, according to 4-H coordinator Margo Bowerman.

To order a cheesecake, call the 4-H office at 589-5561.



Members of the Lyndonville Mongrels 4-H Club make Valentine's Day cards.

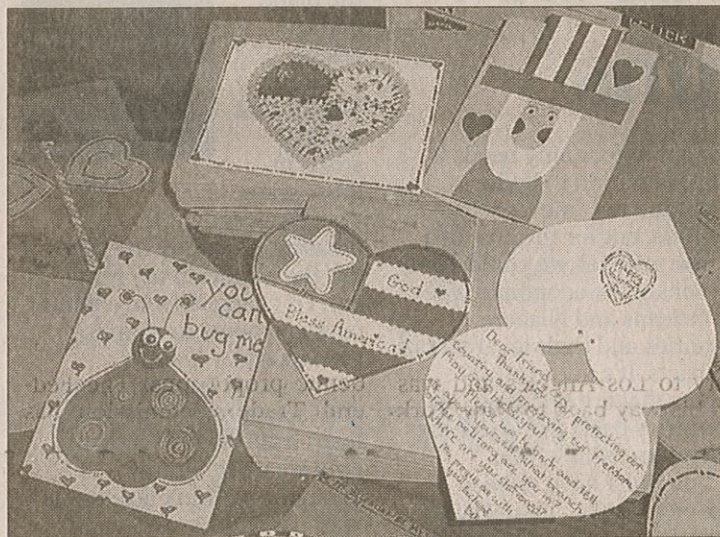
Orleans 4-H'ers show heart

Orleans County 4-H'ers demonstrated their appreciation for the sacrifices our military personnel are making by creating nearly 4,000 Valentine's Day cards for distribution to U.S. troops.

Orleans 4-H'ers gathered at the Fairgrounds on Jan. 11 to make the cards. Seventy-three 4-H members and leaders, from 13 different clubs, participated in the card making.

The cards are distributed by an organization called Friends of Our Troops, one of the few organizations that are able to send mail to military personnel. Friends of Our Troops is based in North Carolina.

This is the seventh year that Orleans 4-H clubs have made Valentines for service men and women throughout the world. Last year, Orleans County 4-H maintained its recognition as the leading group of any type in New York state and the second leading 4-H group in the United States for the number of Valentine's Day Military Mailgrams created and distributed to members of our Armed Forces.



Valentine's Day card made by Deborah Shortridge of Odds-n-Ends 4-H Club

According to Margo Bowerman, a 4-H Youth Development Educator for Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, "What is more impressive than the quantity of cards 4-H'ers created is the quality. The cards themselves are incredibly creative and the sentiments inside the cards demonstrate a great deal of respect and appreciation for

the duties our armed forces provide."

The Orleans County 4-H Senior Council sponsors 4-H Military Mailgram Day, providing supplies for the cards as well as the envelopes, and covering the postal fees and membership fees.

For more information about this program or about 4-H, call 589-5561.

Common winter diseases of houseplant plants

By Dave Reville

The Journal-Register

Houseplant problems can often be avoided by providing the proper environment for growth of the plants. Houseplants are often victims of certain diseases and disorders which are not easily avoided and which require specific control actions.

Houseplant diseases generally can be classed by three main categories: 1. Those affecting roots and stems. 2. Those affecting only foliage or foliage stems and 3. Those affecting essentially the whole plant. Following is a list of some of the common problems, their causes, what plants may be affected, tips for diagnosing them and what to do to prevent or treat the disease or disorder when it is found.

Care and prevention

Sterilized potting mixture can be purchased. Very heavy or extremely light soils should be avoided. Pots can be disinfected by removing clinging soil in

warm water and letting pots soak for 30 minutes in bleach diluted to about half-strength with water, then rising pots in clean tap water.

Most houseplant problems are due to poor care of houseplants, rather than disease. Low humidity is a problem in most homes in the winter. This results in browning leaves or leaf drop. Simply increasing air humidity in the room using a humidifier or shallow bowls of water around the plant area for evaporation of water helps reduce the problem. Misting of plants should be done only when absolutely necessary, since this abnormal prolonged wetness of foliage may result in leaf diseases.

Over or under watering, failure to repot when plant roots outgrow available container space, over or under fertilizing and inadequate sunlight are other frequent causes of winter houseplant problems. Also, type of pots — clay versus plastic — affects soil temperatures. Clay pots allow roots to breathe plastic does

not and acts as an insulator.

Insect or mites may sometimes be responsible for houseplant symptoms mistaken for disease or cultural problems. Close, regular inspection of houseplants for insect or mite infestations is important. If infestations are found, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension for control recommendations. If plants are too badly infested, it is advisable to discard them.

For success in maintaining healthy houseplants: Buy and propagate only from healthy plants; provide the best growing conditions possible; inspect plants often for signs of symptoms of disease, cultural or insect problems and act promptly to correct problems before they become serious.

For further information on houseplant problems, call 589-5561.

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Dairy management seminar slated

The North West New York Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops Team will present a seminar: Dairy Management 2003: Challenges and Opportunities, Feb. 18 at the Batavia Party House, Route 5, east of Batavia.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the first session begins at 10.

The seminar will provide dairy producers the opportunity to learn from knowledgeable speakers and to interact with farm suppliers. This year's presentations deal with the latest challenges and opportunities facing the dairy industry.

The featured speaker is Mark Varner, professor and extension dairy scientist at the University of Maryland. His presentation is "4x or 6x milking in early lactation: could it work for you?"

Peter Wright, Cornell

PRO-DAIRY will update the group concerning the latest changes made to CAFO rules and impacts on the farm. Wright is a professional engineer specializing in waste handling systems.

Steve Mason, NWNYS dairy extension associate, will cover using income over feed cost to monitor farm profitability.

Mike McMahon, partner at McMahon's E-Z Acres, discusses the advantages of whole farm forage system management.

The associated trade show will offer over 15 agri-business representatives at each location. Morning refreshments and lunch is included in the registration fee.

Pre-registration is \$20. registration at the door is \$25. Contact Wendy Garrett in Batavia at 585-3040 ext. 138 to register, or for more information.

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Representative urges farmers to complete census by Feb. 3

With the Feb. 3 deadline fast approaching, western New York farmers are being urged to take part in the USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service's 2002 Census of Agriculture by U.S. Rep. Thomas Reynolds.

Conducted every five years, the census provides a complete statistical overview of all U.S. farms. This information assists agricultural communities in making informed decisions on many issues, including market pricing, farming trends, conservation practices and pesticide usage.

Census information also serves such purposes as establishing legislation and policy from the local to federal level, and is used to determine the distribution of resources for agricultural programs.

"It is vitally important that New York state have an accurate and complete accounting of our agricultural industry," Reynolds said. "This information is vital to showcasing New York agriculture in the House of Representatives, and to help in our fight for issues and priorities affecting western New York farmers."

All farmers are encouraged to complete their census forms and return them to the USDA by the Feb. 3 deadline, said Reynolds.

Those needing assistance in completing the forms should call the department toll free at (888) 424-7828 or visit their Web site at www.usda.gov/nass/.

Just Past The City Limits

Top 10 most annoying things around a farm

10. The Made in Who-Knows-Where crescent wrench that develops an eighth-inch of play after the second use.
9. That high-headed cow that stampedes the whole herd if she senses you're about to pen them up.
8. Multiflora rose, bindweed, stick-tight, and any other weed that jabs you, trips you or causes your wife to lecture you about getting stickers on all the other clothes in the washer.
7. Your easy-start chain saw that will only kick over after your right shoulder has gone totally numb.
6. The flashlight that is never, ever, ever where it's supposed to be.
5. Any new implement six inches wider than your gates.
4. The tape measure whose end is bound up with electrical tape and has a fair number of the markings worn off.
3. The wild barn cat that hides behind the feed barrel and gives you a near heart attack by screeching through the barn when you least expect it.
2. Your daughter's gelding that hasn't been ridden for 12 years, eats more than any two cows and can open any gate on the place.
1. The neighbor who buys a brand new pickup every year.

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- Dawn DuSett,
16, of Murray, will compete in
the senior division of the

Western New York Cherry
Dessert bakeoff next month in
Rochester. Cheryl Staines, 11,
of Holley, will compete in the
junior division.

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Harry Vagg of Barre was appointed Pomona Grange's representative to the Orleans Soil and Water Conservation District —

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Farmer To Neighbor event sponsors sought

Power of laughter in unleashing creativity will be highlighted

Humor enables us to do better.

That's the message to be delivered March 21 at the fifth annual Farmer to Neighbor Evening.

The evening, sponsored by the Orleans County Farm Bureau, Orleans County Chamber of Commerce and Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, is designed to bring

services, consumers and agri-business together for a stronger local business community.

This year, a silent auction of items donated by local businesses will be held.

Sponsorships are being sought from businesses to help with expenses and speaker costs. Levels of sponsorship are: Gold, \$500 or more; silver, \$250; contributor, \$100; and patron, \$25.

Gold sponsors receive four dinner tickets and display space for promotional materials.

Silver sponsors receive two dinner

tickets and display space.

Contributors receive one dinner ticket and an eight-foot display space.

This year's speaker is Phil Sorrentino, consultant, speaker and educator of Humor Consultants. Sorrentino says he's learned that the power of laughter unleashes the motivations of people to become the best that they can be.

Sorrentino is a past president of the Ohio Speakers Forum and the Columbus Entrepreneurial Network. He is a member of the National Speakers Association and has earned the

distinction of being a Certified Speaking Professional — one of only about 300 worldwide.

The dinner will be held March 21 at Hickory Ridge Golf & Country Club in Fancher. A cash bar will be open and refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Sponsors are welcome to purchase additional tickets at a discounted price of \$15.

Sponsors must be signed up and their commitments paid by March 1. For an application form, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 798-4287.

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Ag census provides accurate information

By Deborah Roberts

How often have you heard New York ranks third in the nation in dairy production or that agricultural production in New York is valued at more than \$3.4 billion? Maybe you heard the average age of a New York farm operator is nearly 54 years.

Ever wonder where those numbers came from, who uses this information or why it's important to know these and other ag facts? New Yorkers are part of an information-rich society who want, and need, facts quickly and easily to make timely decisions. But how do you know which information is accurate and can be trusted?

A bumper crop of opinions and educated guesses abound in today's agricultural industry. One source of objective, reliable facts stands apart

from the others: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Statistics Service. Organized one year after Abraham Lincoln established the USDA in 1862, NASS is the official, unbiased source of statistics on all aspects of agriculture. NASS remains the most secure and respected source of agricultural data worldwide.

Every five years, NASS conducts a congressionally mandated Census of Agriculture to capture a complete snapshot of America's agriculture. Conducted since 1840, the census is regarded as a major source of comparable and consistent details on agriculture. Included in a census are aspects of agriculture from land use and land ownership to farm injuries and deaths. It contains data on business expenses, program participa-

tion, farm organization, machinery and equipment, and much more.

The 2002 census added a few new questions about the number of farm families and people supported by each farming enterprise.

Census reports essentially provide all data at the county level. Census data have been widely used for many things including defending agricultural districts, measuring the impact of farm bill provisions and other legislation, to assessing the feasibility of locating buying stations or processing plants in certain locations.

The census began in earnest in December with questionnaires distributed to farmers and ranchers throughout the nation. All operators of farms — defined as producing and selling \$1,000 or more of agri-

cultural products during the year — are encouraged to return the requested information promptly.

The census forms were due to be returned by Monday. All farmers and ranchers are urged to return their forms as soon as possible. Anyone who did not receive a form by Feb. 1 should call 1-888-424-7828.

Remember, agriculture counts. But you can only be counted if your information is turned in.

For more information about the census, contact Stephen Ropel, state statistician, at 800-821-1276, or at nass-ny@nass.usda.gov, or call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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Just past the city limits

Top 10 indications you've gone around the bend on your horse hobby

10. Your son's name is "Poco King Leo Bars."
9. You can recite your horse feed ingredients chapter and verse but have no idea what was in that stuff you had for lunch.
8. You go to horse sales even when you've got no time, no money and no need for another horse.
7. Your family gives you tack store gift certificates for Christmas.
6. You can remember the old gray mare's last five foaling dates but not your kids' birthdays.
5. You own a horse that cost more than five cows, hasn't had a colt in two years, dumped you the last time you were on her and is still your pride and joy.
4. Your phone number's on the Rolodex of every horse trader within 100 miles.
3. You're going to patch the hole in the roof of your house just as soon as you get that new automatic horse stall door opener installed.
2. All of your pictures of your kids have horses in them, too.
1. You lie to both your wife and your banker about how many horses you have.

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Preventing injury from heavy snow

By Dave Reville

Heavy, wet snow can have a detrimental effect on the branches of ornamental trees and shrubs. What can be done to help protect trees and shrubs from this possible damage?

Some of the more helpful practices than can be used are correct pruning techniques, various types of devices to "break" or lessen the amount of snow falling on plant branches and quick removal of snow from branches before any damage occurs.

The strongest branch on a tree is one which is at a 90 degree angle with the trunk of branch it is attached to. As the angle between the branch and trunk increases or decreases, the branch strength decreases. Knowing this, you should always prune branches which are noticeably weak.

When a tree is old it may be hard to remove these weak branches because they contribute too much to the overall

ornamental value of the tree. These branches could possibly be supported with rods or cables if needed. In the case of young, newly planted trees, correct pruning techniques can insure a tree will have strong lateral branches.

Most low-to-medium height shrubs can be protected from heavy snow damage by constructing devices over them to lessen the amount of snow reaching their branches. Some of these devices will also protect the plant from scorching sun and drying winds. You have probably seen various "covers" over plants made of plywood, snow fence, etc. The design or shape of the cover should be triangular like an A-frame house so the snow will slide off easily. You can use your imagination when it comes to materials used to construct the covers.

Some people "wrap" shrubs with chicken wire or plastic snow fence to keep the branches together and supported. The fencing should be tight enough to

give support, but in the case of evergreens it should be loose enough to allow the inside of the shrub to "breathe." On top of the "wrapped" shrub you can secure a piece of burlap. This will keep snow from getting inside the center of the shrub.

Obviously, if no protection has been provided you can remove the snow from the branches before too much accumulates. You can use a broom or bamboo rake to help remove the snow. If you use this method of prevention, be sure you don't allow too much snow to accumulate at one time. Also, branches are brittle during the winter so care must be taken to prevent breaking them.

For further information, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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Swan history lecture series under way

Albion discussed first

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By Paul Lane

The Journal-Register

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

History series continues

ALBION — Partisan politics has been known to divide families, bring the wheels of democracy to a halt and, sometimes, literally split a town in two.

Albion village historian Neil Johnson, in a lecture on the history of the town of Albion Tuesday at Swan Library, said that Albion was created by just such a rift.

Before 1875, Albion was a part of the town of Barre. Formed in 1818, Barre was by far the largest township in Orleans County at that time, Johnson said.

By the 1870s, two-thirds of Barre's population was in what had become the village of Albion. This created the desire for splitting the town into two voting districts, Johnson said, as village residents didn't want to make the 4.5 mile trip to Barre Center to vote.

The Republican governor of New York at that time vetoed the change, however. He said in passing that if the town was that big, it should split in two, Johnson said.

Meanwhile, Orleans residents were growing distraught with the presidency of Republican war hero Ulysses Grant. So in 1874, Orleans residents voted Democrats into office in seven of the nine spots on the

Swan Library will host local history lectures every Tuesday through February. Each lecture will take place at 7 p.m.:

■ Feb. 11 — Helen Mathes will give a slide presentation on the history of the town of Barre.

■ Feb. 18 — Delia Robinson will present the history of the town of Carlton.

■ Feb. 25 — Robinson will offer the history of the town of Gaines.

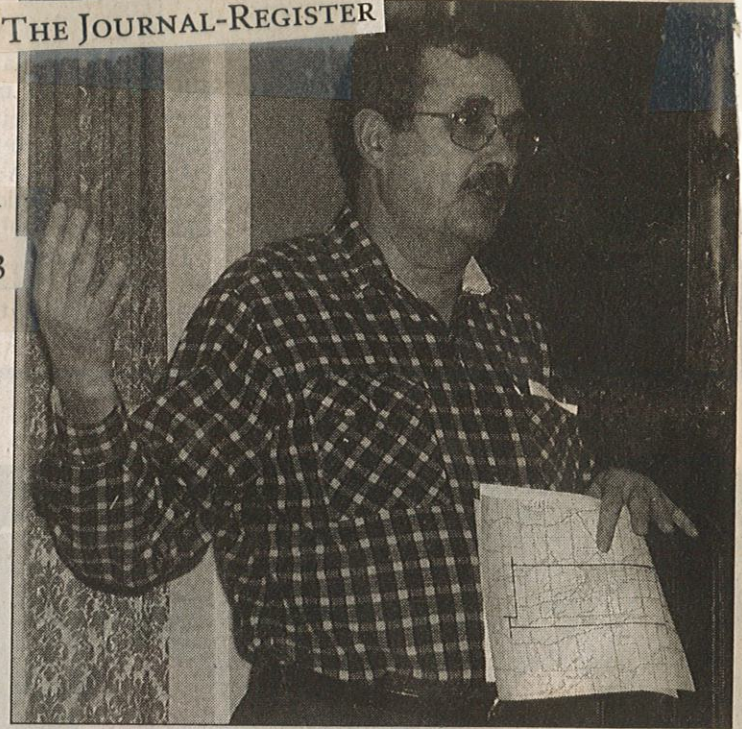
All programs are free and open to the public. Call 589-4246 for more information.

Orleans Board of Supervisors, the first time that ever happened, Johnson said.

"It must have been a real shock," he said.

The Democrat-controlled Board of Supervisors voted to split Barre, one of the two towns with a Republican representative, in two in 1875, Johnson said. Ironically, Albion voters, largely Democrats at that time, voted Republican Norman S. Fields as their first supervisor in the town election that year.

Albion was not the first name of the village from



Kate Perez/The Journal-Register

Albion village historian Neil Johnson explains maps of Orleans County before the town of Albion existed.

which the town drew its name, Johnson said. People began moving to the area around 1821, when the Erie Canal was set to be built, he said. The first official post office name given to the area, therefore, was Canal.

"If the Erie Canal hadn't come through here, there'd be no Albion," he said. "We'd be standing in the middle of a field."

A group of investors bought 100 acres of land near the canal and named it Newport around that time, Johnson said. When the time came to rename the post office, however, they learned they had to find a new name because a previous Newport post office existed elsewhere in the state.

A group of citizens met to create a new name, and lawyer Gideon Hard suggested Albion, Johnson said. Albion was the poetic name given to England, but how England got that name is uncertain, he said.

"Nobody knows exactly where the name came from."

One theory Johnson offered suggests that the word Albion was derived from the Latin word alba, which means white. England is often referred to as Albion.

but the industry faded within decades, he said.

The need for industry created by World War II revived canning in Albion, however, Johnson said. Bird's Eye acquired a cannery in Albion and set up a laboratory there, where the company experimented with freezing vegetables, he said.

"That was their laboratory for the whole world."

Canning was eventually supplanted as the town's biggest business by the prison industry. The first prison in the town was a women's house of refuge built in the 1890s, Johnson said.

"(Albion)" was about as far away from these dens of inequity these girls came from ... as you could get," he said.

That evolved into a drug rehabilitation center and a women's prison, and the county eventually built a men's prison alongside that facility.

Carol Patterson of Albion was one of about 20 people in attendance Tuesday. She said she visits the library for most of the lectures they host.

"These programs are all good," she said.

She said she will "definitely

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The amazing



Orleans County gained a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records in August 1977 when the world's largest pie, 10½ tons of apple-filled pastry, was baked at the Junior Fair. The achievement was especially delicious in light of a failed attempt at the same record in 1976. That year, nationwide media attention was drawn to the effort; unfortunately, a gas heat jet baking the pie burned a hole through the giant pie tin.

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it entertains!

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003

File Features -

50 years ago

(No paper published Jan. 31, 1953. Taken from the Feb. 2 issue:) Marie Passarell of Albion won second place in a national cherry pie contest held in Albion -

35 years ago

Robert Broadwell of Lyndonville won the essay competition in the "Career for a day" event held by the Orleans County Farm Bureau. He is off to the state Youth Power Congress in Syracuse, where he will compete for a chance to attend the national congress.

25 years ago

— Judy
Nellist, 15, of Lyndonville, won a blue award of excellence at the state 4-H apple pie contest in Niagara Falls -

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2003

File Features

25 years ago

Diane Knack, extension coordinator for the Cornell Cooperative Extension, was honored by the Federation of Sportsmens Clubs for her cooperation and interest in the organization — Kenneth Schaal was named tax/zoning officer in Shelby. The position, to pay him \$12,500 per year, was just made a full-time job by the Shelby Town Board — Trisha Cotter of Medina, Orleans' Junior Miss winner, made the trek to Syracuse to compete in the state Junior Miss competition.

Winter is a good time to groom houseplants

Dave Reville

A clean houseplant is a healthier plant. Dust and dirt that collect on plant leaves act as a filter to the sun's rays. Clean plant not only looks good; it uses energy from the sun more efficiently for photosynthesis, the process by which the plant uses the sun's energy to produce its own food.

Use a feather duster for leaves that aren't too dusty. Dampen paper towels, cloths or sponges with water to wipe dirty leaves. Carefully wipe both upper and lower surfaces of the leaf at the same time. Using a wiping motion, start at the point of attachment of the leaf and end at the leaf tip.

Apply enough pressure to remove the dirt, but not enough to pull the leaf off the staff.

Don't, however, try this on leaves with prominent leaf hairs.

Test the water and soap mixture on a small part of the plant first, to be sure there will be no damage to leaves. Leaf shine products aren't highly recommended. They can work against your attempts to preserve plant health by cleaning leaves in the first place.

Plant leaves can become spotted or blemished from a variety of factors including heat, dryness and physical damage from kids or pets. Remove leaves that are yellow or dead.

If more than half the leaf is affected, remove the entire leaf. You can remove some leaves by hand; others, you'll need to cut off.

If only a small portion of the leaf is dis-

colored, you can trim that portion to the natural shape of the leaf. Use sharp scissors for best results. To prevent wounding of healthy tissue, leave a small margin of yellow tissue as you trim.

Leaves of some plants that you trim, such as draceanus and yuccas, may continue to grow at the leaf base. Once you trim the leaf tip, however, it will not grow back.

Remove flowers as soon as they become old and fade. Remove both the flower and the stalk. Make cuts at the base of the flower stalk.

Bark splitting on trees

Bark splitting is most directly caused by various environmental factors. Splits can occur on the trunk of the tree and on the branches.

Trees which are most susceptible to this type of injury are those which are thin-barked, or newly planted young trees. Bark splits are not likely to be fatal to trees. They may allow entry of disease organisms which can cause decay.

There is no single reason for bark splitting on trees. During late winter and early spring, severe cold followed by rapid thawing can result in splits called frost cracks.

These cracks may indirectly start from a wound infliction earlier in the tree's development. Lawn mowers and weed whackers are the most common causes of such wounds. Excessive late growth in the fall, stimulated by warm temperatures, high nitrogen levels can increase

susceptibility of trees to frost cracks.

Avoid wounding trees when they are young. Be particularly careful not to bump trees when mowing near them. Mulch around young trees to eliminate the need for close mowing. Fertilize correctly and avoid excess nitrogen. Do not apply fertilizer between July 1 and dormancy in November.

Sunscauld, especially in winter months, can cause bark injury to thin-barked or young trees. Reduce sunscauld injuries to tree limbs by avoiding heavy pruning of trees with dense canopies.

Gradual thinning of limbs over a period of years is preferable, particularly on thin-barked trees. Newly planted trees may be protected from sunscauld by wrapping the main trunk with tree wrap. Apply protective wrapping in late fall and remove in spring.

When a split occurs on a tree, what should you do? An experienced arborist or landscaper may score the bark around the split with a sharp knife to aid callus formation.

Do not attempt this yourself.

A tree growing with good vigor usually calluses over just as quickly. Encourage vigor in the tree with yearly spring fertilizer applications and be sure to provide adequate irrigation in hot, dry weather. Bark splits will often close over completely by themselves.

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New agricultural biotechnology publication available

GENEVA — Answers to questions such as why genetically engineered food crops are developed, whether they are safe for humans and the environment and how they affect the global food system, can be found in "Agricultural Biotechnology: Informing the Dialog", the newest publication from the New York State Experimental Station and Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"The purpose of the publication is to help the public become more knowledgeable about the issues surrounding biotechnology, and develop a common understanding of its benefits and risks" said Anthony Shelton, Cornell

professor of entomology and chief architect of the publication.

The brochure is being widely distributed to high school science teachers in New York state, state and federal legislators, Cornell Cooperative Extension educators in New York, and grower, food, industry and consumer groups across the country.

"Educational institutions can help shed some light on the dialogue about agricultural biotechnology by identifying the issues and presenting information to the public about what we do and do not know about these issues," said Susan A. Henry, of CALS.

The publication covers 14

broad subject areas with text, photos and illustrations.

First, it provides background information on biotechnology, and reviews some basic concepts in biology and agriculture, including what a gene is, how life forms share genes, how agriculture developed over the last 10,000 years, and what traditional plant breeding is.

It identifies some of the pioneers in the field, and then goes on to discuss ag biotech as it relates to food safety, human health, the environment and global food systems, as well as the technology's development, control and regulation.

One section discusses ethical and religious values, agricultural sustainability and the labeling of transgenic foods.

Another section reviews biotech issues in the media, including transgenic papaya, the Monarch butterfly controversy and StarLink corn.

A two-page glossary of terms and a list of references is included.

Copies of "Informing the Dialog" are available for \$3 each, plus postage, from Communications Services, at the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. Call 315-787-2248; e-mail gro2@cornell.edu or the Cornell University Resource Center (call 607-255-2080); or e-mail resctr@cornell.edu.

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Just Past the City Limits

Top 10 snowy weather observations

10. You have two pickups — one that goes great in the snow but won't start in the cold and another that starts every time but is helpless in anything deeper than a half-inch.

9. Chopping ice was bad enough, and now all of sudden you have to scoop snow off the ice before you chop it.

8. If you drive your tractor and blade down the road, every snowed-in, tractor-less ranchette owner along the way will be standing outside looking pathetic and hopeful.

7. The paths the dogs make in the snow are just too darn narrow to walk in.

6. A little feed spilled on the ground, a fluttering of wings and all of a sudden you're in the middle of an Alfred Hitchcock movie.

5. You can understand why they cancelled school and all that other stuff, but how could the salebarn shut down, leaving you with nothing but bookwork?

4. You check the fine print on your bargain freeze-proof waterer only to find it's freeze-proof down only to 31 degrees.

3. You didn't have any grass left in the pasture before the snow, so why are the cows eating twice as much hay now?

2. Somehow, the house shrinks when the kids have to stay home.

1. The same neighbor who swore all summer he got less rain than you suddenly claims to have more snow.

*By Mark Parker, Farm Talk
cnhi Service*

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State amends definition of commercial horse boarding operation

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative officials have issued a reminder that Gov. George Pataki this past August signed legislation amending the definition of commercial horse boarding operation.

Pataki signed Chapter 445 of the Laws of 2002 into law, effective Jan. 1, 2003, which amends Section 301 of the Agriculture and Markets Law pertaining to horse boarding operations.

Extension officials state that the definition is used for

purposes of the exemptions from state and local sales and compensating use taxes under sections 1115 (a) (6) and (16) of the Tax Law for certain property and services used or consumed predominantly in farm production or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both.

TSB-M-00(8)S, Farmers and Commercial Horse Boarding Operations, provides detailed information about those exemptions.

Extension officials state that

Chapter 445, in part, reduces from 10 acres to seven acres the minimum acreage required for an agricultural enterprise to qualify as a commercial horse boarding operation. Therefore, effective Jan. 1, 2003, for purposes of the exemption addressed in TSB-M-00(8)S:

A commercial horse boarding operation means an agricultural enterprise, consisting of at least seven acres and boarding at least 10 horses, regardless of ownership, that

receives \$10,000 or more in gross receipts annually from fees generated either through the boarding of horses or through the production for sale of crops, livestock and livestock products, or through both such boarding and such production. a commercial horse boarding operation does not include operations whose primary on-site function is horse racing.

All other information in TSB-M-00(8)S is still valid.

United Way gets ready for this year

By Jeremy Moule
The Journal-Register

ALBION — The United Way of Eastern Orleans is looking forward to another year of service to the community.

"We'll make it a good year. We're bound to with the people we've got," said Lyndon Billings, newly elected United Way of Eastern Orleans board chair.

The organization held their annual meeting Monday night at Lissow Development. During the meeting, board members were elected, supporters were recognized and awards were handed out.

Campaign chairs Fran and Ray Lissow, and Sue Shuler honored the employee group contributors who contributed to the annual fund drive.

"Thanks to all employee groups for their generosity and dedication," Shuler said.

An Award of Excellence was presented to all groups who have raised their level of giving and have a participation level of 50 percent or greater. Those groups were the Holley Central School District, the Kendall Central School District, Orleans County employees and the Niagara Mohawk Power



Jeremy Moule/The Journal-Register

Lyndon Billings, a retired Orleans County legislator, will be taking over as United Way of Eastern Orleans board of directors chair from Frank Nichols.

The vote is in

Elected to the United Way of Eastern Orleans board of directors for 2003 were:

Lyndon Billings, board chair; Jodi Gaines, vice chair; Rebecca Dillenbeck, secretary; Gerry Golden, treasurer; Karen Banker, Casey Calabria, Robbi Hess, Ben Jones, Judith Koehler and Angie Schnibley.

Corporation.

A Certificate of Achievement was presented to each company that raised at least \$500 and had a participation level of 50 percent or above. Recipients were the Albion Central School District, Dale's Market, the Genesee-Orleans

Ministry of Concern, Remley & Company and Video Station of Albion.

Dale's Market and Palwak's Save-A-Lot also received certificates for having 100 percent participation amongst their employees.

The 2002 drive raised \$138,000 for health and human services in the eastern Orleans County area.

"We thank you on behalf of those in need," Frank Nichols, board of directors chair for 2002, said to all contributors.

The organization also honored Nichols for his commitment and service as board chair.

Contact Jeremy Moule at 798-1400, ext. 2227, or e-mail moulej@gnewsnewspaper.com.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003

File Features -

10 years ago

The Orleans County Legislature reinstated the county historian position, again to be filled by C.W. Lattin. The Legislature had eliminated the position in December, combining it with the Veterans Department. Legislators said they brought the position back after strong public sentiment in favor of it ... Theresa Mullen of Albion won the county American Legion Oratorical Contest. She is set to compete in the district contest this weekend.

DAUGHTER of Dodie & John Mullen!

problems associated with cell phones.

Constantly, cell phone owners drive around town, talking on the phone like it's the only thing they're doing. Unfortunately, I'm just as guilty as the next guy, and my grandma isn't shy to tell me it's wrong.

"You're going to get arrested," she says when I call her on my way home from work.

"No Grandma, I won't get arrested, but I will get a ticket and a fine," I always say.

Well, at Christmas she decided to do something about it. The card on the last gift from her read, "Thanks for all the phone calls. They mean so much." When I opened the box, it was a hands-free set for my cell phone. I kind of chuckled as I took it out of the box, but I knew it was a great gift -- something I had

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The Daily News • Friday, February 14, 2003

Ag Fair association offers scholarships

ALBION — Scholarships sponsored by the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs and the New York State Show People's Association are open to high school and college students. Students must be active at the Orleans County 4-H Fair and pursuing a degree in agriculture or an agriculture-related field. All applicants for Orleans County must submit their applications through the Orleans County 4-H Fair by April 11. Applications are available from the Orleans County 4-H Fairboard, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orleans County and high school guidance offices. For more information, call 589-5561.

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Spotlight on scholarship

Medina's Sands makes MSU dean's list

Theresa Sands of Medina made the dean's list at Michigan State University for the fall 2002 semester.

Sands is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Rushing the season by forcing shrubs

By Dave Reville

Just when you've given up on your frozen garden and decided to tough it out till spring, it's time to think about forcing garden shrubs indoors to enjoy their blooms.

The buds of early-flowering, woody plants were formed in the fall. They will terminate their dormancy period when they are exposed to warmth and moisture after at least six weeks of cold temperatures. Younger shoots with large buds will contain the most blooms.

That innocuous-looking pussy willow, forsythia, quince, maple and hickory can be brought to early bloom indoors. Fruit trees, such as apple, peach or plum may also be plucked for the same reason.

It is easy to do. Collect branches ranging from one and a half to three feet from any spring-flowering tree or shrub in late January, February and March. Cut branches carefully with a sharp knife or pruning tool to avoid injury. Make sure the branches you cut will not be missed when the tree flowers in the spring and proper pruning techniques are followed.

Bring the cut branches in a low light

spot with a temperature of about 60 to 65 degrees F. Mist the flower buds several times a day as they start to open. As they become more plump, they will need additional light for the colors to develop. When the branches are well developed and color is set, your spring flowering branches are ready for display. Store in cooler rooms at night to make your arrangements last longer. Placing the arrangement on the floor at night where temperatures are cooler will help prolong the life of the forced plant material.

Flowering dates indicate time to prune shrubs

Some flowering shrubs may be pruned on mild days this winter to reduce the spring workload in the garden.

The time for pruning flowering shrubs depends largely upon the time they will bloom in the garden. Forsythia, weigela, bridal wreath, lilac and most other spring flowering shrubs bloom on last year's growth. Overgrown shrubs of this type may be thinned during the winter by removing older stems close to the ground. Leave the younger wood of the

past few seasons to produce flowers this spring.

After these spring shrubs have flowered, the branches may be pruned back from the tips to reduce the size of the plants. Vary the length of the branches to avoid an unnatural appearance.

Rose-of-Sharon, glossy abelia, "P.G." hydrangea, butterfly bush and most summer flowering shrubs will flower on growth produced this growing season. These may be pruned back by early April and will still bloom this summer.

The pink or blue florists' hydrangea is an exception to the rule for summer flowering shrubs. These plants set buds the previous autumn and any pruning should be done just after flowers fade. Many gardeners who have had trouble getting this type of hydrangea to flower find they have been pruning off the buds in late winter.

Contact Cooperative Extension at 589-5561 for details on purchasing the latest Cornell bulletin on pruning.

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County Right to Farm Law is proposed

By Deborah Roberts
The Journal-Register

Yet again, the statistics show that New York is among the top agriculture states in the country. New York ranks third in the number of dairy cows, second in apple production, third in grape and tart cherry production, fourth in pear production, sixth in the value of principle fresh market vegetables, and seventh in strawberry production (NASS).

And Orleans County is still among the top in New York State, as well as the country for many crops. Agriculture is important to the economic base of Orleans County. But agriculture is more than just farms, it is an industry.

The investment in farm equipment and infrastructure, as well as the businesses that supply farms and market the crops make up a large portion of our local economy. Because of this fact, the Orleans County Agriculture and Farm-

land Protection Board has proposed a county Right to Farm Law.

Currently only the Town of Murray has a Right to Farm Law on the books. The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board is in the process of presenting the information behind the Law to the towns and villages with the idea that adoption across the county would allow for a consistent message and process. In the discussions that have ensued, there have been many questions about what a Right to Farm Law is and what it accomplishes. Here is some background on Right to Farm laws that will hopefully address some of these questions.

A Right to Farm Law is designed to be a form of community support and endorsement for its farm businesses. Specifically it is a legislative statement that says sound farming practices are not a threat to public health and safety while not superceding

local zoning ordinances. County or town Right to Farm Laws work in concert with the NYS Ag District Law since most problems are handled at the local level first.

Usually Right to Farm Laws are needed because of growth in the community. New residents may move to a community for the rural character, however they may not easily adjust to the noise, dust, or odors caused by farming.

By being proactive, some issues can be resolved before they get started. Right to Farm Laws can serve as the base for a county Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, which can then bring in funds for agricultural economic development through grants from New York State Agriculture and Markets.

Several counties have adopted Right to Farm Laws as part of their Farmland Protection Plan.

The Farmland Protection Plans are developed to reflect local views on what needs to

happen with agriculture.

The plans across the state are very different in each county. In some counties the Plan includes purchase of development rights to preserve green space and in some it includes incentives like grants for agri-tourism.

Many of the plans have focused more on enhancement of the local agricultural industry since a profitable bottom line is what will preserve agriculture in the long run!

It is in everyone's best interest that Orleans County agriculture be vibrant and profitable. A Right to Farm Law is one way for the community to support the industry as a whole.

For more information on Right to Farm Laws or Agriculture and Farmland Protection call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension

A visit with Medina's FFA prog

THURSDAY, FEBR

The Journal-Register

"Let me show you my mom, Shelly," said Jen Daggs as she took a large scrapbook from the archive shelf in the FFA meeting room, "She was New York State president." Jen is proudly following in her mother's footsteps as she leads Medina High School's busy chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

I've stopped by on a sunny January afternoon to visit with the officers and their advisor, Mike Crandall and learn about their chapter, a unit that is being honored as this year's top chapter in the Empire State.

Even though classes are done for the day, the room gives a strong impression of the energy and organization of the FFA and the Ag program at the high school. A rack of familiar blue jackets lines a wall, next to racks of notebooks and Ag folders. The room is ringed by a shelf crowded with plaques and trophies, attesting to the success achieved during the 65-year history of the Medina High School chapter of the Future

Farmers of America.

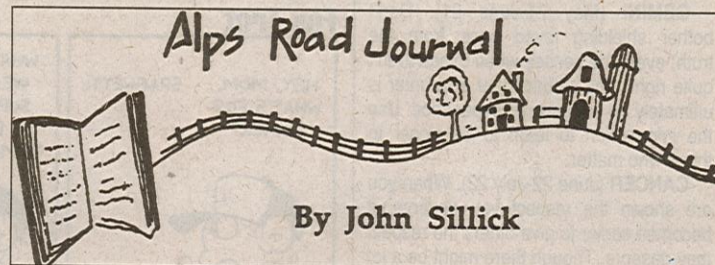
Sitting around a table with Jen are VP senior Andy Beach, and junior Stephanie Boyle, secretary; Ashley Schaal, a sophomore, is the group's parliamentarian and senior Chris Crandall, the treasurer. The quartet radiates enthusiasm. They are having quite a year.

Ten members of the chapter traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the National Convention. It was a long ride on a bumpy school bus, but worth the trip. The students saw Mohammed Ali, heard Rick Pitino speak, and enjoyed collecting autographs from FFA members from each of the fifty states. They vividly recalled reciting the FFA motto along with 4500 fellow members. "It gave us goosebumps," they remembered.

"What are the main things you do?" I ask like a dutiful reporter, and I am handed a



J. Sillick



By John Sillick

neatly typed program outlining over 200 club activities and observances. Inside is also a treasurer's report that shows that Chris Crandall keeps track of more than \$38,000.

The Medina FFA chapter has sixty-eight dues-paying members at the high school level and as many in the middle school grades. About half of the kids are from farm backgrounds.

The best part of their year? A unanimous shout reveals the answer: "Camp Oswegatchie!" "It's the best place in the whole, wide world." Members spend a week in the Adirondacks each summer, bonding and building teamwork skills, as they play games and are challenged by the "zip line" a heart-pounding pulley

ride that stretches 800 feet. Wall climbing and rope exercises are other confidence-building programs.

The winter weekend sessions are also a lot of fun—snowmobiling, skiing, and laughing at night while playing board games in the cabins.

Chapter fund-raising provides half the cost of attending the camp. Members establish "thrift accounts" to set aside the rest throughout the year.

The club provides a wealth of practical economic experiences. Members sell \$10,000 worth of citrus every year. Other income is earned by the cider sale from apples harvested from the school's orchard, and the apple-vending machine that the FFA

cares for at the high school. They have high hopes for this summer's wheat crop from the 20 acres at the school's "Land Lab" north of town, where they also plan to plant blueberries in the coming season.

In the school shop members build things to sell. This week they've finished welding a heavy-duty bale carrier they designed. Last year they manufactured 72 pieces of yard furniture and a small barn.

Individual members can earn citations such as the "Empire Degree" for earning more than a thousand dollars from a farming activity. Chris and Jen achieved that distinction this year.

In the spring, the club stages a petting zoo of farm animals for elementary school students. The officers laugh about the year a Hereford cow with a mind of her own left the shop where the event was being held and went through a doorway into a classroom where she left a mess behind.

Communication is a large part of the FFA program. Many opportunities are pro-

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Top 10 indications you've gone around the bend on your horse hobby

10. Your son's name is "Poco King Leo Bars."

9. You can recite your horse feed ingredients chapter and verse but have no idea what was in that stuff you had for lunch.

8. You go to horse sales even when you've got no time, no money and no need for another horse.

7. Your family gives you tack store gift certificates for Christmas.

6. You can remember the old gray mare's last five foaling dates but not your kids' birthdays.

5. You own a horse that cost more than five cows, hasn't had a colt in two years, dumped you the last time you were on her and is still your pride and joy.

4. Your phone number's on the Rolodex of every horse trader within 100 miles.

3. You're going to patch the hole in the roof of your house just as soon as you get that new automatic horse stall door opener installed.

2. All of your pictures of your kids have horses in them, too.

1. You lie to both your wife and your banker about how many horses you have.

By Mark Parker, Farm Talk, cnhi Service

Female right leader should be remembered

I would like to wish Susan B. Anthony a happy birthday on Feb. 15, 2003. The day commemorates the 183rd anniversary of her birthday.

Most people recognize the name Susan B. Anthony as that of the great women's rights campaigner. She was indeed instrumental in helping women achieve the right to vote in 1920.

Susan B. Anthony was opposed to slavery and legal prostitution. She believed

everyone should have the right to vote. She believed that all people should be treated equally and she made no exception for the unborn; she was opposed to abortion.

Susan B. Anthony believed that unborn children had the right to life and she referred to abortion as "child murder" in her newspaper, The Revolution. She recognized the need to "eradicate the most monstrous crime" of abortion from society. It is often unre-

ported in history that Anthony held such strong pro-life views.

That is why I'm writing in honor of her birthday. I want everyone to know that Susan B. Anthony was not just a champion for women; she was also a champion for the unborn.

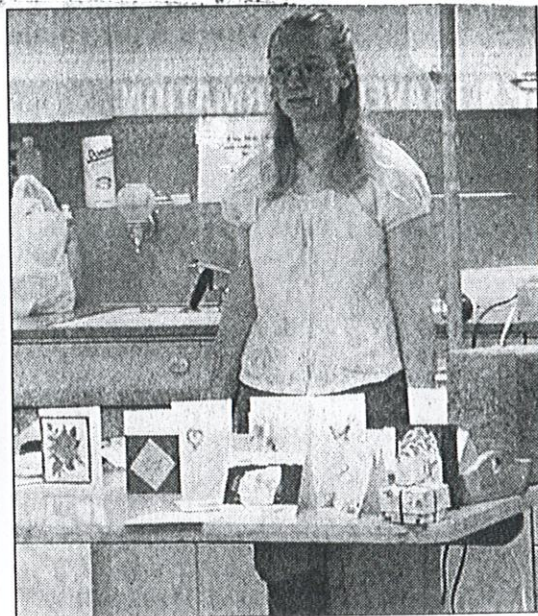
Happy Birthday, Susan B. Anthony!

**Marion Toussaint
Medina**

Here's looking at youth



Michael Halstead of the Orleans County Heelers 4-H Club demonstrates basic dog agility at Orleans County 4-H Public Presentation Days.



Rachel Preston of the Moonlight Dreamers 4-H Club demonstrates rubber stamping.

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2003

4-H Presentation Days draws 68 youths to the public forum

Several members of Orleans County 4-H advanced to the next level of 4-H Public Presentations after local competition Feb. 1.

Michael Halstead and Rachel Preston will represent the county at New York State Public Presentations, to be held Oct. 4 at Cornell University.

Jessica Arno, Audrey Rath, Tyler Tower and Carly Wells will represent Orleans County in the regional horse public presentations program set for April 5 in Medina. From the regional level, youths will be selected to compete at the New York State Horse Communications Event at Cornell University in May.

The county level of Presentation Days gave 68 youths the opportunity to make presentations on topics ranging from parts of the horse to model rockets to lighthouse candles.

Presentation Days are an opportunity for young people to develop a positive self-concept and poise, gain self-confidence before a group, learn to express ideas clearly, respond simultaneously to questions and gain subject matter knowledge, said Margo Bowerman, 4-H team coordinator.

4-H alumni often credit presentation days for giving them an edge with peers in college

and professional careers, she said.

Program participants at the county level were:

Mandy Arner, Jessica Arno, Nicole Bennett, Kagney Bieniek, Nicole Brown, Erica Callahan, Amanda Churchfield, Jessica Claus, Zachary Claus, Chelsie Cliff, Amie Collazo, Keli Collazo, Sarah Collier, Bethany Coon, Sheena Coon, Bailey Duemmel, Lyndsie Duemmel, Miranda Feller, Rebekah Feller, Lyanne Fousse, Jeri Frazier, Joey Frazier, Mary-Grace Gabalski, William Gabalski, Toni Garcia-Codori, Alissa Gee, Joshua Goodrich, Dean Graning, Star Graning, Charity Greenwood, Desiree Greenwood, Anne Halstead, Michael Halstead, Nicole Handlos, Lisa Hansen, Thomas Heck, Samara Killings, Brandi Kurzowski, Sydney Lamka, Tegan Leach, Michael Levandowski, Paige Levandowski, Drew Logan, Mark Logan, Meg Logan, Kristen Marciszewski, Andrew Ottaviano, Dana Rose Phillips, Rachael Phillips, Rachel Preston, Audrey Rath, Anna Rich, Katelyn Rich, Katy Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Breían Rylander, Nicole Sands, Katelyn Schlehuber, Aimee Shortridge, Deborah Shortridge, Amanda Smith, George Snell, Hattie Starr, Toya Torrance, Tyler Tower, Jeanette Trautwein, Carly Wells and Kevin Young.

For more information about 4-H, call the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Office at 589-5561.

The Daily News • Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Orleans Co. 4-H'ers pay tribute to troops with Valentine's cards

Orleans County 4-H'ers demonstrated their appreciation for the nation's military personnel by creating nearly 4,000 Valentine's Day cards for distribution to the troops.

Orleans County 4-H'ers gathered at the Fairgrounds on Jan. 11 to make the cards. Seventy-three 4-H members and leaders, from 13 different clubs, participated in the activity.

The Valentine's Day cards are distributed by an organization called Friends of Our Troops, one of the few organizations that are able to send mail to military personnel. Friends of Our Troops is based in North Carolina and has strict guidelines regarding the preparation and handling of its mail.

This is the seventh year that Orleans County 4-H Clubs have made Valentines for service-

men and women throughout the world. Last year, Orleans County 4-H maintained its national recognition as the leading group of any type in New York State and the second leading 4-H group in the United States for the number of Valentine's Day Military Mailgrams created and distributed to members of U.S. Armed Forces.

The Orleans County 4-H Senior Council sponsors 4-H Military Mailgram Day, providing supplies for the cards as well as the envelopes, and covering the postal fees and membership fees.

For more information about this program or about 4-H, contact the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003

Blue spruce trees offered this month

Ten Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to those who join the National Arbor Day Foundation this month.

Blue spruces have a silver blue-green color and a compact conical shape. They are used as ornamentals, windbreaks, privacy screens and Christmas trees.

The 6- to 12-inch trees will be shipped postpaid at the proper planting time, before May 31, with instructions.

To join, mail a \$10 fee to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28.

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003

Scholarships available to local 4-H'ers

Scholarships are available to students who are active in Orleans County's 4-H Fair and plan to pursue a degree in agriculture or a related field.

The award process is open to both high school and college students.

Applications are available through the county fair board at the cooperative extension and from high school guidance counselors.

The awards are sponsored by New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs and the New York State Show People's Association.

For more information, call 589-5561.

Orleans girls honored for heavenly work

By **Brian M. Bannister**
The Journal-Register

Two teenage members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Medina were recently honored by the Diocese of Buffalo.

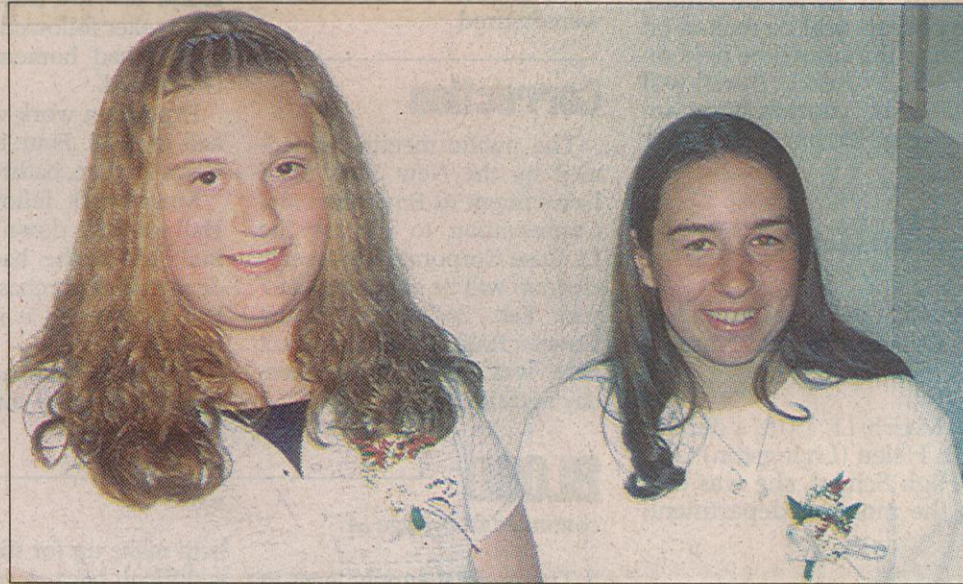
Amanda Vreeland, daughter of Gary and Barbara Vreeland, and Michelle Sands, daughter of Calvin and Patricia Sands, were recipients of the Manus Christi (Hands of Christ) Award at the 51st Annual Diocesan Youth Convention in Buffalo on Sunday.

The award is presented to "teenagers who possess outstanding moral character, are seniors in high school, and are currently active in youth and parish ministry," according to the Diocese.

"It was a complete surprise to me, I was completely shocked," Sands said.

Vreeland was equally surprised, and said she was "very honored."

Unbeknownst to the teens, Sacred Heart's Sister Presentia had nominated them for the award. Presentia heaped high praise on the girls' activism at the church and said when it came to volunteering, "they were everywhere."



Brian M. Bannister/The Journal-Register

Amanda Vreeland, left, and Michelle Sands were honored recently by the Diocese of Buffalo.

Vreeland teaches kindergarten religious education at the church and Sands teaches first-graders. This summer, they helped make book bags from old jeans and heavy fabric to send to the school children of Afghanistan.

They sponsored a drive to collect pens, pencils, paper and other school supplies to fill the bags. Both helped gather clothing and supplies for the needy of Nicaragua, and packed more than 100 boxes with small toys and necessities to be distributed for Operation Christmas Child.

Each of the young ladies has earned the Girl Scouts' highest award and are regular readers at Sunday Mass.

Neither has firm plans for after graduation, but both intend to go to college. Vreeland would like to study pharmaceuticals and Sands would like to take up physical therapy.

Contact **Brian M. Bannister** at 798-1400, ext. 2226, or e-mail brianmbann@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

Just Past the City Limits

Top 10 best auctioneer lines

10. Why in the world would she need four teats when she's only going to have one calf?
9. And you can tell by the nice clean puddle of oil on the ground that they've changed the oil regularly in this fine, vintage grain truck.
8. There's a lot to be said for having a combine the neighbors won't want to borrow.
7. Fellas, we're talkin' about a cow you'll be able to sneak up on from that one side because she'll never see you comin'.
6. Sure the fenders have rusted off, but that means less weight and better performance.
5. Any sow that can make a 5-ft.-6 ring man hop over a 6-ft.-2 fence is bound to be a good mother.
4. All you'll have to do is drive these calves past some corn and they'll gain weight.
3. This here calf is one-in-a-million—actually, according to USDA, he's one in about 40.3 million.
2. Every cowherd needs one old cow that acts like that just to keep the cowboys awake.
1. Now I'll admit that having three legs kinda spoils the horse's looks but just remember you're going to save 25 percent on your shoeing bill.

By Mark Parker, Farm Talk
cnhi Service

The Daily News • Wednesday, February 19, 2003

CLUB NEWS

H.O.R.S.E. makes valentines

ALBION — The H.O.R.S.E. Club met Jan. 29 at the Orleans County Fairgrounds.

Members discussed participation in the Mail-O-Gram in which they made more than 800 valentines for U.S. soldiers.

The club is trying to raise money to build a barn for more stalls during the Orleans County Fair.

The next meeting is Sunday.

The Journal-Register

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003

Spotlight on scholarship

Three shining at Syracuse U.

Three area residents were named to the fall 2002 semester dean's list at Syracuse University. They are:

■ Corinne Toenniessen of Albion, a senior studying music education in the College of Visual and Performing Arts

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003

H.O.R.S.E. club explores service

Members of H.O.R.S.E. Club made more than 800 valentines for U.S. soldiers during the most recent 4-H Mail-o-Gram campaign.

The results of the club's participation were discussed during the most recent meeting, as was the importance of community service beyond the requirements of the fair.

In an educational program, members learned about foot faults and stirrup lengths.

The club is seeking to raise money to build a barn for more stalls that can be used during the Orleans County Fair.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 23.

• The Daily News • Tuesday, March 4, 2003

An Invitation from Agway Feed & Nutrition to attend a FREE symposium and lunch



Calf and Heifer Raising Findings from Agway's TSPF Farms

Charles E. Gardner, D.V.M. & Gerald Bertoldo, D.V.M

Wednesday, March 19

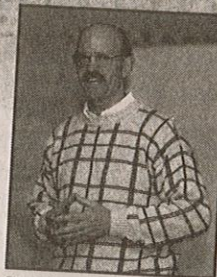
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Best Western Hotel (Just off thruway exit)
Batavia**

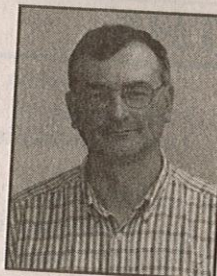
In this informal session, Dr. Gardner and Dr. Bertoldo will share Agway's experiences and general principles of calf and heifer raising. They will discuss specific diseases, dry cow programs and overall management from birth to calving.

The information will assist you in implementing your own calf and heifer programs.

Call 585-757-2440 to register



Dr. Charles E. Gardner



Dr. Gerald Bertoldo



Feed & Nutrition

• The Daily News • Tuesday, March 4, 2003

SAND-LADEN MANURE HANDLING SEMINAR

March 28, 2003 (Friday) ♦ 8:30 (check-in) - 4:00 p.m.

Batavia Party House, Stafford, NY

& on-farm visit:

Lamb Farm (main farm), Oakfield, NY

Handling sand- laden manure presents several challenges. This seminar will address the main issues to consider when planning to use sand bedding. Topics will be presented by the acknowledged experts in the field:

- ♦ Larry Smith, Ohio State University
- ♦ Curt Gooch, Cornell University
- ♦ Bill Bickert, Michigan State University
- ♦ Andrew Wedel, McLanahan Corporation

The seminar will conclude with a visit to Lamb Farm, Oakfield where several innovations in sand laden manure handling have been implemented.

Registration is \$50 including lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Call Wendy @ 585-343-3040 x138 no later than 3/20/03.

Brought to you by NWN Y Dairy, Livestock & Field Crops Program
of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities.

• The Daily News • Tuesday, March 4, 2003

BRIEFLY

Civil War programs planned

ALBION — A series of programs on the Civil War are scheduled in March at Swan Library, 4 North Main St. All programs begin at 7 p.m.

■ Wednesday, "Flavors of the Civil War." Experience a typical meal at the time of the Civil War and sample foods prepared by Sarah and Joanne Johnson. Reservations are required for this program. Call 589-4246.

■ March 12. "Civil War Era Clothing." Presented by Doreen H. Clark of The Victorian Thimble and Petals in Clarendon. Clark is a historical reproduction clothier. A collection of Civil War era clothing will be on display in the library through March 15.

■ March 19

Lake Country Pennysaver

March 2, 2003

NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension
is seeking a bid for:

* Reroofing an 80x200 pole barn with lean-to

This building is at the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds. Interested bidders should contact Cooperative Extension at 585-589-5561 or PO Box 150, Albion, NY 14411 for specifications and contact person. Deadline for bids is March 20, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at Cooperative Extension, 20 South Main St., Albion, NY at 7:30 p.m. on March 20, 2003 at the Board of Directors meeting.

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Nancy J. Thering
Finance Administrator

The Daily News • Friday, February 28, 2003



Youth bureaus in Albany

The City of Batavia and Genesee-Orleans youth bureaus saluted State Sen. Mary Lou Rath with an award for her dedication and commitment to the young people of New York state during a ceremony Monday at the Capitol in Albany. The youth bureaus were in Albany during the Association of New York State Youth Bureau's Leadership Forum. After the ceremony, they visited Rath's office in the Legislative Office Building. Back row, from left, are Angela Barbeau, Susan Eddy, Chris Lonnen, Ben Taylor and Ray Toennessien. Front row, from left, are Rath, Genesis Castro, Chrystal LaPaglia, Michelle Mancuso and Michael Rosenbeck.

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2003

Vreeland, Coon set to represent 4-H in Albany

ALBANY — Amanda Vreeland of Medina and Sheena Coon of Middleport will represent Orleans County at the state 4-H's 68th annual Capitol Days next week.

They will meet with state government leaders, members of

the court system and agency representatives on Monday and Tuesday, along with observing a working session of the state Legislature and talking with members of the area delegation.



A. Vreeland

State Sen. Elizabeth Little will discuss the legislative process and Assemblyman Paul Tonko will review how a bill becomes a law.

The 4-H delegation is drawn from every county in New York. About 140 teens will be escorted by volunteer leaders and 4-H staff.

Vreeland, a member of the Moonlight Dreamers 4-H Club, represents Orleans County frequently in 4-H events.

Coon, president of the Orleans County 4-H Senior Council, is a member of the Orleans County Heelers, a 4-H dog club.

For more information about 4-H, call 589-5561.

The Daily News • Friday, February 28, 2003

Delegation of 4-H members going to Albany Monday and Tuesday

ALBION — A delegation representing thousands of 4-H members in New York state will expand their knowledge of state government when they travel to Albany Monday and Tuesday for the 68th annual 4-H Capital Days event.

Representing Orleans County will be Amanda Vreeland of Medina and Sheena Coon of Middleport. Vreeland is a member of the Moonlight Dreamers 4-H Club. Coon is president of the Orleans County

4-H Senior Council and a member of the Orleans County Heelers, a 4-H dog club. Extension 4-H Team Coordinator Margo Bowerman will accompany the delegates.

During this year's event, 4-H members, volunteer leaders and staff will meet with leaders in state government, members of the court system and officials from a variety of state agencies. They will observe a working session of the state legislature and talk with their representatives. Dele-

gates will learn about career opportunities in government and participate in discussion sessions.

The 4-H Capital Days program is sponsored by the New York State Association of Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Educators.

Local financial support for the trip is provided by the Orleans County 4-H Leaders Association and Orleans County 4-H Senior Council.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Just Past the City Limits

Top 10 things you'll never hear a farmer say

10. Gee, I sure wish someone from the government would come out here to see if I've got any endangered species on my ground.

9. Are you sure that tractor is only \$50,000?

8. Honey, why don't I just say to heck with baling up the rest of that hay so we can go out to dinner and a movie.

7. I believe I'll have the vegetarian platter.

6. I'd better wait and finish up this field in the morning or I'll be late for supper.

5. Oh sure, if I had held on to my soybeans a little longer I would have gotten more money but I'm very happy with the price I got.

4. Boy it's been a perfect year for rainfall—not too much, not too little and always at just the right time.

3. I think I'll call the county appraiser's office—this property tax assessment seems way too low.

2. Farm sale? Who wants to go to a farm sale when the ballet's in town?

1. No thank you. I have plenty of caps.

By Mark Parker, Farm Talk
cnhi Service

Extension seeks residents' aid in assessing county's needs

By Deborah Roberts

The fact that it is almost March makes it seem like spring is just around the corner. This is the time when gardeners and farmers make their plans for the coming growing season.

At Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, we are also planning our "growing season." Our growing season refers to the programs we will focus on that address the needs of Orleans County residents for the next three years. We refer to this plan as the Plan of Work.

The Plan of Work is a standard planning document that all federal and state agencies use to set the overall goals for their program work. There are several steps that are designed to ensure a good plan.

The first step to any long-range plan is to take a close look at what your environment is. That means that we will be taking a look at

Orleans County and what the needs of its residents are.

While Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension cannot meet all the needs, the idea is that we will be able to see the needs that our educational programs address. In this step, we are enlisting the help of our many, many volunteers by asking them to contact people they know to ask others what they see as the needs. We also need the public's help with this.

The next step will be to look at what we are doing

now and see if it truly is addressing all that we can. Our current programs in 4-H youth development, horticulture and agriculture have evolved over the years as a result of needs identified in the past. We need to know if those needs are still there and are we effectively addressing them.

The Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors will be involved in analyzing the information collected along with the staff.

The final step is then look-

ing at what we can do in the future to address the needs of the county. The staff and Board of Directors will need to look at whether there are new needs that need to be addressed with new programs, as well as whether the current programs will need changing to better meet future needs. A direction for future programming will be decided and set in motion.

Local associations of Cornell Cooperative Extensions are made up of all the residents of a county. The pro-

grams are to reflect the needs and wants of the county residents.

It is our goal to identify and address those needs with out educational programs as accurately as possible.

We need the residents of Orleans County to voice their opinions if we are to be accurate in our assessments.

So, we would like to know what you see as the pressing needs of the people of Orleans County and how you think OCCCE can and does meet those needs.

You can tell your ideas to a volunteer or staff member you may know, call the office at 589-5562 or send a letter to P.O. Box 150, Albion NY 14411.

It is our goal to help with building a strong and vibrant Orleans community.

For more information contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2002

File Features

35 years ago

(No paper published Aug. 5, 1967. From the Aug. 3 edition:) The county Board of Supervisors authorized allocating another \$350,000 to the welfare department to cover an unexpected increase in state Medicaid costs — Virginia Wolfe won the title Grand Champion Beef Showman at the Orleans County 4-H Fair

The Journal-Register

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002

File Features

35 years ago

(No paper published Aug. 6, 1967. From the Aug. 4 edition:) James Broadwell of Kenyonville won the grand champion award at the Orleans County Fair with his entry in the swine market pig category —

The Journal-Register

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2002

File Features

25 years ago

(No paper published Aug. 7, 1977. From the Aug. 5 edition:) The Gaines Democratic Committee nominated Theodore Swiercznski to run for his fifth term as town supervisor in November — Kevin Pask of East Shelby Road was a double-winner at the county fair. He won grand champion for sheep showmanship and best market lamb —

County fair not all about fun and games

Over the years, the Journal-Register has published articles on the supposed benefits of 4-H livestock programs, in which young people raise pigs, goats, calves or other farm animals and show them off at the Orleans County Fair. However, there is another

side to these stories.

In the Summer 2002 "Animal Issues," Monica Engebretson recalled that "As a young girl I raised pigs as part of the 4-H livestock program. Each year I looked forward to the fun of bringing home a new piglet to name, feed, bathe, walk and play with. As summer approached, anticipation of the county fair grew with dreams of winning in the showmanship competition or having my pig declared 'Grand Champion.'"

But Engebretson also experienced sadness: "Although kids are coached not to cry while in the auction ring, it is terribly difficult to hold back the tears as buyers shout out offers to buy your friend by the pound. In the end they were forced onto a crowded loading truck. They arrived at the slaughterhouse to wait a week or more in crowded pens — frightened, stressed and confused — before finally being slaughtered. The pain I felt differed from the pain of loss from a dog or cat because this pain was combined with the guilt I felt for having sent my friend off to die and from having profited from it."

Engebretson nonetheless rationalized that 4-H raised animals are at least treated much better than most other farm animals. At age 14, Engebretson became a

vegetarian. Two years later, it occurred to her "that no matter how the animal was raised the killing was unnecessary." So she quit the livestock program.

Engebretson continued to participate in other 4-H programs. Gardening, summer camp counseling, leadership training, woodworking, guide dog training and photography are among the worthwhile 4-H programs that "leave children with feelings of accomplishment and pride, not pain and guilt," Engebretson concluded.

Think about the love that many people have for their dogs. Now imagine "man's best friend" being brought to a dog show at the Orleans County Fair. When the show is over the dogs, instead of going home, are auctioned off for slaughter.

That would, indeed, be a horrifying scenario. We are appalled that some Asian nations inhumanely slaughter dogs for their meat or fur, but we give little thought to the fact that we, ourselves, do the same thing to other equally lovable sentient beings.

Joel Freedman
Canandaigua
Chairman, public education
committee
Animal Rights Advocates of
Upstate New York

March 9, 2003

Orleans County 4-H Holds Successful Public Presentations Day

Orleans County 4-H Public Presentation Days was held on Saturday February 1 at several sites within the county. Sixty-eight 4-H members, ranging in age from 8 to 18 presented on topics ranging from Parts of the Horse to Model Rockets to Lighthouse Candles.

According to Margo Bowerman 4-H Team Coordinator for Orleans County, the 4-H Public Presentation Program is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences and is often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge about peers in both college and professional careers. It provides a unique opportunity to develop a positive self-concept and poise, gain self-confidence before a group, learn to express ideas clearly, respond simultaneously to questions, and gain subject matter knowledge.

Participating in this year's Orleans County 4-H Public Presentation program were: Mandy Armer, Jessica Arno, Nicole Bennett, Kagney Bieniek, Nicole Brown, Erica Callahan, Amanda Churchfield, Jessica Claus, Zachary Claus, Chelsie Cliff, Amie Collazo, Keli Collazo, Sarah Collier, Bethany Coon, Sheena Coon, Bailey Duemmel, Lyndsie Duemmel, Miranda Feller, Rebekah Feller, Lyanne Fousse, Jeri Frazier, Joey Frazier, Mary-Grace Gabalski, William Gabalski, Toni Garcia-Codori, Alissa Gee, Joshua Goodrich, Dean Graning, Star Graning, Charity Greenwood, Desiree Greenwood, Anne Halstead, Michael Halstead, Nicole Handlos, Lisa Hansen, Thomas Heck, Samara Killings, Brandi Kurzowski, Sydney Lamka, Tegan Leach, Michael Levandowski, Paige Levandowski, Drew Logan, Mark Logan, Meg Logan, Kristen Marciszewski, Andrew Ottaviano, Dana Rose Phillips, Rachael Phillips, Rachel Preston, Audrey Rath, Anna Rich, Katelyn Rich, Katy Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Bre'an Rylander, Nicole Sands, Katelyn Schehuber, Aimee Shortridge, Deborah Shortridge, Amanda Smith, George Snell, Hattie Starr, Toya Torrance, Tyler Tower, Jeanette Trutwein, Carly Wells, and Kevin Young.

The Public Presentations Program also occurs on Regional and State-wide levels. Representing Orleans County in the Regional Horse Public Presentations in Medina on April 5th will be Jessica Arno, Audrey Rath, Tyler Tower, and Carly Wells. Following the Regional Presentations, these youth may have the opportunity to compete at the New York State Horse Communications Event in May at Cornell University. Representing Orleans County at New York State Public Presentations (other than Horse-related presentations) on October 4th at Cornell University will be Michael Halstead and Rachel Preston.

For more information about 4-H Public Presentations or Orleans County 4-H, call the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Office at 589-5561.

A taste of history

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003



Dennis Stierer/The Journal-Register
A "Taste of the Civil War" was conducted at Swan Library Wednesday. Here, Joanne Johnson and her husband Neil talk about what soldiers are and how they used utensils. The meal they prepared is a "Sunday dinner" that included meat and vegetables.

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003

File Features

50 Years Ago

(No paper published March 7, 1953. Taken from the March 9 issue:) Shirley Mundion of Millville and Fraser James of Lyndonville were in Albany as part of National 4-H Week. They won the trip in an essay contest, and went to observe state government in action —

Farmer-to-Neighbor evening slated

FANCHER — Humor consultant Phil Sorentino will be the guest speaker at the third annual Farmer-to-Neighbor Evening on March 21.

Sorentino, a speaker and educator, will deliver the message that laughter has the power to unleash people's motivation to be the best that they can be.

A few of his accomplishments include more than 29 years in business management including food service, retailing and financial services; more than 3,000 presentations in more than 21 years of speaking before a wide variety of audiences and professionals; past president, The Ohio Speakers Forum; member, National Speakers Association;

and charter president, Columbus Chapter of the Entrepreneurship Institute.

Sorentino has achieved the distinction of certified speaking professional, one of approximately 450 worldwide. He is also the chairman of the CEO Club of



P. Sorentino

Ohio.

The event will take place March 21 at the Hickory Ridge Banquet Facility in Fancher. A cash bar will open at 6 p.m., with a buffet dinner being served at 7 p.m. A silent auction will also take place from 6 to 7 p.m.

The event is jointly sponsored by Orleans County Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

Farmer to Neighbor Evening upcoming

By Deborah Roberts

You often hear how agriculture is the No. 1 industry in Orleans County. What isn't always obvious is how inter-related other businesses are with the agricultural businesses.

The most directly related are the suppliers of agricultural inputs like machinery, parts, chemicals, feed and fertilizers.

However, equally important are the relationship between agricultural businesses and other businesses such as the retailers, insurance agents, banks, restaurants and others.

To highlight the interconnectedness of all businesses in the county, the Orleans Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Cornell Cooperative Extension are hosting the fifth annual Farmer to Neighbor evening. The dinner will be

held March 21 at the Hickory Ridge Farm & Country Club, Fancher.

In addition to bringing services, consumers and agri-businesses together to create and maintain awareness for a strong business community in Orleans County, the evening is designed to entertain and inform,

Past speakers have talked about community planning, how to cook fabulous eggs and Niagara winemaking.

This year's speaker is Phil Sorentino, consultant, speaker and educator of humor consultants.

Sorentino has learned that the power of laughter unleashes the motivations of people to become the best that they can be. He is the past president of the Ohio Speakers' forum, past president of the Columbus

Entrepreneurial Network and a member of the National speakers Association.

Sorentino has earned the distinction of certified speaking professional, one of approximately 300 worldwide. His focus will be how humor enables us to do better.

One of the keys to success of the Farmer to Neighbor Evening has been the financial support of many of the businesses of Orleans County and beyond. This year sponsors at the \$750 level have the opportunity to host a seminar with Sorentino during the day at their firm.

One of the other highlights of the evening that has evolved over the years is a silent auction of products donated by a wide variety of Orleans County businesses.

Because of the focus on

Orleans County firms, for the second year in a row, dessert will be provided by Clarendon Cheesecake.

The diversity of firms found in Orleans County is amazing and is reflected by those participating in the Farmer to Neighbor Evening.

Everyone is invited to attend the event, whether part of an Orleans County business or an Orleans County consumer. For more information on sponsorships or reservations, contact the Orleans County Chamber of Commerce, 433 Main St., Medina (798-4287).

For more information on agricultural businesses, contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Garden work for the month of March

By Dave Reville

March is the time of year when we begin to get spring planting fever, in spite of the snowpack on the ground now. Several things can be done at this time of year and include the following suggestions.

If your perennials heave out of the ground after a thaw, which will come, be gentle (stomping them into the ground breaks roots). Pile soil or mulch on them and replant carefully when the soil has softened.

Prune fruit trees and grape vines if you haven't done so already. Cooperative Extension has pruning guidelines.

March is a good time to start onions, celery and cole crops (cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage and Brussels sprouts) indoors.

Resist the urge to start tomato plants until April. Larger tomato plants suffer more transplant shock and other setbacks, and do not necessarily produce earlier tomatoes than younger plants.

Plan your tree and shrub purchases and planting for early spring, the best time to

plant both evergreen and deciduous ornamentals.

When the ground thaws, begin to fertilize trees and shrubs, including rhododendrons and azaleas, which will bloom better when fed.

Gather your household waste for gardening uses; collect garbage (no animal products) for composting or trench composting, dump coffee grounds around acid loving plants; shred newspapers for mulch.

Start a compost pile with your indoor organic products and old leaf piles, yard debris and pine branches. They decompose faster if shredded.

Collect lawn and garden soil, and test you pH for the growing season. Your Cooperative Extension office can show you how to do a pH test.

Maintain your mulch barrier on tender plants until mid-April. Dormant oils can be used now to control some garden pests.

As food supplies dwindle, mice or rabbits may target young trees and shrubs. Check to be sure wire guards and other

protective devices are still intact.

Maples, dogwood, elm and sycamore will bleed sap if pruned now.

Plant bare root trees and shrubs now. Now is a good time to fertilize if you didn't in the fall. Clean and check sprayers and other garden tools.

Repot those tired houseplants and fertilize as the days begin to get longer.

The soft, saturated ground of March is a good time to remove unwanted, overgrown shrubs, as long as the ground cover is not too wet to work.

Why not propagate houseplants now before the demands of the growing season begins? Your Cooperative Extension can provide information on propagating houseplants.

Why not consider enrolling in the home garden program of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension? Contact us at 589-5561.

Dave Reville is an extension educator with Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Farmers face crop insurance deadline

As farm disaster aid legislation moves forward in Washington, producers in New York are facing a deadline to sign up for the one certain federally subsidized disaster program — crop insurance, Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension officials stress.

Producers of 16 spring planted New York crops share a March 15 deadline to sign up for federally subsidized crop insurance, or to make any changes to their existing policies.

The 16 crops are: corn, fresh sweet corn, oats, soybeans, barley, grain sorghum, forage seeding, sweet corn, canning beans, dry

beans, green peas, potatoes, tomatoes, winter squash, cabbage and hybrid seed corn. Not all crops are insurable in every county.

Signing up is only one of the choices farmers are facing add Extension officials. They must also decide what percentage of their actual production history to insure, and in some cases, what kind of crop insurance policy best suits their needs.

Multiple peril crop insurance coverage is available for all insurable crops. In some counties corn and soybeans are insurable with crop revenue coverage and corn with indexed income protection.

In recent years, there has been a sharp increase in "buy up" policies, those with a high percentage of APH insured. This trend is due to increased federal subsidies from Congress, designed to better enable growers to participate in the program, and at higher levels of coverage.

For instance, at the 75 percent level of coverage, the government pays 55 percent of the premium cost.

To make any of these choice, a producer must contact a private crop insurance agent before the March 15 deadline, according to Extension officials.

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JUST PAST THE CITY LIMITS

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Top 10 important winter farm management tips

10. Be sure to raise the bale spear on the back of your truck so you don't shishkabob the impatient minivan behind you.
9. Do not over-estimate the power of four-wheel drive when farther than walking distance from the house.
8. Cow tails pack more punch when they are outfitted with frozen clumps of ice and other organic materials.
7. Experts suggest standing on the bank side of the pond while chopping ice.
6. In some locations, the term "freeze-proof" waterer is really more of a goal than a hard and fast rule.
5. When dumping off big round bales in the hill country, it is preferable to have the pickup pointed up the hill.
4. If your horse seems taller than normal, it may be time to remove the four inches of snow packed into his hooves.
3. Taking the weight out of the back of your pickup is just begging for bad weather.
2. If the snow has melted everywhere except your wheat field, it's probably snow geese operating under the assumption that your stand needs thinning.
1. Is it really necessary to advise against touching a frozen hay hook with your tongue?

By Mark Parker, Farm Talk
cnhi Service



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Members of the cast of "You Can't Take It With You" include, on floor from left, Kyrill Shvetsov and Mike Cleary; seated from left, Joe Organisciak, Samantha Roskowski, Noah Lacy, Chantelle Jones and Kate Stella; standing from left, Kelly Aston, Dan Wakefield, Matt Jaeger, Meggan Patterson, Raymond Parker Jr., Shaheeda Nieves, Max Kelley, Amy Hall, Kenneth Lambert, Fran Knights and Rory Parker.

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- 3:45—Concertina All Stars, *Polkas with Polish concertina*

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Special thanks to the following for making this event possible:
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Celebrating National Agriculture Day

When most Americans think of agriculture and its end products, they probably picture a picnic table full of food or a field of waving grain or a pasture full of livestock. The reality is that today's picture is quite a bit different than the one even 10 years ago.

New uses for agricultural products are being developed at an increasingly rapid pace. Today's real picture should include not only the food on the table, but the table itself, the containers used to serve and store the food, the utensils used to eat it and the fuel in the vehicles driven to the picnic. All Americans are asked to enjoy and admire the wonders of American agriculture as National Agriculture Day is celebrated Friday.

Researchers are refining current and developing new uses for agricultural products everyday. Ethanol is the largest industrial use of the commodity crops, but soy diesel and other uses are emerging daily. The industrial uses for agricultural products are quite extensive. Wheat straw is being used in building materials, corn and

soybeans are being used as fuels. Soybeans are also used in market segments that traditionally use petroleum products including: plastics, lubricants, coatings and ink, adhesives and specialty markets like solvents. Corn is also used in many of those markets.

Pharmaceutical companies are actively working with farmers to develop crops that can go directly from the field to pharmaceutical production — eliminating some of the processing steps that occur in today's operations. This research will significantly reduce the costs required to produce many life-saving drugs.

Research today is focused on improving agricultural production and developing crop genetics for specific uses. This research will reduce America's dependence on petroleum-based products, increase the quality of food products that reach the retail shelf and ensure a plentiful, cost-effective food supply for years to come.

More information on advances in agriculture can be found in a variety of loca-

tions on the Internet. Some key sites include: www.ncga.com; www.unitedsoybean.org; www.newuses.org; www.agday.org; www.reeusda.gov; www.johndeere.com and www.why-biotech.com.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there will be approximately 7.5 billion people in the world by the year 2020 (currently the number is 6.2 billion). Improving the quality and quantity of food available to the world and creating additional non-food uses with renewable resources will only grow in importance to the population at large.

The people involved in agriculture today realize the vital role they play and celebrate the advances agriculture has witnessed in the last 20 years. Consumers, both farm and non-farm, marvel at the promise of new products and technologies on the horizon.

This article, written by the Agriculture Council of America, was provided by the Orleans Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Some tips to start spring gardening

By Dave Reville

Starting vegetable transplants indoors

If you plant to sow seeds indoors for planting outside this spring, you need to decide when to plant and what.

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension has a chart which you can send for. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to OCCCE, 20 S. Main St., PO Box 150, Albion, NY 14411.

However, to solve your immediate need, cool season crops like cabbage and lettuce should be sown now for planting in mid April.

Warm season crops like tomatoes, eggplants, melons and peppers should not be started until mid April (six weeks from Memorial Day).

Soil Testing

Are you applying lime each year on your garden for the heck of it as a routine of spring?

If so, you can be damaging your plants future success, from lawns to trees to flowers. Soil test, don't guess.

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension can do a single pH test for lime needs at the office. Please bring in one cup of air dried soil and mark clearly your name, address and phone number on the sample.

For your sample, take the sample from several areas in the garden, lawn and mix together removing all debris.

Lady Bug Control

No chemical control is legally listed for control.

As the temperature varies in spring and fall, they will congregate on sunny sides of the house in big numbers and get in the house.

Use a hand held vacuum to suck them up in the house and empty the bag outside as they will breed in the bag.

There are 10 varieties of this bug and a few do bite like a flea.

Boxelder Bugs

There are no safe chemicals recommended for inside the home. Vacuum up with a small vacuum and empty outside as they will breed in the bag.

They will congregate in big numbers on the warm sides of light colored sided homes outside. Especially as temperatures fluctuate in spring and fall.

Do not use oil based insecticides, malathion or sevin can be sprayed on the bugs, shrubbery and ground. The insecticides will not harm plants.

For more garden tips, call the Orleans County Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Dave Reville is an extension educator with Orleans County Cooperative Extension.

Just Past The City Limits

The top 10 forgotten spring planting old wives tales

10. Plant corn when hedge tree leaves are the size of a squirrel's ear — unless it's genetically modified corn, in which case you've got to use a genetically modified squirrel.

9. The soil is ready to till when you pick up a clod, throw it at the miracle product salesman's car and it makes a high-pitched "ping" sound.

8. Spring has arrived when the parts counter guy at the implement dealership develops a nervous twitch.

7. The best rain dance is a cab-less tractor pulling a wagonload of uncovered bags of seed.

6. Spring has sprung when the ground is ready to plant, you promised the kids you'd take them to a club lamb sale and your wife wants you to till up a new flower bed so you can mow around it all summer.

5. If your seed dealer's answering machine message says he's going to be out of town for a few days, it's time to replant corn.

4. The best time to burn native pastures is when the neighbor lady who complained about it last year is gone for the day.

3. If the sows are carrying sticks, it either means it's going to rain or the sows have unresolved psychological issues.

2. Spring has arrived when it's pouring outside, you need to be in the field, and the guy at the coffee shop keeps saying, "Well, never turn down a nice rain."

1. Never trust your neighbor on when it's time to plant — he may be just driving an empty planter around the section.

By Mark Parker, Farm Talk
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Rural family safety night is planned

The Orleans County Farm Bureau and Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension are sponsoring an evening of safety demonstrations geared to rural families on April 3 at the Ridgeway Fire Hall.

Registration will begin at 7:15 p.m. and the program will start at 7:30 p.m.

The New York Center for Agriculture Medicine will demonstrate mechanical hazards that can be dangerous. Niagara-Mohawk will present a session on weather hazards. Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Company will go over what to do in a rural emergency.

For more information, contact Deb Roberts at Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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Orleans gardening advice service set to bloom

By Brian M. Bannister

The Journal-Register

ALBION — With spring in the air, the phone lines at the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension will get busy with calls to the master gardener program.

Beginning April 7, 20 trained volunteers will answer phones from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to field numerous question on gardening. Vegetables, flowers, trees, lawns, shrubs and pests are all within their areas of expertise.

Over the past few years, there has been an increase in home gardening and lawn care questions, according to program supervisor Dave Reville. He thinks more people are staying close to home and their surroundings are simply becoming more important to them, he said.

Reville is a Cornell University graduate and a 32-year veteran of Cornell Cooperative Extension programs. For more than 20 years, he served as director of Wayne County's extension. He now works two days a week for the Orleans Extension.

A passion for plants is the common denominator for all the volunteers, according to master gardener Beth Stoll of Lyndonville. Even with an associates degree in horticulture and a bachelors degree in biology, Stoll took the course. She wanted to learn a little more and to meet community members who share her



Brian M. Bannister/The Journal-Register

Beth Stoll and Joseph Heath are two of 20 master gardeners who have pledged 90 hours of volunteer service to Orleans County. The commitment is part of the cost for the 22-week course.

interests.

Ninety hours of volunteer service required to take the course, offered every fall, may only be the beginning of her volunteer association with the CCE.

"The commitment may be over, but not

the interest," she said.

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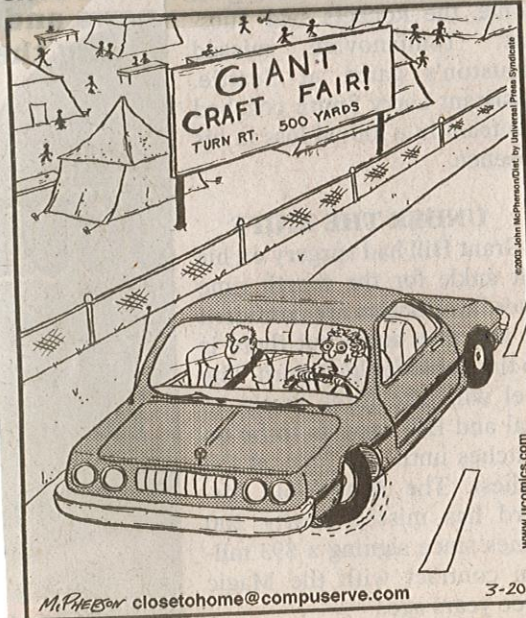
25 Years Ago

Orleans County's teen population, growing rapidly in size and wealth, is having a marked impact on the local economy. They're spending an estimated \$4.6 million a year for records, beauty supplies, stereos, pocket calculators, athletic equipment, clothing, entertainment, snacks and such

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Close to Home

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"Can't ... control ... car! Must ... turn ... right!"

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003

Briefly

Observations are ongoing at refuge

SHELBY/ALABAMA — Iroquois Observations are ongoing Saturdays at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge.

Every week, visitors can take a driving tour to birding spots from 10 a.m. to noon. At the Cayuga Overlook, spotting scopes are set up to view birds.

"Focus on ...," a program at refuge headquarters, takes place weekly from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.wildeyes.com/iroquois/schedule.htm.

4-H Club seeks help in dressing up horse barn

HOLLEY — The Orleans County Prayers Riders 4-H Drill and Parade Team is raising money to purchase 62 bunting style American flags to hang on the horse barn at the county fairgrounds.

The idea came to team members after they tried to hang an old, torn banner in panels at the 2002 fair.

"We like to make our fair horse barn look clean, neat and beautiful," team leader Gail Conley of Kendall said. "All the Orleans County 4-H kids work very hard before, during and after the fair,

picking up stones, cleaning and raking the stalls and aisles, hanging banners, knocking down cob webs and decorating their stalls."

All that's in addition to caring for their animals and talking with a curious public about them, she said.

The Prayer Riders have been active in the Orleans 4-H horse program for the past six years.

Members show their horses at the fair and other local horse shows virtually every weekend; they also take part in a ride at Genesee Country Museum and

parades. The team is slated to participate in 18 parades this year, Conley said.

Members are April Korn, Doug Flow, Michelle Conrow, Tim Englant, Bradley Carroll, Brooke Strimple, Brennan Strimple, Kaitlyn Hendry, Kelsie Hendry, Tina Ellersick and Jason Witkop.

Club colors are red, white and blue; drill/parade team uniforms are made of flag material.

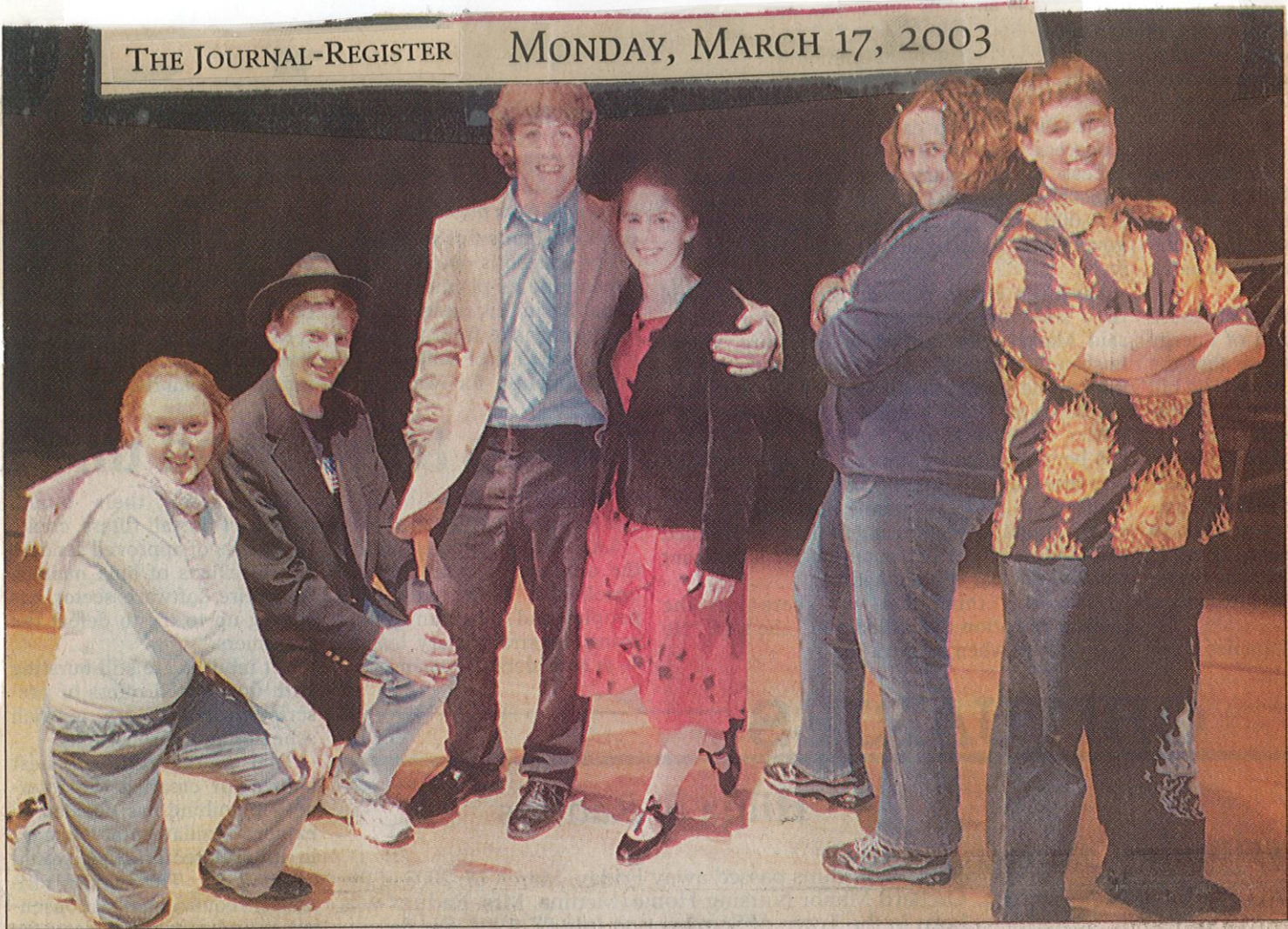
To support the purchase of bunting for the horse barn, members are soliciting \$10 flag sponsorships. Sponsors will

be named on a plaque or a poster at the horse barn. The flags will be hung during a club picnic June 21.

For more information about the flag fund, call Conley at 659-2515.

To be a sponsor, send a donation, along with the donor's name as it should appear on the plaque or poster, the donor's address and telephone number to: Gail Conley, 16790 Kenmor Road, Kendall, NY 14476. Checks should be made payable to "Gail Conley Flag Fund."

Donations should be sent by March 31.



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Lyndonville High School is preparing to present "42nd Street" March 28 through March 30. Striking a pose are cast members, from left, Becky Flint, Rick Muford, Martin Fredericks, Whitney Thurber, Amber Rose Regling and Michael Halstead.

A perfect fit

'42nd Street' has resonance for Lyndonville's small-town cast

By Brian M. Bannister
The Journal-Register

LYNDONVILLE — It's not hard for Lyndonville High School senior Becky Flint to identify with her character, Peggy Sawyer, in the upcoming musical "42nd Street."

"We're both from small towns and have big dreams. I just play myself," she said.

The play revolves around a small-town girl who comes to the big city to make her mark on Broadway. On her first job, she accidentally knocks over the show's leading lady, breaking the star's ankle, and is summarily fired — only to be brought back to "save the play."

"It's a musical," director Diane Thurber said. "There's no deep plot."

What's there is "lots of dancing and lots of fun," said leading man Michael Halstead, who plays the part of love-struck Billy Lawler.

Halstead is only in the eighth grade and

is coming from behind the scenes, where he helped run the lights in previous productions to a major singing and dancing roll. The tap lessons he gave up years ago are coming in handy now, he said.

The play is filled with familiar songs such as "We're in the Money" and "The Lullaby and Broadway." Western New York natives will especially enjoy "Shuffle Off to Buffalo."

The original production is the second

If you go

"42nd Street" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 28 and 29 and at 2:30 p.m. Mar. 30 at Stroyan Auditorium.

Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at Provisions Pharmacy, Rosenkrans Pharmacy or by calling 765-9922.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for students and senior citizens.

longest-running Broadway show ever, just behind "A Chorus Line."

The Lyndonville cast has been rehearsing since the beginning of January.

No matter what the role, it's hard work, according to Jeannie Bane, who plays a waitress and is part of the chorus line.

"If you don't get the steps down, you're out of the dance," she said.

Amber Regling plays the part of the aging prima donna whose ankle is broken by the heroine. Her character's dance skills are fading and that's fine with Regling, who said she finds the tap routines difficult.

Singing, however, is her strong suit.

"I love to sing. Singing is my life," she said. "My parents are so proud of me. They're bringing millions of people."

Contact Brian M. Bannister at 798-1400, ext. 2230, or brianmbann@yahoo.com.

Some reasons why plants don't grow

By Dave Reville

Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension receives many calls on why plants do not grow. One reason is that the plants may be dead before planting.

Trees and shrubs are offered for sale in several ways:

1) Plants in leaf with a ball of soil in burlap or pot. (Referred to as balled or burlapped). These plants are usually obtained at a local nursery.

2) Plants without leaves and without a soil ball on the roots. (Referred to as a bare root). These plants are dormant and, when set out in early spring, usually leaf out a little later than do established plants.

Bare root plants need prompt attention. As soon as you receive them by mail or express or purchase them in a

local store, soak the plants in water at least overnight and then plant them outdoors and water them thoroughly.

Another reason for plant failure is that plants die from lack of water.

Loose planting without firming or watering the soil in place may result in failure. Severe top pruning at planting time usually results in bushy, well-filled shrubs after one or two year's growth. Trees need much less pruning. Healthy roots do not need to be pruned prior to planting. Thorough watering once a week is advisable during the first year after planting, at least a washtub per plant.

Another reason for plant failure is that plants die from excessive abuse. Once the plants are in the ground, do not pull them up and replant

them nor tramp on the plants. If you plant a hedge across a path, block the path with a railing or similar barrier.

Plants also die from excessive fertilizer and other chemicals.

Learn to follow directions with reasonable accuracy. Highly concentrated fertilizers, insecticides or fungicides are often injurious if rule-of-thumb procedures are followed. Don't guess, measure amounts accurately. Use the materials in cloudy weather, no on bright, hot days.

Plants can die from severe infestation of disease, insect pests and from wildlife damage. Often rabbits and mice are destructive, and dogs are likely to disfigure evergreens. Deer may eat the twigs and bark as they have during this severe winter, while mice have

gnawed bark under the snow cover.

Finally, young plants die because they are thrown out of the soil by the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil. The plants lie with their tops and roots exposed to drying sun and winter wind. Usually fall plantings are more subject to heaving than are spring plantings. Mound soil up about the base of certain plants, as one-half bushel per rose plant to reduce heaving and provide protection. This is especially crucial at this time of year, in March as we prepare into warm spring temperatures.

For further information on why plants fail to grow, call the Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Dave Reville is an extension educator with Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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It's That Time

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003

Annual Maple Weekend is upcoming

By Deb Roberts

An event unique to Western New York is scheduled for March 22 and 23, as 70 maple producers in WNY will host the public at their maple syrup production facilities or sugarhouses during Maple Weekend.

The event has been going on for eight years and is growing in attendance every year.

The uniqueness comes from the fact that maple syrup is only produced in the northeastern United States and Canada, so much of the nation and world doesn't have the treat of fresh maple products that we enjoy in western New York.

New York state is the third largest producer of maple syrup in the United States behind Vermont and Maine. In 2002 there were 1,525 producers in the state and they produced 228,000 gallons of maple syrup (New York State Agricultural Statistics Service).

The reason we can produce maple syrup is because the climate is right to grow the best maple trees for making syrup. The trees usually used for syrup production are sugar maples because of their high sugar content.

When the weather begins to change in late winter to early spring, the sap begins to flow and can be tapped. Producers collect the sap either in buckets or by using piping systems into tanks. Once enough is collected the boiling process begins. Nowadays evaporators are often used instead of the boiling pots over a fire you may have read about. It takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of pure maple syrup.

In Orleans County we are lucky to have two producers participating in this event, Flyway Farm in Shelby and Maple Grove Farm in Clarendon. Both will have demonstrations of all steps in the process as well as tastings of the many, many products

that are now made from maple syrup.

Beyond the pancake favorite are now products such as maple cream, maple sugar, maple candy, maple jelly, maple mustard and maple tea.

More information about locations and all about how maple syrup is made, as well as how it can be used is available at the new State Maple Producers Association web site www.mapleweekend.com.

If you haven't been to Maple Sunday or Maple Weekend, you don't know what you are missing. Go check out this incredibly unique Orleans County resource we have by visiting a local spa house March 22 or 23 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and see how amazing it is.

For more information on maple syrup production, contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Environmentalists, industry groups sue government over factory farm rules

NEW YORK (AP) — Environmental groups and industry groups are suing the Bush administration over new federal rules intended to protect the nation's waters from the manure pollution of large-scale farms.

The Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council and Waterkeeper Alliance announced Monday that they filed their lawsuit last week in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. It challenges the Environmental Protection Agency to review its regulations for confined animal feeding operations.

The groups are concerned that the new rules will weaken protections in the Clean Water Act and endanger public

health.

"The Bush administration's rule doesn't make polluting factory farms clean up the waste that their animals produce," said Barclay Rogers, a Sierra Club attorney. "That contradicts our belief in cleaning up the messes you make, and violates the protections that are responsible for keeping our rivers and lakes clean."

Four livestock industry groups said Tuesday they have also filed lawsuits.

Richard Lobb, a spokesman for the National Chicken Council, said the EPA exceeded its authority in setting rules that reach beyond the discharge of pollutants. The rules also cover manure storage and the appli-

cation of manure to farm fields as fertilizer.

The chicken council filed its lawsuit in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia. Other suits were filed by the Farm Bureau Federation, the National Pork Producers Council and the National Turkey Federation.

An EPA official said the lawsuits likely will be combined and there may be a lottery to see which court will hear the case.

The EPA rules require large confinements — defined as having at least 1,000 beef cattle and 2,500 swine — to obtain water-pollution permits every five years. Some medium ones — with 300 beef cattle and 3,000 swine under 55 pounds —

may be required to get one. Different head-count thresholds are set for livestock operations including sheep, chicken and turkeys.

Any farm required to have a permit also must have a plan spelling out how the farm will manage manure. Farmers are required to file annual reports summarizing their operations.

The agency plans to phase in the rules, approved in February, between now and 2006.

Forty-five states will manage the program themselves while activities in the other five states — Alaska, Idaho, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Mexico and the District of Columbia — will be managed by the EPA.

Emergency horse care clinic planned at Wild Rose Farm

ALBION — The Bits and Pieces 4-H Club will hold a clinic April 5 to teach emergency personnel how to deal with horses in emergency situations.

The clinic will be held at 2 p.m. at Wild Rose Farm, Eagle Harbor Road. It is a repeat of a successful clinic held last year.

Bits and Pieces leader Marilyn Munzert, a certified instructor, will show participants how to deal with horses in an emergency situation such as a barn fire, a traffic accident, a weather crisis or when horses are loose on the road.

Club members will demonstrate catching, haltering and tying a horse.

Veterinarian Carol Pepper will demonstrate first aid and

how to remain safe while dealing with a traumatized horse.

"During this time of uncertainty in our nation, and times of natural crisis that are unavoidable, being prepared empowers us and helps us feel secure and confident," Munzert said.

"These disaster clinics are the Bits and Pieces 4-H Club's contribution to our community's well being."

Orleans County Emergency Coordinator Paul Wagner said all Orleans County police, firemen, ambulance crews, deputies, traffic control personnel and volunteers should plan on attending.

For more information, contact Wagner at 589-4414 or Munzert at 589-9181.

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The top 10 things a horse would say if he could talk

10. Ya know buddy, it wouldn't hurt to lose a few pounds.

9. I wonder if she really thinks I can't see the halter behind her back?

8. Uh-oh, new people. I must be for sale. I'd better act like a total idiot.

7. Water hose, dish soap, scissors, combs, brushes, hair spray — must be county fair time.

6. Oh look, a clean, freshly bedded stall. Well we can change that right now.

5. One more jab from those spurs and this sucker is airborne.

4. The only good thing about being a barrel racing horse is that your rider generally smells better.

3. Okay, he'll be leaning to the right to rope this steer so if I make a sudden turn

to the left

2. Near as I can tell, my first name is the same as what my owner says when he hits his thumb with a hammer.

1. You've got to be kidding — cereal again?

*By Mark Parker, Farm Talk
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Raymond Toenniessen

Age: 19

Occupation: First-year student with sophomore standing at Syracuse University. Majors in international relations and political science

Family: Father, Peter; mother, Michelle; sister, Corinne, 21

Civic/community organizations: Albion High School class of 2002 vice president, former drum major in the Albion High School marching band, ROTC Cadet, member of the Orleans-Genesee Youth Board and has achieved Eagle Scout status.



Toenniessen wants more focus on preparation.

The Journal-Register

When it comes to improving output in Albion schools, Ray Toenniessen thinks he's got a pretty good grasp on how it should be done.

He's a freshly turned out product of the district, after all.

Toenniessen, a June 2002 graduate of Albion High School, is hoping to win a seat on the school board so he can be in a position to guide the district toward making students more prepared for life after high school.

"Life is preparation. Without that proper preparation, you're going to see less successful people," he said.

Toenniessen, now a first-year student at Syracuse University, said he can think of several classes he wished he'd been

better prepared for.

The addition of Advanced Placement and college-level courses to Albion course offerings are helping, but "I'd like to see a few more, a different variety offered," he said.

Toenniessen advocates a stronger focus on different writing styles and analysis of sources, as well.

The skills and learning styles taught by district staff should allow students to get ahead no matter what they do after high school, whether they're going to college, work or military service, and promote long-term learning skills, he said.

Greater opportunities for students, particularly middle schoolers, to hone their leadership skills through organized events are important to Toen-

niessen, as well.

"I'd like to see the school focusing on the students who don't have those opportunities or maybe don't get picked all of the time," he said.

Toenniessen would encourage more parents, students and community members to share their opinions about what they want done in the school.

"I'd just like to see a lot of people come up with ideas," he said.

Toenniessen favors offering more opportunities for students to travel as a class.

Albion's sixth-grade classes travel to Albany and eighth-grade classes can travel to Washington, D.C. In high school, members of the Latin Club travel to Italy every other year, and the Spanish club has

traveled to Spain.

"A lot of students are never going to get that chance (outside of school)," Toenniessen said.

Toenniessen's approach to the district's increasingly tight budget situation focuses on cooperation between taxpayers, board members and the state.

If enough individuals from each get together and exchange ideas, programs may be kept intact without fluctuations in the tax rate, he said.

Toenniessen's enrollment at Syracuse wouldn't prevent him from fulfilling the duties of a school board member, including attending board and committee meetings, he said.

"It's only a quick two-hour trip down the Thruway."



Toenniessen

music education major.

While he's grateful for the opportunities he had at Albion, Toenniessen said the district could better prepare students for college by teaching different writing styles and analytical skills. The district also could link with other districts to offer students more field trips and other extracurricular activities, Toenniessen said.

Although he's taking classes at Syracuse, Toenniessen said he can modify his schedule to be at board meetings and can easily make the two-hour drive to Albion to respond to other needs from the district.

If elected, he would be the second college student on the Albion School Board. Dan Bellor, 21, is finishing his third year of college and his third year on the board. He has nearly perfect attendance at Albion board meetings. He attends Roberts Wesleyan College in North Chili.

Toenniessen serves on the Orleans County Youth Board and twice he has

traveled to Albany to lobby legislators for funding and other youth issues.

He called on Albion to participate in a survey gauging at-risk behavior and other student interests that the Youth Bureau has requested from the district the past few years. The Board of Education has refused, making it difficult for local agencies to determine the needs of the Albion teen-age population, Toenniessen said.

Candidate Ray Toenniessen, 19, of West Bacon Road graduated from Albion High School last June. He is majoring in international relations and political science at Syracuse University, where his sister, Corinne, is a senior

Country's treatment of young people indicative of its values

Editor:

I am currently enjoying my time living in Dublin and traveling in Europe. Before I left everyone told me that doing this would give me perspective. I left a little unsure of what they really meant. In my time here I've decided that it means not only learning what others think of U.S. culture and about the little oddities that make up daily life in other countries but for me it has meant taking all of that and being forced to re-examine my own views of our life and culture in the states.

Of all the things I've "gained perspective" about, the most important I believe is how different countries view and treat young people. In the countries of the European Union, for example, "youth" goes up to the age of 26 and being a student (high school college or graduate) entitles you to discounts on travel, in retail stores and restaurants, not to mention that no one here can understand why I have finished college owing money in loans to the government.

Young people in Australia receive an allowance from the government while attending college. Once I got over the initial shock that a government would actually pay you to go to college, I realized how different countries treat young people is really just

representative of how they view youth and what their place is in society.

I'm not saying that being a young person over here is the best deal ever simply because they don't need education loans to attend college. There is obviously much more to it than that but it does say something about how these countries view their young people.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, "Teen pregnancy rates are much higher in the United States than in many other developed countries, twice as high as in England and Wales and nine times as high as the Netherlands." (Teen Sex and Pregnancy Fact Sheet 1999). If we examine our own actions as a country, what does it say about our view of young people?

We have child labor laws and mandatory public education to protect and help them out but we also as a society send very mixed messages about alcohol and tobacco use and relationships and sex. We often focus on the negative things associated with young people: crime stats, teen pregnancy, etc., but do we help stop these problems or only perpetuate the cycle?

Giving away free college educations tomorrow would neither solve all the problems of young people nor be feasible but there are reasonable places

that we can start to improve our system.

The NYS budget allocates youth development funding to each county through their County Youth Bureaus, which is to be used for, you guessed it, youth development. Each youth bureau, through the County Youth Board (elected members of the community) divides up the money to different programs in their individual county. The money that comes into Orleans County funds such programs as the Juvenile Aid Officers, Just Friends, Youth Diversion, Camp Rainbow and the recreation programs of each town. Genesee County can see youth development funds in action in Big Buddies, Genesee Youth in Action, Young Playwrights Workshop, and the Youth Drop-In Center in Le Roy, as well as recreation programs and juvenile aid officers.

The scariest part of this all is that while people are working very hard to give young people in our towns the tools to positively navigate through life, current funding levels are lower than they were in 1985, meaning that all the people under 18 being served by these programs in our counties have never seen lower levels in their lifetime. I know for sure that none of us would be content eating on the

same grocery budget we had in 1985, so why is our state government asking young people to be served by those levels?

It is true that the NYS budget is facing a huge deficit this year but the NYS Youth Bureaus are only asking for funding levels to be left where they are currently and that Albany begin the future planning necessary to maintain the viability of the youth bureau system and to plan for future growth. If you agree that young people deserve to be given the opportunity to succeed with the support and backing of their communities, please contact your elected officials during this ever-important budgeting time to ensure this first step in the right direction for the youth of our state: Assemblyman (Charles) Nesbitt, 62 North Main St., Brockport, NY 14420; Senator (Charles) Maziarz, 60 Professional Parkway, Lockport, NY 14094; Senator (Mary Lou) Rath, 5500 Main St., Suite 260, Williamsville, NY 14221.

For further information about the local impact of budget cuts or about any of the local programs served by these funds, contact Debbie Kerr-Rosenbeck, executive director of the Genesee-Orleans Youth Bureau.

**Lizabeth Doherty
Albion**

AHS fifth-period honor roll out

Albion High School has issued the honor roll for the fifth marking period of the 2002-03 academic year.

Students are named on the honor roll when they maintain a grade average between 84.5 and 89.49. Listed students are:

Ninth grade — Claire Albertson, Matthew Ballard, Chelsea Bowman, Chad Brooks, Cody Chappius, Lisa Chmylak, Melissa Coffey, Kevin Colonna, Brent Davis, Kyle Edwards, Amie Fair, Christopher Flammger, Sarah Gardner, Tibreya Grace, Shardae Hadick, Adam Kirby, Felicia Lape, David Leslie, Krista Leverenz, Dustin Loss, Holly Mercer, Christopher Moody, Lindsay Moore, Peter Morici, Nicholas Novick, Laura Perry, Jessica Pilon, Elizabeth Rosario, Thomas Sansocie, Brandon Sargent, Amanda Snider and Emilea Webster.

10th grade — Bradley Bidell, Natalie Bokman, Tyler Boyer, Kasie Chappius, Ashley Corke, Barbie Daniels, Kaitlin DePeters, Michael Furness, Colin Harvey, Corinne Heard, Jamie Hill, Bruce Jurs, Julie Klaver, Zachary Lester, Jessica Marek, Jamie McAdoo, Lisa Mele, Ashley Moutray, Jason Mufford, David Neibert, Stacey Newbould, Christina Pahura, Kari Piccirilli, Matthew Saeva, Sierra Sargent, Freddie

Simmons, William Steffen, Richard Stone, Ashleigh Walls, Kelly Warner, Christopher Wilson, Laura Wilson, Jessica Woolston and Kimberly Wyant.

11th grade — Mindy Chrzan, Kimberly Condoluci, Whitney Davis, Shaun Ernewin, Erika Fladt, Keith Fredenburg, Sara Gaylard, Sara Hackenberg, Joshua Klatt, Adam Lake, Christine Longer, Mitchell Merrill, Emily Monnier, Patrick Neri, Marybeth Pecorella, Kyle Piccirilli, Michael Platek, Shaun Richardson, Lindsay Sargent, Sonya Sheffer, Yolanda Simmons, Justin Starkweather, Kyle Webb and Lucas Wojdylo.

12th grade — Patricia Allen, Caleb Brocious, Kirsten Cook, Ashley Craft, Kyle Davies, Neil Deiboldt, Dan Dodson, Jason Dorman, Adam Fisher, Maximilian Flor, Joline Gabrielson, Elizabeth Goodale, Melinda Gurnsey, Russell Hapeman, Brandi Hazel, Alexandria Irwin, Michelle Jackson, William Jones, Crystal Krueger, Ryan Lasal, Tia Lusk, Dean Marconi, Julie McGrath, Aizza Morton, Patrick O'Hearn, Hafsa Quddus, Chelsea Rich, Raymond Santiago, Alisha Smith-Waite, Sean Spearance, Rehannon Standish, Nadine Staudt, John Taber, Meghan VanDeGenachte, Melissa Warren, Kristin Webster and Russell West.



Newspapers In Education Presents

Famous New Yorker: Sojourner Truth

Sojourner Truth's story begins with the birth of a girl named Isabella in Ulster County, New York, in the late 1790s. Isabella was the daughter of James, also known as Baumfree, and Betsy, a Dutch-speaking couple who farmed on rented land. They were all the property of Johannis Hardenbergh, an American colonel in the War of Independence.

As slaves, James and Betsy had to work on Hardenbergh's land for part of every year. Their owner could sell them, or any of their children, whenever he chose. When Col. Hardenbergh's son died in 1807, little Isabella was sold for \$100 to the Neely family in Twaalfskill.

By 1810, Isabella had learned to speak English, and had been sold twice more. As the slave of James Dumont of Kingston, she married another slave and bore five children, while time ran out for slavery in New York. According to state law, any slave born before 1799 would become free on July 4, 1827, but those born later, including Isabella's children, would still have to work for their former owners until the boys were 28, and the girls were 25.

James Dumont had promised to set Isabella free ahead of time, but when he reneged on that promise, she left him at the end of 1826. She made her way to the Van Wagenen family of Wagondale, who paid Dumont \$30 to secure Isabella's freedom. In gratitude, she adopted the Van Wagenen name.

Later, Isabella Van Wagenen sued Dumont for selling her son Peter to Southerners before the official emancipation date. She convinced an Ulster County jury that Dumont had broken state law, and Peter was brought back to New York and freed.

For the next decade, Isabella lived an intensely religious life. Like many Americans of all races, she wanted to achieve moral perfection and spiritual comfort in a time of change. Throughout the 1830s, while living in Kingston and New York City, she preached alongside white people at revival meetings, and sometimes tried to live in communities dedicated to sharing and social harmony. These experiences often disappointed her.

On June 1, 1843, the day of Pentecost, Isabella decided to leave New York, change her name, and head east. In another experimental community, in Northampton, Massachusetts, she heard people preach that spiritual perfection included ending slavery everywhere. Sharing her own story, she began to preach the same message.

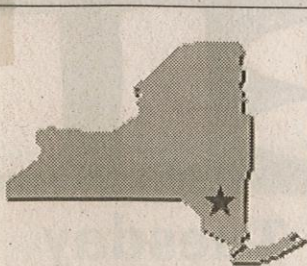
When she returned to New York City in 1845 to address an anti-slavery convention, she

called herself Sojourner Truth. Under that name, she dictated her life story and paid to have it published in 1850. She never learned to read or write, but became an eloquent speaker during tours throughout the northern states.

Sojourner Truth eventually settled in Michigan, but her work wasn't finished when slavery ended. Unable to vote because she was a woman, she continued to speak for both racial and sexual equality until her death on November 26, 1883. Sojourner Truth is revered to the present day as a heroine in the history of human rights in America.



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— File Features —

35 Years Ago

Newly formed Medina Youth "MOVE" will host an Easter Egg hunt as its first community activity project — Medina PTA held a spring fashion show — 4-H clubs in the Lyndonville area will have their annual "Family Night" dinner Wednesday at L.A. Webber High.

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Hazardous waste drop-offs planned

Two household hazardous waste collections will be held in May by the GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee.

Residents from Orleans County are welcome to participate.

The free collections will be held May 10 in Batavia and May 17 in Rock Glen.

Items being accepted include household cleaning products, pesticides, insecticides, oil-base paints and stains, vehicle batteries and fluids, oil filters, pool chemicals, driveway sealer and home computers.

Tires will be accepted for a nominal fee.

Items that cannot be accepted are latex paint, empty containers, asbestos and household batteries.

Appointments are required and are made on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 300 spots at each site.

For more information, call 344-2580, Ext. 5463, or 1-800-836-1154.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2003 ^{The}Journal-Register

Horse care clinic planned for emergency responders

ALBION — The Bits and Pieces 4-H Club will hold a clinic April 5 to teach emergency personnel how to deal with horses in emergency situations.

The clinic will be held at 2 p.m. at Wild Rose Farm, Eagle Harbor Road. It is a repeat of a successful clinic held last year.

Bits and Pieces leader Marilyn Munzert, a certified instructor, will show participants how to deal with horses in an emergency situation such as a barn fire, a traffic accident, a weather crisis or when horses are loose on the road.

Club members will demonstrate catching, haltering and tying a horse. Veterinarian Carol Pepper will demonstrate

first aid and how to remain safe while dealing with a traumatized horse.

"During this time of uncertainty in our nation, and times of natural crisis that are unavoidable, being prepared empowers us and helps us feel secure and confident," Munzert said. "These disaster clinics are the Bits and Pieces 4-H Club's contribution to our community's well being."

Orleans County Emergency Coordinator Paul Wagner said all Orleans County police, firemen, ambulance crews, deputies, traffic control personnel and volunteers should plan on attending.

For more information, contact Wagner at 589-4414 or Munzert at 589-9181.

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to 7 p.m. April 1 at the American Legion Hall, 141 S. Main St.

One donation can help three people in need, according to the Red Cross.

Appointments are being taken at 798-3170. Walk-ins will be welcome as well.

Readers who donated on or before Feb. 4 will be eligible to give again.

Reports: Saddam injured in initial raid

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Medina Falls is running at f

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2003

Neighbor night seeks to grow business bonds

By Brian M. Bannister

The Journal-Register

FANCHER — The annual Farmer to Neighbor Evening is about relationships between the owners and operators of farm and non-farm businesses.

"It's a social evening to show support for each other," county Farm Bureau President Patricia Eick said as she strolled through the crowd of more than 100 guests at this weekend's fifth annual event. "If we don't help each other out, we'll all end up with nothing."

Keeping the evening on a lighthearted note was guest speaker Phil Sorentino, who spoke on "Humor, Your Key to Enjoying Your Work, Your Family and Yourself." He described farmers as consummate entrepreneurs.

"Every year they take the ultimate risk by putting that seed in the ground," Sorentino said.

He also said farmers were among the most spiritual people he knew.

"They recognize that much



Brian M. Bannister/The Journal-Register

The annual Farmer to Neighbor Evening brought out some of the business leaders in Orleans. From left are guest speaker and humorist, Phil Sorentino; president of the Orleans County Farm Bureau, Patricia Eick; executive director of the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Deborah Roberts; and executive director of the Orleans County Chamber of Commerce, David Kelly.

of life is beyond their control."

Sorentino's presentation brought the audience to their feet howling — literally. With a steady stream of one-liners, he stressed the importance of

keeping everything in perspective. He reminded the audience that nothing grows on beautiful, sandy beaches, but everything grows in fertilizer.

"It's the 'fertilizer' in life that

makes us grow," he said. "I see people walking around like they were weaned on a pickle."

The Orleans County Farm Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Cornell Cooperative Extension sponsored the event conducted at Hickory Ridge Country Club. Each group had numerous representatives in the audience. Conspicuous in the crowd by their distinctive jackets were a large number of local FFA members.

"We want to let people know that the FFA is still very active," said Jesse Farwell Jr., president of the Albion High School FFA chapter. "Kids are still interested in agriculture."

The FFA was formerly the Future Farmers of America, but as farming is now only a portion of the enormous agricultural business in America, it now identifies itself solely with the letters FFA.

Also in the crowd was Donald Kennedy of the county Industrial Development

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National Honor Roll inductees announced

Thirty-six local students qualified for induction into the 2002-03 National Honor Roll.

The roll recognizes high school students who achieved exceptional academic success in 2001-02.

Inductees can take advantage of an admissions notification process that alerts colleges to

the induction, and they may apply for a \$1,000 Community Contributions Scholarship awarded by the Educational Research Center of America.

Students with a grade average of B or better are eligible.

Those who qualified are:

From Albion High School — Jessica Albright, Amanda Bidell, Genesis Castro, Michele Farnham, Timothy Gavenda, Randy Heale, Sarah Miesner, Christopher Panek and Anita Snyder.

From Medina High School — Amanda Crandall, Kevin Eick, Amanda Komonczi, Jacqueline Lewis, Lisa Major, Jessica Martin, Michelle Sands, Andrew Schultz and Jessica Wright.

From Kendall Jr./Sr. High School — Erin Dangelo, Cor-

rine Fry, Leah Marshall, Lindsay Rodas and Kerrie Walker.

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Brockport State dean's list issued

The fall 2002 semester dean's list at SUNY Brockport has been issued. Local residents named are:

From Albion — Melody Beecher, Angela Bevilacqua, Shannon Eisermann, Cassandra Fiegl, Janelle Fllammger, Teresa Gaylard, Crystal Hallenbeck, Caroline Isenberg, Joseph Kartychak, Vern Klahn, Adrienne Lattin, Sarah Laubacher, Terra McBain, Pamela Meakin, Sarah Miesner, Jana Neal, Anthony Parton, Michelle Restivo, Mark Rustay, Cathleen Schmitt, Peter Sidari and Rachael Tuohey.

Students are named to the Brockport dean's list when they maintain a grade point average of at least 3.25.

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Easter egg craft class set at Swan

ALBION — Dodie Mullen will teach a class on making "panoramic" Easter eggs April 12 at Swan Library.

Mullen is a certified Wilton cake decorating/candy instruc-

tor. The class fee is \$15 and includes instruction and all materials needed to continue making eggs at home.

Pre-registration is required. Call 589-4246 to sign up.

DEC announces 2002 turkey harvest figures

Decline in take reflects wet weather, lower summer turkey production

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Erin M. Crotty has announced that hunters reported taking 4,049 wild turkeys in New York during the fall 2002 season, a decline from the previous year take, as expected, due to poor turkey production during the summer nesting season.

"Since the size of the turkey population is affected by a number of factors, including weather and summer production, a decline in this year's harvest number is not a surprise," Crotty said. "However, New York's mix of agricultural and forested habitats can support a large turkey population and we look forward to offering good turkey hunting opportunities next season."

The reported fall 2002 take in New York was nearly 45 percent below the previous year's take of 7,183 turkeys. The 2002 take is the lowest reported take since 1990, but is close to the 2000 reported harvest of 4,145 turkeys when production also was

poor.

The size of the fall turkey population is greatly affected by the production of chicks, or "poults" in the spring.

Weather has a tremendous effect on both nesting success and poult survival. Damp weather in May and June increases the ability of predators to locate and prey on turkey nests, because scent trails are easier to follow. Cold, rainy weather during spring and early summer also reduces survival of the young poults when they are most susceptible to chilling.

Weather conditions during the spring of 2002 were very wet in many areas of New York state, and surveys conducted during August indicated that poult production was at least as poor as 2000, which had been the worst year on record.

Food supplies can also have a significant effect on fall harvests. Acorns, beech nuts and berries such as wild grapes are important fall and winter food sources for many

species of wildlife, including wild turkeys. When these natural foods (known as "mast") are scarce, turkeys tend to concentrate near agricultural crops and can be more vulnerable to hunters.

When mast is plentiful, turkeys spread out more, are less visible and can be harder to locate. A spotty but generally good mast crop in 2002 kept turkeys in the woods and made them somewhat harder for hunters to find. The combination of a lower turkey population due to very poor poult production and good food availability resulted in the statewide decrease in the fall turkey harvest.

In addition, this was the first season hunters were required to report their kills by telephone rather than mail-in report cards. Turkeys were the first species to be reported using the new system. Because of this change, it is difficult to make direct comparisons between the reported take this year and previous years.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2003

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Dates Ahead

• **March 30 - Family Folk Fair.** 1-5 p.m. at the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds, Route 31, Knowlesville. Panloco Street Band, Caribbean Carnival; Mitzie Collins & Pate care, Irish Traditional Music, joined by the McMahon School of Irish Dance; Concertina All Stars, Polkas with Polish Concertina. Plus demonstrations in folk arts and local agriculture. For more information contact GO-ART! at 585-343-9313, 800-774-7372 or e-mail info@goart.org.

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Arts Awareness Month

Sunday

■ The Ghost Riders. Jamboree to benefit South Byron Fire Department. 2 to 9 p.m. at South Byron Fire Department Recreation Hall. 344-0311

■ Family Folk Fair. 1 to 5 p.m. the 4-H Fairgrounds on Route 31, Knowlesville. Music, crafts demonstrations, food displays and refreshments. Free. 343-9313

Family Folk Fair is coming to fairgrounds

KNOWLESVILLE — The Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds will be busy Sunday as it will play host to the third annual Family Folk Fair.

The event is billed as an afternoon of arts, music, crafts and food from in and around Orleans County, celebrating the area's local traditions, according to the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council.

The event will include hands-on demonstrations of Polish paper arts and foods, Mexican carnival masks and homemade salsas, Native American beadwork and demos by 4-H clubs.

Musical groups slated to perform include Mitzie Collins and the McMahon School of Irish Dance, and the Panloco Steel Band.

The event is scheduled for 1 to 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds, on Route 31. Admission is free.

The event is sponsored by



Nina Greene demonstrates Native American beadwork at last year's Family Folk Fair.

Go-Art, the Genesee-Orleans Youth Bureau and the Cornell Cooperative Extension on Orleans County.

For more information, call 344-3960.

THE JOURNAL-REGISTER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003



Mike Wertman/The Journal-Register
Anchoring the lineup for the Medina High tennis squad is this group of returnees. In front are Dan Kwiatkowski, left, and Sean Bruning. Standing are Adam Kleinschmidt, Shivani Mehta, James Watts and Ben Pritchard.

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ORLEANS COUNTY

Meeting set to explain new fair requirements

There will be an informational meeting Friday, April 18 for Orleans County 4-H members interested in exhibiting animals at the 2003 Orleans County 4-H Fair.

Because of new requirements for animal exhibitions, anyone who intends to participate in any animal division must attend an informational meeting prior to June 1. A parent is also required to attend.

The April meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Trolley Building at the Orleans County Fairgrounds in Knowlesville, between Albion and Medina.

There will also be a meeting at 8 p.m. May 20, at the Trolley Building.

For details call (585) 589-5561.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

Extension gardener

*April to-dos:
Recover and
move forward*

By Dave Reville

Here are some gardening and lawn care tips for April.

■ Apply dormant spray to trees and shrubs for scale control. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension for the most recent updates and control recommendations. Do not apply the dormant spray if freezing temperatures are predicted within 24 hours.

■ Prune out winter-killed twigs on shrubs and trees.

■ Lime lawn only if soil has had a pH test and it is required.

■ Set lawnmower so it cuts grass two inches high.

■ Start checking lilacs for signs of mildew.

■ Prune roses.

■ Throughout the month, plant trees, shrubs and perennials.

■ Re-seed winter-killed spots in your lawn.

■ Remove mulch from perennials where daffodils are in bloom.

■ Sow fast-growing annual seeds.

■ Plant early vegetables when possible.

■ Fertilize shrubs, bulbs and perennials.

■ Plan pre-emergence crabgrass control program.

■ Plant roses.

■ Begin a program now for insect and disease control. Contact the Cooperative Extension for updates cultural recommendations.

■ Watch out for tent caterpillars.

■ Sow seeds outdoors of hardy annuals such as cornflowers, larkspur and poppies.

No matter what your gardening project is for this spring, make sure it is an enjoyable one. One way of doing this is to make sure that you have all the information that you need. Contact Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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Garden help line open

The Master Gardener Hotline will resume Wednesdays, on April 9 and Fridays, on April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon during the month of April. Phone in or stop in with your gardening questions.

In May, the Master Gardeners will be available each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning to assist you with your gardening questions.

Dave Reville is an extension educator with Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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Briefly

Family safety night slated

"Safety is everyone's business" is the theme of Orleans County Rural Family Safety Night, which will be held April 3 at Ridgeway Fire Hall.

Registration begins at 7:15 p.m. The program will begin at 7:30.

Presentations will be made by the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health on mechanical hazards; by Niagara-Mohawk Corporation on weather hazards; and by Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Company on rural emergencies.

Refreshments will be served by the Ridgeway Ladies Auxiliary.

The program is sponsored by Orleans County Farm Bureau and Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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The Journal-Register **Farm Talk**

You know you're getting old when ...

10. The music you like is advertised on television as "not available in stores."

9. You think the information super highway means they're going to put more people on your party line.

8. Your Sunday suit has come back into style for the third time.

7. For the first seven or eight steps you take after getting up out of the recliner, you're about six inches shorter than usual.

6. You're always looking for a low spot to stand your horse in so you can get on.

5. You stop and rest after pulling one boot on.

4. Your eyes glaze over when the salesman explains all

the features on the new tractor you're looking at.

3. Kids break into hysterics when you tell them how much you'll pay them to help put up hay.

2. When you watch television, you can't help wishing they'd bring "Bonanza" back.

1. The banker keeps wanting to shorten your note.

By Mark Parker,
cnhi news service

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2003

Advocating for rural safety

The Journal-Register



Plans are being wrapped up for Rural Family Safety Night, a free event set for 7:15 p.m. Thursday at Ridgeway Fire Hall. Presentations will be made about mechanical and weather hazards and rural emergencies. Finalizing the presentation plans are, from left, Deb Roberts, executive director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension; Diana Fulcomer, American Red Cross health and safety services coordinator; and Pat Eick, president of Orleans County Farm Bureau.

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Serving our country

Join the letters campaign

The Journal-Register has reinstituted a weekly, volunteer listing of active military service personnel from our area. Letters and cards to the soldiers are encouraged.

The list will be published every Monday. To add a name, call the J-R newsroom at 798-1400, ext. 2230. And be sure to send greetings to:

Spec. 4th Class Bret A. Klatt
450th CA Battalion
APO AE 09355

Klatt, of Albion, is an Army Reservist stationed in Afghanistan. He is the son of Randall and Jane Klatt of Albion.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOOK

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Rural hazards meeting topic

A rural family safety night for Orleans County residents will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ridgeway Fire Hall at Route 104 and Horan Road.

Registration begins at 7:15 for the event, sponsored by the Orleans County Farm Bureau and Cornell Cooperative Extension. It will include discussions of:

- Mechanical hazards, by the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health.

- Weather hazards, by Niagara Mohawk Corp.

- Rural emergencies, by the Ridgeway Volunteer Fire Company.

For more information, call (877) 383-7663.

SCHOOLS

Cornell University offers Summer College program

ITHACA — Academically talented high school sophomores, juniors and seniors will have a chance to experience life on a college campus this summer as part of Cornell University's Summer College program.

Participants live and study on campus, enrolling in regular college courses for college credit.

In addition to the rigorous academic coursework, the program offers career exploration seminars, college study skills, math and computer workshops, a look at the college admissions process through the eyes of admissions officers, and a chance to meet other teens from around the world.

Now in its 42nd year, Summer College offers one, three and six-week programs for

juniors and seniors and three-week programs for sophomores.

The six-week program from June 21 to Aug. 5 offers juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn an average of six college credits. Students choose from more than 70 Cornell courses offered in a full range of subjects.

Juniors and seniors also have the option of choosing two three-week sessions offering courses in psychology (June 21 to July 12) and/or American politics (July 13 to Aug. 2), or a one-week course (July 13 to 19) which offers high school juniors and seniors the chance to explore potential majors and careers in the life sciences.

Sophomores participate in one of two

three-week programs from June 28 to July 19. These programs are designed to develop both critical thinking and writing skills essential to succeeding in college.

Students in the "Freedom and Justice" program examine some of the most fundamental questions facing our democratic society as they learn more advanced approaches to critical analysis and discussion.

Students in "Leadership Through Managerial Communication" expand their business, communication and leadership skills while exploring their interest in hospitality management.

Upon successful completion of either program, participants earn three college degrees. Students should apply before the May 2

(postmarked) application deadline.

All admissions and financial aid applications and documentation must be received by April 4 (postmarked).

Financial aid applicants must submit all relevant scholarship information for financial aid decisions by May 1.

A student must be accepted to Cornell before being considered for Summer College.

For more information about the Summer College program, visit the Summer College website at www.summercollege.cornell.edu, call the school at B20 Day Hall, 607/255-1485, 255-2801, call (607) 255-2555-6665, or e-mail summercollege@cornell.edu.

Spotlight on scholarship

GCC has honor society induction

Several local students were among the 110 inducted into Alpha Iota Upsilon, Genesee Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for junior and community college students, last week.

Students are admitted on the basis of academic achievement and service to the college and community. Local inductees are:

From Albion — Rebecca Bailey, Angela Hagen, Cheryl Shabazz, Deborah Shortridge, Jacquie Webster and Kate Webster.

Toenniessen wins Legion award

Raymond Toenniessen of Albion won the American Legion General Excellence Award from Syracuse University's Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Toenniessen, a freshman at S.U. who is majoring in international relations, will receive the award in a Chancellor's Review and Awards Ceremony on Thursday at the Carrier Dome.

The award is presented annually to cadets in the top 25 percent of their class in academic and ROTC courses. Recipients have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, discipline, character and citizenship.

The award, sponsored by Legion Post 41 of Syracuse, consists of a medal, a ribbon and a certificate.



Mike Wertman/The Journal-Register

Getting set to lead Medina into Monday's Niagara-Orleans League opener against Albion are these returnees. In front are Stephanie Boyle, Nikki Maryjanowski and Amanda Cook. In back are Jen Daggs, Sara Dresser, Joelle Pakk and Julie Volkosh. Absent from the photo is Jen Biernacki.

Plant health care considers whole environment

By Dave Reville

We all want a healthy, vibrant garden, and we know that healthy gardens start with healthy plants.

Plant health care is a concept developed as a natural evolution from integrated pest management. The IPM philosophy, developed as an alternative to chemical treatments, is based on calendar dates that has been a common practice for pest control for a long time.

Plant health care means using ecologically sound principles to grow a wide range of plants in the landscape. It can be practiced in caring for lawns, vegetable gardens, flower gardens and in growing fruits or herbs. The rewards of having a healthy garden are well worth it.

Plant health care puts a strong emphasis on preventative measures and incorporates them into a comprehensive program with a focus on the plants. It does not replace IPM. It also takes into consideration the many perceptions and expectations of the gardener.

Some basic elements of Plant Health Care are:

Prevent the problem

Preventing a problem pays off in the long run. We have to know our sites and plant for preventative measures that will minimize pest problems such as:

- Replacing the plants that are prone to disease, insect and vertebrate pests.

- Mulching or planting ground covers to reduce weed invasions.

- Spacing plants for better air circulation, reducing disease potential.



Dennis Stierer/The Journal-Register

A sure sign that spring has finally arrived is the appearance of the crocus, which is popping up everywhere.

Once we know more about preventing pests in our garden, we can make practical decisions about how to alter the site. To do this we observe, plan and prepare.

Observe site and soil conditions

Make an assessment about how they might affect plant growth and development by looking at various factors: Climate, light, wind, water, soil texture and composition, slope, drainage and physical characteristics.

Design the garden

Choosing plants that match site conditions, anticipate future maintenance needs and allow for practical site alterations.

Prepare the site

Make physical changes, incorporating the landscape features and amending the soil

if necessary. Recognize and work with factors that cannot be changed.

Start with healthy plants

A healthy plant, planted correctly in the right location, is more likely to remain healthy and less susceptible to attack by disease or insects. Selecting a plant is more than choosing one that fits your hardiness zone. It means selecting plants that you can maintain well. And it means selecting plants, when possible, with inherent disease resistance, insect resistance and ability to withstand other stresses.

Be aware of your values

The results we desire and expect are those that we value most. Most gardeners would agree that appearance is important in our gardens, but they may differ on how they

distinguish good from bad appearance. In other words, gardeners' expectations differ.

Color and leaf texture preference, presence of thorns or fruit, taste and quality of edible parts, tolerance for the volume of leaves that may drop in the fall — all vary from gardener to gardener. What they value also will change over time.

In addition, gardeners have to distinguish between damage that is harmful to plants and damage that is aesthetically imperfect but may not harm the plant.

Next week: Consider your options.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003

**Just past
the city limits**

Top 10 signs of spring

10. Your wife issues warning No. 1 regarding the placement of farm machinery on top of the daffodils.

9. The neighbor's bull of undetermined parentage has a gleam in his eye and you make a mental note to check the fences.

8. Supper is moved back an hour or two later.

7. You're beginning to get up enough confidence to unload the extra weight in the back of your pickup.

6. You switch the felt hat for the straw and it immediately turns cold out.

5. Commodity futures traders have a little more spring in their step as they relish the increased potential for weather-related price fluctuations.

4. You've lowered your basketball standards to the point where you back any team from the Big 12 over any team from the Big East.

3. Your social calendar becomes increasingly cluttered with the spike in farm auction activity.

2. Although it's still unclear just what you're going to plant, USDA announces the whole darn country's planting intentions and prices are limit down.

1. You think, "What the heck, no sense getting the heater in the feed truck fixed now."

*By Mark Parker,
cnhi news Service*

Checking in, being heard

The
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003



Members of the Genesee-Orleans delegation to the New York State Youth Bureau's legislative breakfast and leadership forum paid a visit to state Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, R-Albion, while they were in Albany recently. Shown from left, top row, are Chrystal LaPaglia, Susan Eddy, Michelle Mancuso, Orleans County Youth Board member Chris Lonnen, Ben Taylor, Michael Rosenbeck and youth board member Ray Toenniessen; in the bottom row are board member Genesis Castro, Nesbitt and Angela Barbeau.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003

Spotlight on scholarship

20 Medina residents cited at SUNY Brockport

Several Medina residents are among those named on the fall 2002 semester dean's list at the State University of New York College at Brockport. To be on the dean's list, students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.25. Listed local students are:

Delano Alvarez, William Ames, Amy Cifelli, Kenneth Fisher, Michael Forder, Kristina Fuller, Megan Gang, James Iorio, Theresa Jones, Carrie Koneski, Sarah Levanduski, Dawn Marciszewski, Amy Merriman, Alissa Oliver, Adam Rissew, Matthew Robison, Kelly Tuohey, Barbara Vreeland, Matthew Winans and Amy Zinkievich.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2003

Just past the city limits

*Top 10 comments
overheard on a
Chamber of
Commerce ranch tour*

10. I'm glad my daughter's not here or she'd want a big plastic earring just like those cows have.

9. What do you suppose they ask those cattle when they poll them?

8. Now the heifers are the ones with white faces, right?

7. A little landscaping here and there and this would make one heckuva golf course.

6. I heard the government gives these guys millions of dollars but, from the looks of things, this guy must be putting his in a Swiss bank account.

5. Isn't it hard to roll those hay bales up a hill?

4. I think the pointy thing on the back of the pickup is to keep people from following too closely on the highway.

3. I'm not exactly sure how they milk that one really big cow with the thick neck.

2. I assume the pre-boot stage has something to do with having to wear shoes until a certain age.

1. Somebody should have told me not to wear my good wingtips.

—
By Mark Parker
cnhi News Service

Ice storm damages plants

By Dave Reville

The ice storm and high winds this past weekend wreaked havoc with structures and plants, especially trees.

Damage was most noticeable on weak wooded plants such as silver maple, birch, willow and poplar. Large evergreens — blue or green spruce and white pine — also were uprooted by the high winds.

Tree damage included large and small limb breakage, bark damage and uprooting of trees. Ice combined with the high winds led to branches being ripped to the ground, leaving jagged wounds.

To help large trees suffering damage, it is better to contact a reputable tree surgeon rather than try tree cleanup yourself and risk bodily harm.

Small ornamental trees and shrubs that suffered damage are more easily trimmed. Carefully remove damaged limbs with loppers or a small chain saw, depending on branch thickness. Carefully remove limbs that are broken or shattered, making sure cuts are even and not jagged. Remove limbs to the main trunk, leaving about a one inch collar, not tight to the main trunk. Branch stubs should never be left.

Other tips for trying to ease damage:

- Never attempt to remove

ice from any plants, trees or shrubs. They're very brittle due to the ice and attempts to remove the ice could shatter the plant.

- To lessen ice and snow damage from shrubs, place an "A" frame over them to deflect the ice and snow.

- Don't wrap plants in plastic or tie them with wire or twine. To tie up loose, open, growing evergreens such as arborvitae, use plastic coated clothesline so that the stems will not be injured.

- To remove snow from plants, gently sweep the plants with a broom. Don't whack the limbs to remove snow loads.

Uprooted trees might not recover if root damage was extensive. If you think the tree can be saved, shovel a load of snow or soil onto exposed roots to prevent them from drying out. If the tree is large and needs to be uprighted, contact a reputable arborist for advice; doing so yourself could cause other problems at the moment.

The fact sheet "Repairing Ice and Snow Damage to Trees and Shrubs" is available through the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Send a legal size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Extension at 20 S. Main St., Albion, NY 14411-0150.

Extension gardener

There's a definite process to 'curing' what ails plants

By Dave Reville

Last week we began a look into the basics of plant health care, the exercise of ecologically sound principles to ensure a healthy garden.

Plant health care puts a strong emphasis on preventative measures and incorporates them into a comprehensive program with a focus on the plants. It does not replace integrated pest management. It also takes into consideration the many perceptions and expectations of the gardener.

Some basic elements of Plant Health Care are prevention, through the weeding out of diseased and damaged plants, mulching and proper spacing; consideration of growing conditions in design of a plot; site preparation; and preferences relating to plant appearance and the gardener's level of willingness to tolerate aesthetic imperfections.

This week, let's consider the options when a plant problem appears to require a remedy.

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In times of crisis, deciding on an appropriate response is not a "recipe." Management can be modifying the environment to prevent future recurrence, mechanically disrupting the stress, using other organisms to manage the problem or preventing the spread of stresses through remediation.

Some of the steps in assessing plant damage are: determining the damage, identifying the plant, looking into the history of the plant or the site and looking for patterns in the plant damage.

It is important that we identify environmental stresses in the garden to make good decisions. Stresses can be biotic (living), such as those caused by diseases, or abiotic (non-living), such as those caused by weather or mechanical injury. There can be a combination of factors in a stress complex.

Identifying the plant correctly is more than nice information to have. Knowing the plant will also clue gardeners to its: Growth habit (normal or abnormal) and its susceptibility to stresses (abiotic and biotic).

Living organisms — disease-causing pathogens or insects — tend to spread throughout a single plant and to adjacent plants, whereas non-living damage tends not to spread to new growth.

Noting the cultural and environmental conditions of affected plants before and after injury is important to determine what is wrong. Many times, the symptoms begin before we try to figure out what the problem is.

Think back over time to determine the conditions that may have contributed to the damage. Think about the site history, pesticide history, weather conditions, cultural practices and other factors in coming up with probable causes of the problem.

The landscape often includes constructed features such as paths and walls. They need to be considered over time and how they affect the growth and health of plants.

Patterns are clues. They might alert you to whether the problem is caused by a living organism or abiotic factors. Random patterns, for the most part, suggest a biotic cause, whereas uniform, or nonrandom symptoms tend to be abiotic.

It is possible to over-react to a problem. As with most processes, treatments applied without considering any alternative, without any other justification, or as an insurance against unknown or possible stresses, is not a part of the Plant Health concept.

First, be sure you have monitored the problem long enough to be sure it is a problem. When it is necessary to treat or take other action to remedy a problem, be sure it is done at an appropriate time and with the proper material.

Living plants grow and change with time. They have a natural life cycle. Removing them when necessary is part of plant health care. A plant weakened by age is likely to become diseased and insect-infested, potentially introducing these problems to healthy plants.

To manage a problem, the gardener can modify the environment to prevent future recurrence, mechanically disrupt the stress to alleviate the current problem, use other organisms to eat, parasitize (out-compete the stressing organisms) or prevent the spread of stresses through remediation.

For more information on plant health care, call Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 589-5561.

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File Features

50 Years Ago

- Ridge Road

Riders 4-H Club members are rehearsing a play and singing contest set for May 1 at the Grange Hall in Johnson Creek

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HORSE Club members make presentations

MEDINA — Members of the HORSE Club made presentations in February and April.

Carly Wells, Audrey Rath, Tyler Tower and Jessica Arno represented the club at the events. Audrey's presentation was "After Trail Treats." Tyler presented "Parts of the Horse." Jessica's topic was "Learning Horse Body Language." Carly presented "Numbers in the

Horse World."

The club is involved in the 5-star tests and has completed through the fifth level.

Jenny Rae Siplo and Katie DesJardin are new members.

The club met on April 13 at the Trolley Building. The topics discussed were rainrot and foundering a horse.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2003

Extension Gardener

Landscape plantings require early care

By Dave Reville

Having success growing landscape plants requires that you select healthy, high quality disease resistant plants that are hardy in this area. In addition you need to plant them correctly. Plants that will thrive need a little extra care the first year to get them established.

Analyzing the landscape site is a good first step to success with your plantings. Examine soil type, soil and air drainage, low spots and exposure to prevailing winds in the winter months. Allow enough space for mature growth of the plants, so that problems will not arise later. Visit area nurseries and garden centers for plants to suit your site. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension and local nurserymen for specific advice.

Other factors to include as you consider your site are utilities above and below ground, septic systems and other landscape plants that can interfere with plant growth, especially shade cast from trees.

Also, examine plants for their susceptibility to disease or insects and select varieties accordingly. It is best to avoid weak wooded plants upon which storm damage takes its toll. Consider whether the plant has flowers or fruits and if they will create a problem when they drop. Plant shape, form, flowering period, fall color and bark texture also will

provide landscape interest.

Purchasing plants from a local nursery or garden center gives you the chance to examine plants before you purchase them and they offer guaranteed replacement of plants that do not live.

Plant as soon as possible after purchase for best results. It is important that you plant plants at the same depth they were growing in the nursery and no deeper. Remove tags and broken limbs, and fold the burlap under, before backfilling with soil if your plant is balled and burlapped.

It is advisable to stake plants set down in a windy location for the first few years. Thin-barked trees such as dogwood, maple and crabapple should have their trunks wrapped with tree wrap paper during the winter months to prevent frost cracks on the trunk.

Watering is crucial to newly planted plants, especially during periods of low rainfall. Make sure to water deeply by letting the hose slowly trickle under plants; use care to not cause a washout around roots. Overhead watering, when necessary, should never be done after 4 p.m. in order to prevent disease problems.

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Cooperative Extension offers slew of TV-alternative activities

ALBION — Turn off the TV and turn on life, says Jaime Brennan, community educator at Orleans County Cooperative Extension.

There are a slew of activities planned at the county's 4-H fairgrounds and other local sites through Sunday, including everything from a community clean-up to a trip to Letchworth State Park and a college fashion show.

"Please join us, have a great time, learn some new things," Brennan says.

■ Participants can **make decorations** for this year's annual 4-H clothing revue from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Cooperative Extension's basement, 20 South Main St.

■ A **military cookie bake** from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Yates Baptist Church, East Yates Center Road, will supply four kinds of cookies for 4-H family members who are serving overseas.

Participants are encouraged to bring an address of a loved one serving in the military and any of the cookie ingredients.

■ **Dog Information Night** from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the fairgrounds on Route 31 will bring

together members of the Orleans County Dog Club and fellow canine owners to learn about caring for a dog.

■ You can **decorate a float** from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at McCracken Farms, 650 White Rd., Sweden, for the annual Max's Mardi Gras Parade from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Brockport.

Participants can bring ideas and decoration materials. Call 589-5561 for more information and directions to the farm.

■ The 22nd annual **Genesee Community College Fashion Show** at 7 p.m. April 26 at the college, One College Rd., Batavia, promises 80 of the hottest fashion trends and colors. Call 345-0055 for more information.

■ Learn about local **mosses and mushrooms** during a field trip from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 27 at Letchworth State Park in Wyoming County. Meet at the extension office, 20 South Main St. at 8:30 a.m., bring a lunch and enjoy the view of a wildflower walk at 1 p.m.

A minimum of 10 people is needed for the trip. Call 589-5561 for more information.

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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003

Summer career camp aids youths interested in ag fields

"Find Your Future in Agriculture," a Growing Careers summer camp, will be offered for youths ages 10 to 16 in July.

The camp is sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extensions in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming counties and will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 8-10.

The camp gives students a chance to explore different types of work connected with science and agriculture.

Day one will focus on plants and soils. Participants will tour different places in their home county, visit agriculture and science experts and participate in hands-on experience, all the while learning about numerous careers associated with plants and soils.

On day two, participants will

learn about animals in agriculture and their importance in the industry. They will also learn about several careers associated with the animal sector of the agriculture industry.

On the third day, participants from all four counties will gather at Genesee Community College's Batavia campus for "Ag-Sploration" and meet the camp participants from neighboring counties, take a tour of the campus and work in a lab with a professor.

The cost for the camp is \$50 per student; scholarships are available. The registration deadline is June 6 and space is limited.

For more information, call Pat LaPoint at 343-3040, Ext. 118.

This week, 4-H says 'thanks' to its volunteers

By Deborah Roberts

Volunteers have always been an integral part of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Not only are we fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers from all walks of Orleans County life serving as the leadership of county Cornell Cooperative Extension, but much of our programming is accomplished by volunteers who serve the program itself, the property, the fair board and the harvest fest committees.

In the agriculture program area we have growers on advisory committees; in horticulture we have master gardeners; and in 4-H Youth Development we have 4-H leaders and program development volunteers.

We could not accomplish what we do without our incredible volunteers.

Volunteers are one of the nation's most valuable resources. During this National Volunteer Week (April 27 to May 3), millions of these dedicated men, women and young people, here in Orleans County and in communities throughout the nation, are being saluted for their efforts and their commitment to serve.

The week's theme — "Celebrate Volunteers, The Spirit of America!" — reflects the resolve of the American tradition of neighbor helping neighbor.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974, when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since has signed a proclamation in support of the week.

Sponsored by the Points of Light

Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network, National Volunteer Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels.

Many of our volunteers have been involved for many years.

Dottie Dusett was honored this past November for her 60 years of volunteer service to 4-H.

Another honoree, Pauline Lanning, was named Cornell Cooperative Extension's statewide Friend of Extension for 2002. Lanning, a 37-year volunteer 4-H leader, has served as the adviser to the 4-H Senior Council for many years.

Neil and Joanne Johnson have served for more than 25 years as leaders of the Rabbit Raisers.

These are just a few excellent exam-

ples of the many extremely dedicated volunteers we are so fortunate to have in Orleans County.

Volunteers make a difference in our community. They make our country a better place. What better way to honor them than to give them a hand — not just applause, but a little help. We urge those who are not yet part of this special group to join.

Everyone can serve — seniors, families, people with disabilities, youth and businesses.

For more information on volunteer opportunities with Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, call 589-5561.

Deborah Roberts is the director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Students are off to Italy

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — For two years Laura Lyman has been planning for a trip to Italy with her Albion classmates.

But until Thursday, she and other members of the school's Latin Club weren't sure if they would be given clearance to leave on the trip today.

Lyman and her classmates will spend Easter break in Rome, Florence, Vatican City and other Italian cities that offer numerous relics and art masterpieces.

"All of the kids have really been hoping to go on this trip," Lyman, 17, said Thursday evening, while making final preparations for the journey.

"I've been on other trips overseas and they are some of the most wonderful experiences of my life."

Lyman has traveled with her family to Spain and England. She wants to see more of the world.

Last year's Italy trip was canceled because of continued concerns stemming from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. This year the Board of Education became increasingly uncomfortable with foreign travel in the wake of the terrorist attacks, the threat and eventual war with Iraq and the recent outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

The board last week canceled a trip to Japan that was scheduled for Easter break. The board worried about SARS, but also fretted that the trip didn't include a contingency plan and other supports if there were problems or other emergencies. Dana Martin, who teaches Japanese language classes, planned the trip himself, without the aid of the tour group. Although he has friends in Japan, the board didn't believe there were enough "safeguards" in case something went wrong, Board President Michael Bonafede said.

The board's decision to allow one trip and not another bothered Joanne Baxter, parent of one of the five students who spent two years preparing for the Japan trip. Her son, Daniel, is a senior and won't get another chance to go to Japan on a school trip.

"It's good for the kids who are going," Baxter said Thursday. "But it is a little strange with one group going and one not."

Latin teacher Irene Henion arranged the Italy trip through Cultural Heritage Alliance, an educational tour group, and that company has an organization of contacts and staff to help if an emer-



Lyman



Tom Rivers/Daily News

PACKING: Albion student Allyson Doherty, 17, prepares for a trip to Italy with her father, Kevin, a Board of Education member. Allyson and 12 other students fly to Italy today for a trip that was in doubt until Thursday because of concerns about SARS, terrorism and war with Iraq.

gency, Bonafede said.

If Albion students were quarantined in Japan or elsewhere on airlines, Bonafede said he worried how Martin and the five students on the trip would respond. The CHA could rally around the Albion group if there was a crisis.

"No one wants to do this," Bonafede said. "No one wants to cancel trips. But we're making a decision on behalf of the school district and the entire community."

The Italy trip's 13 students are about half of how many students usually go on the trip. Henion told the board the uncertainty with the trip caused the decline in numbers.

She pushed for the excursion because she believes it will be one of the most memorable and valuable learning opportunities for her students, she told the board.

Allyson Doherty, 17, of Albion follows her sisters Meghan, 21, and Liz, 23, who went to Italy when they were in school. Liz just returned home after traveling six months in Europe. Both sisters encouraged Allyson to go.

"You realize what a young country we are," Liz said at the Doherty's Albion home. "Here an old building is from 1870. In Europe they have the Coliseum next to modern skyscrapers."

Allyson admitted the board's uneasiness with the trips made her "nervous." Her father, Kevin, sits on the board and has continued to back foreign trips. He said the trips should only be canceled

if the State Department issues a travel ban. The State Department has more information about any dangers in traveling to a foreign country than a board member can get combing the news wires, Doherty said. Also, with a State Department ban, Albion students would get most of their \$2,300 back for the Italy trip.

If Albion canceled this week without the ban, students would be out all of the money.

Tony King, 15, said the district's superintendent, Dr. Ada Grabowski stopped in his advanced placement Latin class Thursday and told the students the Italy trip was still on schedule. The students all let out a sigh of relief.

"I'm very excited and much relieved," King, a sophomore, said. "I think it will be a wonderful trip."

He's also grateful his brother Patrick, a senior, can go on the trip with him.

Lynn and Tom Metcalf are another sibling pair on the trip. Lynn, 16, wanted to go with her brother, a senior.

"I was nervous about losing my hard-earned money," she said. "It's gonna be great experience and we'll see a lot of historic places."

Tom Metcalf said he isn't worried about SARS, terrorism or any anti-American fallout from the Iraq war.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said about the trip. "I think it's the experience of a life."

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File Features

50 Years Ago

Shirley Heise, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heise of Kendall, and Norman Hefke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hefke of Clarendon, are the winners of the 1953 4-H Club Square Dance Contest.

Extension Gardener

Shade gardening requires a bit of forethought

By Dave Reville

Shade gardening can be defined as gardening without direct sunlight.

Really, this is not a very descriptive definition. To garden successfully without direct sunlight, the type of shade situation needs to be determined. What is the source of the shade; a house, a large building or other structure? Do other plants, such as trees, produce the shade? Are there any times of the day in which your garden will receive direct sunlight?

Good reference material will further define "shade" by detailing three densities of shade.

The lightest shade is produced by trees with open canopies, like birch or honey locust, where the sunlight is dappled on the ground in a moving pattern without allowing direct sunlight in one place for very long. This creates a fairly bright situation, good for a wide range of shade plants and some sun-loving plants, too.

Medium shade is found in a north-facing location, produced by the presence of a building and the foliage and branches of surrounding trees.

Dense shade is the most limited in respect to plant selection. It is defined as a north-facing "tunnel entrance" where tall fences or walls block all light except the narrowest strip of incidental light. It's a challenging situation in which to grow plants.

Gardening in the shade requires us to look at some gardening principles or habits a little differently than we would in a full sun situation. Successful gardeners adjust to the challenges that shade produces relative to soil preparation, spacing, watering, fertilizing and sanitation.

All garden soils, whether sandy, loamy or clay, will benefit from the incorporation of some organic matter to improve soil structure and allows more space for air to penetrate it. Medium to dense shade gardens will also dry more slowly after a rainfall, since they lack the sun's evaporative help. Good soil drainage is critical for success.

It is easier to overwater a garden in the shade. The same rules apply when watering, though. Water thoroughly with deep soakings and let the soil dry out between waterings. Use a soaker hose to avoid wetting the foliage.

Most gardeners tend to plan closer than the recommended spacing that most plants need when they mature. It is easier to get away with this tighter spacing in a sun situation. It is much riskier in a shade garden. Dense foliage due to overplanting will keep the underlying soil moist for longer periods. Air circulation around the plants will be reduced and the risk of disease development will be increased.

Proper spacing will minimize leaf overlap, allowing each plant to receive as much light as possible.

The nutrient requirements of each plant are a function of need. Plants grown in lower light will have lower nutrient needs than plants in high light situations.

This does not imply that shade plants do not need to be fed. They just require fewer nutrients than their sun loving counterparts.

A dry granular or low analysis water-soluble fertilizer should be used according to directions.

The cool, damp environment of medium- to dense shade is the perfect place for the growth and development of many fungal diseases. Because of this unique environment, garden clean up becomes more important.

It's best to know the degree of shade your garden receives and choose the right plants for your site.

Dave Reville is an extension educator with Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension. For more information, call him at 589-5561.

Just Past the City Limits

Top 10 signs of a country prom on the horizon

10. Well, there are all those wheat straw and henbit corsages, for one thing.

9. The night before, the trash cans at the local car wash fill up with feed sacks and baling twine.

8. Area farm and home stores get a lot of inquiries about the availability of Carhart tuxedos.

7. DJs are getting all of the most romantic Garth Brooks songs sorted out.

6. Mothers all over the area are explaining why it's not OK to wear a cap — yes, even a clean one — to top off a formal ensemble.

5. Somebody's wondering why it wouldn't work better to just attach that corsage to their date's dress with an ear tag applicator.

4. A farm kid on the decoration committee is suggesting that some heat lamps hooked up to an old lawn mower motor might be awesome.

3. Farmers will be parking their 4WD tractors up next to

their daughter's date's car to emphasize the consequences of bringing her home late.

2. Some kid is trying to convince his date that it would be "really cool" to arrive — "I'll even wash it" — in a combine.

1. Boys all over the county will suddenly realize that a "cummerbund" is not some sort of deli bread.

— Mark Parker, *Farm Talk*, *cnhi News Service*

Making some new friends

By Jeremy Moule

The Journal-Register

RIDGEWAY — Youths involved in the Just Friends program had a chance to participate in some hands-on activities Sunday afternoon.

Just Friends held their first Hands-On Hear Fair in the trolley building of the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds. The children had an opportunity to try their hands at a number of different things, including making bluebird houses, knitting, drawing and flower arranging.

The event was a hit with the kids.

"I wish I could do this every day," said 8-year-old Jalma McCall.

Diane Heminway is a Just Friends mentor who set up a table where the youths could make clay as well as decorate ice cream cone cupcakes. She said the event was a good opportunity that provided children with a chance to socialize and to learn different creative skills and talents. It was also a good opportunity for mentors or potential mentors to work with children.

"It is kind of fun and it is teaching kids how to do different kinds of crafts," said 12-year-old Nicole Kelley as she worked on a clay project.

Kelley was enjoying the challenge of the various activities, particularly the cross-stitching. It was tough in the beginning, she said, but it got easier as she kept at it.

Ashley Deskins also enjoyed the cross-stitching. She enjoyed the freedom of the craft and the overall process of making a design.

"You get to make your own stuff," she said.

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of each child, he said.

"Having this is a learning experience for the kids," he said.

Other exhibitions at the fair included flower arranging, led by Trudy Swartz of Floristry by Trudy; cross-stitching, led by Peggy Schreck; birdhouse building, led by David Schreck; potholder weaving, by Louise Monaghan; and knitting, by Jennifer Bansbach.

The idea for the fair came from Robin McClellan, who suggested it as part of a project through Landmark Education, an

international organization he works for based in Toronto.

He said his goal was to bring in adults who weren't mentors to let them work with children involved in the program.

The event was made possible by a grant from the Genesee-Orleans Youth Bureau with funds from state Sen. George Maziarz0.

Just Friend is a youth mentoring program where kids age 5 to 16 in need of a mentor are matched up with positive adult role models. The only requirement is that

selves, she said.

Wood was assisted by her friend, 14-year-old Nick Falls.

An avid drawer himself, Falls had been assisting some youths with their drawings.

"It feels like they look up to you," he said of his experience

helping out.

Falls said he enjoyed assisting, and that he believed the event was a good idea. It helped to bring out the talents

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Vino Wong/The Journal-Register

Dave Schreck guides Franklin Nichols, 13, while measuring plywood for making a birdhouse as part of the Just Friends program at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

mentors should spend at least a few hours a week with the children, according to Christine Goetze, coordinator of the program. Currently, 33 children have mentors, while 65 children are on the waiting list.

"It's a great program," said Bansbach, who is a mentor. "Three hours a week makes a difference to these kids."

Anyone interested in mentoring can contact Goetze at 589-9210.

Contact Jeremy Moule at 798-1400, Ext. 2227, or moulej@gnewsnewspaper.com.

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25 Years Ago

Fourteen 4-H'ers from Orleans County participated in the District Public Presentation Program in Lockport. —

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THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003



"Can you believe it? Broomsticks now come with driver and passenger airbags!"

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003

Extension Gardener

In spring, think mole control, healthy soil

By Dave Reville

Garden matters to ponder this week: Mole control and soil amendment. Let's jump right in.

Moles

First, the good news: Moles in your lawn and garden do not eat plants or bulbs. In fact, they often are blamed for the work of mice, voles, squirrels or skunks.

Moles eat only insects, dining primarily on grubs, some insects and earthworms. They actually help reduce the population of Japanese beetles.

Moles are territorial, solitary animals that need a large territory in which to forage for enough food to survive. They need to eat their own weight in insects daily.

One mole may tunnel 200 feet in a 24-hour period, making tunnels just under the soil surface. They also maintain deep tunnels that are their more permanent thoroughfares.

The homeowner struggling with mole damage may have only one mole to catch or repel, but that mole can do a lot of damage in the meantime.

Mole control is not an exact science. Alternatives range from persistently stamping down tunnels to using traps and repellents. The family cat is often an excellent mole hunter.

Traps are effective if the homeowner places the trap in an actively used tunnel and does not leave human scent on it. To determine an active tunnel, stomp down on the tunnels one evening and watch which one(s) pop up again by morning.

Chemical grub control is recommended if you have a grub problem, which is usually indicated if there are eight to 12 grubs found per square foot of soil. Dig up a square foot of sod and count them.

Mole damage is most severe in late winter and early spring when the soil is moist. In any case, the moles dig deeper or move on once summer arrives and the lawn dries out.

Soil Preparation

Growing your own vegetables can be fun and is an economical way to provide the family with fresh produce all season long. A key to success is proper preparation of the soil.

Chances are that your soil is not ideal. Most soils in this area are low in organic matter and often are heavy with clay. You may have the extreme, a soil that's very sandy. In either case, soil preparation will pay big dividends in a productive vegetable garden.

If your soil is tight, heavy clay that is hard to work, you will need to add organic matter by applying materials such as coarse peat, compost or decomposed barnyard manure. The addition of organic materials will allow for better air and water penetration, which is necessary for healthy root growth of your vegetables. If your soil is very sandy, organic material is necessary to help hold moisture.

Apply the organic matter to the soil surface about 1-1/2 inches deep, about four to five bushels of material for every 100 square feet (10 by 10). Hand-spade the material into the soil if the soil is too hard to cultivate with a rototiller. Follow spading with rototilling to thoroughly mix the material with the soil to a depth of at least nine inches. If you plan to grow root crops, such as carrots or beets, it is important to loosen the soil as deep as possible.

Apply fertilizer such as 10-10-10 at the rate of one to two pounds per 100 square feet. Spread the fertilizer on the rough soil surface after you have worked in the organic matter. Use a rototiller or similar tillage equipment to incorporate it. Rake the soil to remove debris and large clods of soil.

Now you are ready to plant.

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35 Years Ago

The 4-H fairgrounds
are growing again as the

leveling and seeding of a new
area, a former apple orchard,
takes place.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003

Youth farm machinery class slated

A tractor and machinery training and certification course will be offered beginning next week by Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Completion of the course allows 14- and 15-year-olds to engage in agricultural machinery-related work activities.

The 24-hour course provides instruction in the operation of tractors over 20 PTO and other equipment.

Certification provides exemptions to Part 1500 of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which declares certain agricultural occupations to be hazardous for anyone younger than 16.

Participants must attend all 24 hours of instruction. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22 at the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds. A final exam will be given May 24.

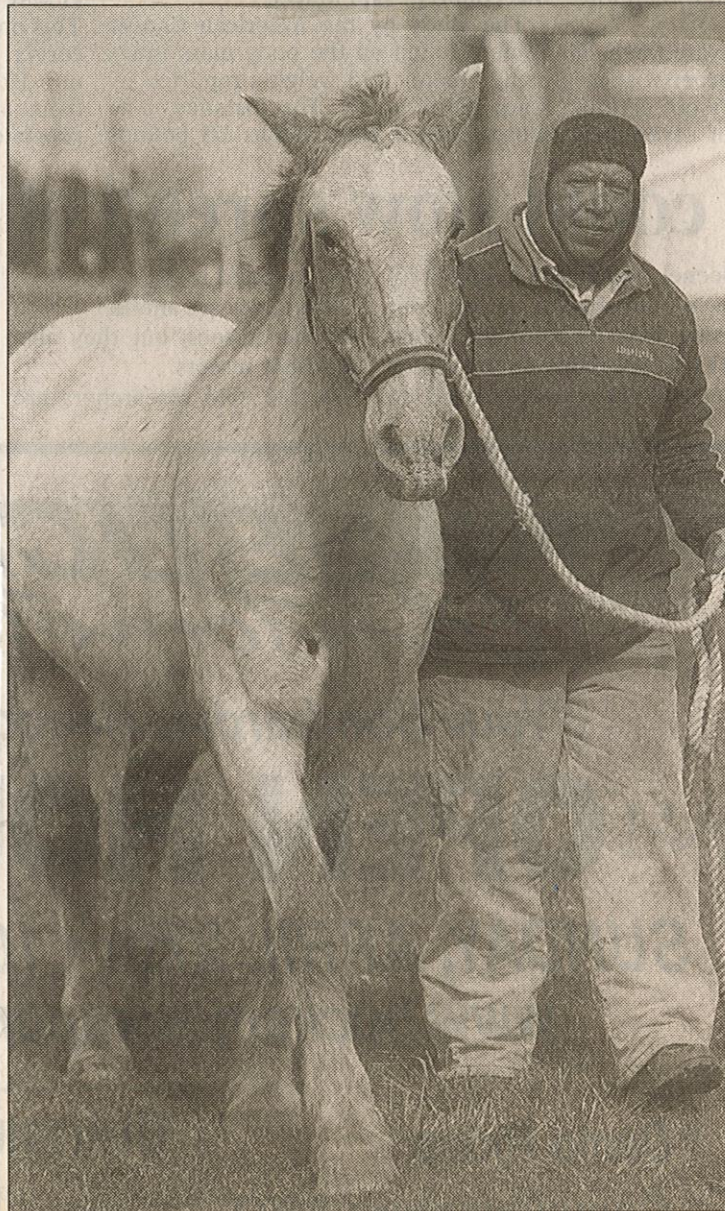
The fee is \$20, payable at the first class.

To register, call the extension office at 589-5561.

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Horsin' around

The Journal-Register



Dan Cappellazzo/The Journal-Register

Sabastion Santiago takes a quarterhorse out for a bit of fresh air at the 4-H fairgrounds in Knowlesville.

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Cornell moving to 4-H Fairgrounds

By Brian M. Bannister

The Journal-Register

The sign on the front lawn says "sold" but it still may be some time before the Cornell Cooperative Extension moves to new facilities at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Medina.

The extension is housed at 20 S. Main St. in Albion and has a tentative agreement to sell its present home to its neighbor, Christ Church Episcopal.

"We have some time to get our ducks in a row," Cooperative Extension Executive Director Deborah Roberts said.

The plan is to build an education center at the fairgrounds. The primary purpose of the facility would be to provide enhanced educational facilities.

"It's been discussed for years," said Nelda Toussaint of the Orleans County Farm Bureau. "The building they're in now is totally inefficient."

The Cooperative Extension sponsors numerous events, such as horse, goat and llama shows that are conducted at the fairgrounds.

The idea, according to Roberts, is to improve programs by bringing every-

thing to one site.

"We're building for the classrooms, not just for offices," Roberts said.

Classrooms or offices, the location is ideal, according to Toussaint.

"We have a wonderful fairgrounds and a wonderful fair," she said.

The Cooperative Extension is seeking an engineering and architectural firm to design a new center and is negotiating with Ivy Partners of Victor, N.Y. to help organize a fund raising campaign.

So far there are no specific plans in place, Roberts said.

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge to sponsor 13th annual Youth Fishing Derby on June 7

The Daily News • Friday, May 23, 2003

ALABAMA—To celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is sponsoring its 13th Annual Youth Fishing Derby on June 7. Fishing is 8 a.m. to noon at Ringneck Marsh, off Oak Orchard Rd.

The free event is open to youths age 17 years and under. No experience is necessary. An awards ceremony and door prize drawings will follow.

On-site registration starts at 7:30 a.m. There is no pre-registration or reservation required.

Participants will receive a free fishing grab bag while supplies last. Those attending should bring their own tackle and a lunch. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish in three age categories: 6 years and under; 7 to 12 years; and 13 to 17 years.

Volunteers are needed to identify, measure and record the fish, take pictures and staff the registration table. To volunteer, call 948-5445.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. and the northeast region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Take Me Fishing" program on a National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial in 2003.

Extension Gardener

For best results, baby new plants

Successful landscape plantings begin with the selection of healthy, high quality, disease-resistant plants that are hardy in our area.

Plants that thrive got a bit extra care in the first year to get them established.

Analyzing the landscape site is a good first step to success with plantings. Examine the soil type, soil and air drainage, low spots and exposure to prevailing winds in the winter months. Allow enough space for mature growth of plants, so that problems won't arise later.

Other factors to be considered are site utilities above and below ground, septic systems and other plants that can interfere with plant growth.

Also examine plants for their susceptibility to disease or insects and select varieties accordingly. It is best to avoid weak, wooded plants.

Consider whether the plant has flowers or fruits and whether a problem will be created when they drop.

Purchasing plants from a local nursery or garden center gives you the chance to examine them before purchase, and the shops usually guarantee replacement of plants that don't live.

After purchase, plant the specimens as soon as possible. Be sure to plant them at the same depth they were growing in the nursery and no deeper. Be sure to remove tags and broken limbs and fold burlap underneath a balled, burlapped plant before backfilling with soil.

Where plants are set in a windy location, it is best to stake them for the first few years. Thin-barked trees should have their trunks wrapped with tree wrap paper during the winter.

Watering is crucial for newly planted plants, especially during periods of low rainfall. Make sure to water them deeply by letting the hose trickle slowly under the plants, but use care not to cause a washout around the roots. Water overhead only when necessary and don't do it after 4 p.m. in order to avoid disease problems.

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THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2003

Just Past the City Limits

*You had your hopes
up, but then ...*

10. The tractor mechanic said he just had to replace a small piece but it turns out it's made of platinum and handcrafted by Tibetan monks.

9. Despite the fact that you didn't show up for the meeting, you've just been re-elected fair board president.

8. It looks like everybody at the sale barn is really excited about your calves in the ring until you figure out someone upset a spittoon.

7. When your wife told you she got something for your pickup for your birthday you figured it had to be the new grill you'd been wanting but it turned out to be one of those vanilla-scented hanging air fresheners.

6. You go to bed after seeing a wall of reds and yellows coming your way on the weather radar and wake up to find cobwebs in your rain gauge.

5. You buy the best looking bull at the sale and soon realize he should have come with a case of Viagra.

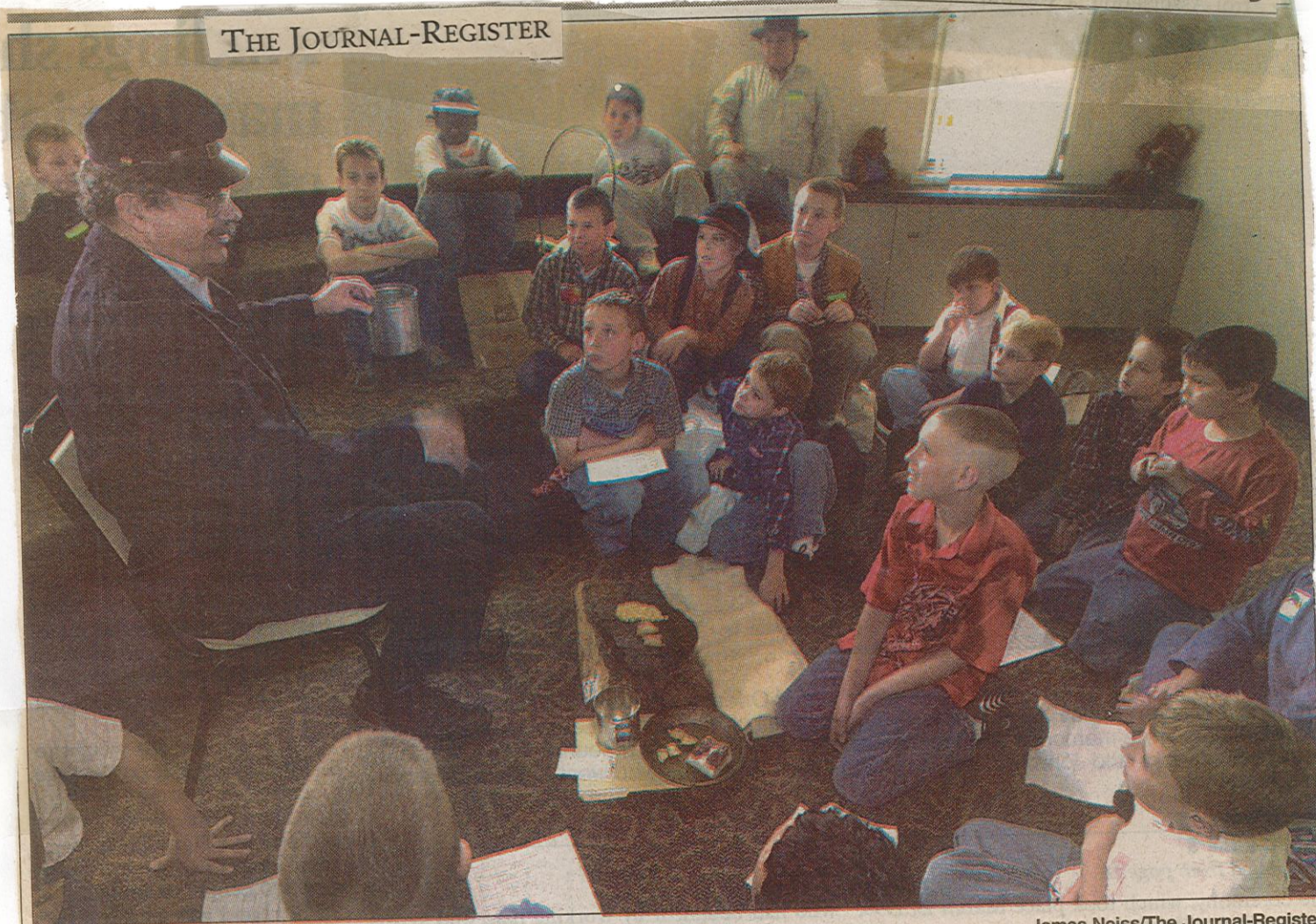
4. It looked like you had just set a new intergalactic corn yield record until you realized you added up all the bushels — but not all the acres.

3. After intensive market analysis, you decide to sell your corn and feed out your steers — corn goes up, fed cattle go down.

2. The guy at the elevator says "Doc" and you turn to see if the veterinarian is behind you, realizing that he actually said, "dock."

1. The Publisher's Clearinghouse van pulls in your driveway but they're only there to ask directions.

Mark Parker's Farm Talk, cnhi News Service



James Neiss/The Journal-Register

Friday was Pioneer Day at Albion Elementary School. Here, local historian Neil Johnson explains to students what it was like to live in a Civil War army camp. It seems that soldiers were supplied with three food items; a wheat product called hard tack, salt pork and coffee.

Revisiting history

Albion students take part in annual Pioneer Day

By Jeremy Moule

The Journal-Register

ALBION — Fourth-graders in the Albion district had an opportunity Friday to experience life as it was in the colonial days.

The day marked the 17th annual Pioneer Day at Albion Primary School. Students dressed in replica colonial-era outfits and modern garments made their way through different presentations that dealt with life in early America.

"It's sort of like a culmination and celebration of our fourth-grade social studies," said Rob Kania, a fourth-grade teacher.

The students have been studying state history, including Native Americans, explorers and colonial times.

This year, students had a number of activities to choose from, including two that made their debut: Colonial foods and colonial games. Other activities included paper

cutting, quilting, tin punching, woven wreaths, school days, making paper jumping jacks, stenciling, a general store, folk art, cross-stitching and Civil War camp.

"It's kind of cool," said Jonas Trapiss as he tried his hand at tin punching.

Hailey Olles said that she had been looking forward to Pioneer Day ever since her brother did it. Of the activities she participated in the first half of the day, she said she enjoyed cross-stitching the most, but was looking forward to tin punching.

"We're doing very different things," said Shannon Vanderlaan.

She enjoyed the pioneer games the most. The games included a ball attached to a cup with string, Jacob's ladder and jumping jacks.

Vanderlaan said she was looking forward to cross-stitching.

Pioneer Day was started as a way to bolster what students had been learning in

class, according to teacher Diane Densen, the only remaining member of the group of teachers that initiated the event.

"They're living what they had been reading and studying about," Densen said.

Students also used to take a trip to the Genesee Country Museum in the fall, but now go to the Cobblestone Museum instead.

Over the years, the students have come to anticipate Pioneer Day, Densen said.

"It's our big day," said teacher Linda Kerr, who was leading students in making woven wreaths.

This year, the students were joined in the morning by residents of Clover Hill adult residence, who also participated in the activities.

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Join the letters campaign

The Journal-Register is printing a weekly, volunteer listing of active military service personnel from our area. Letters and cards are encouraged.

To add a name to the list, call the J-R newsroom at 798-1400, Ext. 2230.

Be sure to drop a line to:

Specialist 4th Class Bret A.

Klatt

450th CA Battalion

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Klatt, of Albion, is an Army Reservist stationed in Afghanistan. He is the son of Randall and Jane Klatt of Albion.

Just past the city limits

Top 10 deductions IRS will disallow on a tax return

10. \$543 in co-op dog food as an employee expense.

9. \$1,500 to the psychic hotline for soybean merchandising advice.

8. 87 sale barn cafe receipts from your local weekly auction.

7. \$3,500 for trip to Las Vegas to look at a used tractor.

6. \$47.50 to rent a carpet shampooer after you had to bring

that half-frozen baby calf in the house to thaw out.

5. \$12,000 for listing your seed dealer as a dependent.

4. \$256 loss from spending \$425 in feed on laying hens that produce \$169 worth of eggs a year.

3. \$83.50 for shotgun shells to help motivate the neighbor's bull

right out of your pasture.

2. \$968 extra you paid in higher prices at the mom & pop store because there are just too many people in Wal-Mart.

1. Claiming the whole darn farm as a nonprofit organization.

— Mark Parker, Farm Talk, cnhi News Service

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THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

Chemical fertilizers don't poison, but organics will add more to soil

By Lee Reich

The Associated Press

With all the concern about chemicals in our environment, some gardeners fear that using chemical fertilizers will poison people, plants or the soil. This is not the case — when chemical fertilizers are used correctly. But chemical fertilizers are too easy to use incorrectly. And this is where “organic fertilizers” come into play.

Organic fertilizers are natural materials that are unprocessed or only slightly processed. Manures, ground up rocks and composted vegetable wastes are examples of organic fertilizers. Chemical fertilizers are synthesized and generally more concentrated sources of nutrients.

Even though nutrients “eaten” by a plant ultimately are the same whether the source is a chemical or an organic fertilizer, the nutritional effect is different. Most organic fertilizers must be decomposed by soil microorganisms before they can release their goodness to plants. Warmth and moisture stimulate the microorganisms as well as plants, so nutrients are released in synch with

To treat your soil well, add to it abundant amounts of leaves, manure, straw, grass clippings and compost.

plant growth. Slower release means that one application can last a whole season and that there's less chance of nutrients washing out of the soil before plants get to them.

Organic fertilizers vary in their concentrations of nutrients. Horse manure and compost have less than 1 percent nitrogen; soybean meal has 7 percent nitrogen; and blood meal has a whopping 15 percent nitrogen. But concentrated is not always better.

Much of the benefit of organic fertilizers comes from their bulk, which comes mostly from carbon compounds. These compounds help plants take up what nutrients are in the soil, as well as help release new nutrients from rock minerals.

These compounds also include antibiotics that kill some fungi and bacteria that cause plant diseases. And the sheer bulk of these carbon compounds fluffs up soils, making room for air and, at the same time, sponging up water to hold for plants.

So by using chemical fertilizers, you do not poison soils, plants or people, but you do miss out on many of the benefits of organic fertilizers. You also miss out on many of these benefits when you use organic fertilizers that are too concentrated in nutrients.

To treat your soil well, add to it abundant amounts of leaves, manure, straw, grass clippings and compost. Supplement these bulky materials, when necessary, with doses of more concentrated fertilizers. Supplementation is necessary for bulky materials such as sawdust and straw, which are very low in nutrients, and for plants such as celery and cabbage, which have voracious appetites.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

Extension gardener

Garden 'sleuths' need to be armed with the right tools

By Dave Reville

Good gardeners know that you always have to be ready to face many situations as you cultivate plant material. Often this involves playing a detective role.

To be a good plant-problem detective requires some skills.

Plant problems occur for many reasons, either from a single cause or a variety of causes. You need to investigate whether a problem is contagious, how it will respond to control treatments, what is happening to the same plant as well as others in the neighborhood, the stage of development an insect is in, whether the problem can be prevented and the weather conditions.

Effective and lasting control of plant diseases is impossible without knowing the details of the cause. In the case of insects, it is imperative to know the stage of development the insect is in before controls can be selected.

Having the correct tools is a must for any good "sleuth." These would include a pocket knife, a hand lens, a trowel, a soil test probe, a coffee can, a soil test kit and, if available, use of a microscope to view the insect or disease up close.

In addition, it helps to have several good reference books with colored photos as part of your library. Cornell Cooperative Extension fact sheets and bulletins should also complement your gardening library, most notably Cornell Bulletin 74, "Pest Management Around the Home Part 1 & 2." This bulletin is available for cost at any county Cooperative Extension Office.

As always, Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension staff members and Master Gardener volunteers are available to assist in the solving of "crimes" committed upon your plants each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Garden fertilizing

Vegetable gardens will benefit from fertilizer applications and produce more abundantly.

When using 5-10-5 granular fertilizer, apply it at the rate of four pounds per 100 square feet. Two pounds of this should be spread or broadcast over the soil before spading or plowing. The other two pounds should be applied before the soil bed is raked and leveled off.

Well-rotted farm manure can help provide some nutrients as well and is especially helpful in breaking up clay soils and improving soil tilth. To each bushel of manure used, add one pound of superphosphate, enough for 50 square feet. It's also recommended that only dry soil be placed or tilled in order to avoid compaction problems later.

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Associated Press

Debris inspection

A Saudi police officer inspects items among the debris of the Al-Hamra compound, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Tuesday following a series of explosions late Monday. Officials said 34 people were killed, including seven Americans. See story, page A-2.

BRIEFLY

Supervisors OK union agreements

By Matt Surtel

Daily News Staff Writer

WARSAW — Memorandums of agreement for two employee union contracts that include salary increases for each year through 2005 were approved Tuesday by the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors.

The contracts would cover Civil Service Employees Association General Unit 9250, and Supervisory Unit 9250-01. Their membership includes all county employees except for the Sheriff's Office, county department heads, and Wyoming County Community Hospital management.

Each contract would be effective from Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 31, 2005. They would be subject to language approval by the county attorney's office.

The contracts would become effective immediately, upon agreement from all parties. Both sides got what they wanted in terms of specifics, said County Attorney Eric Dadd.

"We were able to avoid extended and burdensome discussions," he said. "I think the wage increases speak for themselves. I think it's a good agreement for the county, mainly because it's three years."

The general employees contract would cover roughly 600 employees. Among other stipulations, it would include:

■ A 1.5 percent wage increase would

CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS



Rocco Laurienzo/Daily News

SEEING IS BELIEVING: Jack Seedorf, a volunteer with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, talks about conservation to students from Albion Middle School at the Conservation Field Days Tuesday at the Orleans County Fairgrounds.

Great outdoors used as classroom during sessions to teach appreciation for nature

By Michael Finch

Daily News Intern

KNOWLESVILLE — The wind was blowing and youngsters were fidgeting because of the cold, but they seemed to enjoy the 35th annual Conservation Field Days Tuesday at Orleans County Fairgrounds in spite of the weather.

"It's fun," Albion sixth-grader Emily Kenney said, as she sat, shivering wearing capri's, a T-shirt and a light hooded sweatshirt.

Sixth-graders walked around 14 different stations set up by several local and state conservation groups. They spent 15 minutes at each station, from 10 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and today. At the stations they learned about

beekeeping, hunting, plants and soil, and different forms of wildlife.

"We saw a bunch of different stations and things about science and conservation. It was cool," Albion student Wesley Thomas said.

Cool had more meaning for Wesley's friend Brent Keller who sat next to him in a long sleeve shirt and jeans.

"I should have worn a coat," he exclaimed, "It's cold!"

Each student received a 15-page booklet that contained information about each station, several games and a list of vocabulary words learned at each station. The cover of the booklet had artwork from four sixth graders on it. Each sixth grader was required to draw a possible cover for the

See Outdoors — page A-2

Legislators to consider mortgage tax distribution

By Roger Muehlig

Daily News Staff Writer

Genesee County legislators tonight will consider distribution of \$525,430 in first-payment mortgage tax money for 2003 to county municipalities.

The total is about \$85,600 more than the first of two distributions last year.

The increase is an indication that the economy isn't as bad as people think it is in the county, according to county Clerk Don Read.

The money comes from a 1 percent tax on mortgages on property transactions and re-financing packages.

The county retains \$35,000 to cover its expenses, then takes about half of the rest and distributes it back twice a year to the municipalities. Distribution is based on where the properties involved are located, Read said.

The remainder goes equally to the state of New York Mortgage Agency and to the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority of which the county is a member, he said.

Read said the increase "may or may not" reflect activity in the real estate market, but he's certain it shows that re-financing is not slowing down. Interest rates remain low, he noted, and people have gotten better at knowing how to re-finance their property loans.

The offers are out there. Read said he gets two or three e-mail ads on the subject every night.

With most communities budgeting on the basis of last year's mortgage tax receipts, an increase is considered a revenue windfall. "I think it is," Read said.

The year's second payment is normally made in October. Last year, the second payment total, some \$287,073, was considerably smaller than the first.

See Mortgage tax — page A-2

Youth Bureau honors teens, adults for service

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

FANCHER — The Orleans County Youth Board honored several local teen-agers Wednesday for their willingness to help their communities, and the bureau also recognized two adults who have helped steer youth in the right directions.

Ray Haley, the work-based learning specialist at the Iroquois Job Corps in Shelby, was given the Helen Brinsmaid Award for assisting many Job Corps students boost their employment skills.

Haley of Lockport has worked 25 years in youth development. He uses a "gentle" manner to connect with students, said his colleague at the Job Corps, County Legislator David Callard.

"He helps turn the negative into a positive," Callard, a principal at the Job Corps, told a crowd of about 100 people during the 21st annual youth recognition banquet at Hickory Ridge. "He plays a key role in helping young people achieve their goals in life."

Haley said he has tried to support youth because he believes that programs like Boy Scouts made a big difference for him when he was a boy.

"It seems like the more you try to give back, the more you owe," Haley said about the benefits of working with young people.

The Youth Board honored a Girl Scout leader in Lyndonville, Deborah Graning, for her volunteer work. Graning, winner of the Eileen Heye Award, has increased membership in her club from about 10 to 20 youth in the past two years. She draws other adults into club events, giving young people additional adult role models, said Margo Bowerman, the 4-H coordinator.

Graning said she is following the example of her mother, Claire Wachob, who started the Lyndonville



Tom Rivers/Daily News

YOUTH ADVOCATES: The Orleans County Youth Board honored 14 young people Wednesday and two adults who have served them. Deborah Graning was honored for service as a Girl Scout leader while Ray Haley was recognized for his work with students at the Iroquois Job Corps.

club about 30 years ago.

"This award is what I like to think of as icing on the cake," Graning said. "The cake is seeing the light go on for the kids."

The Youth Board presented 14

"youth recognition awards" to Orleans County teen-agers who have contributed to several projects, from planting trees and building birdhouses, to coaching youth sports leagues, to helping senior citizens and develop-

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Deborah Graning
Girl Scout leader

mentally disabled residents, to volunteering with church and school projects.

The following were honored: Jason Colmenaro of Albion, Dan Dodson of Albion, Allyson Doherty of Albion, Daniell Fera of Albion, Hilary Gainer of Kendall, Tonya Herzog of Holley, Deidre Jeter of Holley, Michael Maryjanowski of Medina, Theresa Morton of Albion, Julie Meyers of Albion, Maegan Neal of Lyndonville, Matt Paeth of Holley, Michelle Sands of Medina and Shana Youngs of Albion.

The winners all received citations from State Assemblyman Charles Nesbitt and U.S. Rep. Thomas Reynolds. Orleans County Legislature Chairwoman Marcia Tuohey also thanked the winners for their service, which she said tends to go unrecognized by the general public.

Keynote speaker Liz Doherty of Albion is a past Youth Board member and award winner. The 23-year-old Elmira College graduate spent five months traveling in Ireland last year. She urged the award-winners to keep taking chances and delving into community projects.

The current generation of young people needs to build on the successes of past generation. The predecessors didn't work so the following generations could coast through their lives, Doherty said.

"They pictured us continuing on in their vision, working to make the world even better," Doherty said.

How to handle post-bloom spring bulbs? It depends on

By Dave Reville

The question often arises, what should be done with spring flowering bulbs that have finished flowering but are lasting longer due to colder spring weather.

Minor bulbs including crocus, cranthus, leucojeum, scilla, puschkinia, muscari and anemone blanda are no problem. Let the foliage mature and leave the bulbs where they are planted. They should multiply, and give you a better show next year.

Major bulbs such as tulips, hyacinths and narcissi offer a choice in at least two of the three examples.

Ordinarily narcissus should be left in the ground to grow and multiply for future years. If narcissi are planted in fertile, well-drained soil, they should increase in succeeding years until

they become close knit clumps with several flowers to the clump. Eventually the clumps become so dense and overcrowded that competition cuts down flower production. At this point, the mass of bulbs should be lifted and separated when the foliage starts to turn yellow in early summer.

The bulbs should be replanted as soon as possible to avoid drying, although it is possible to dry the bulbs and hold them until fall planting time. In either case, the bulbs should be spaced and room allowed for the development of more bulbs and flowers in subsequent years.

Hyacinths generally do not multiply freely. Sometimes the mother bulb will produce one or two bulblets, but usually the one dominant bulb remains. Hyacinths can remain for several years in the same location, subject only to the dam-

ages of insect grubs and small rodents.

If you start with the large exhibition-size bulb, you will find that the following years the hyacinth flower heads will be somewhat taller than the first year. Most people find the smaller flower heads to be more desirable because they are less subject to damage from the heavy rains and winds of springtime.

If you must have the colossal flower heads, then replace the bulbs each year.

Tulips are the most difficult of the major bulbs to maintain. Normally, the first-year flower is the best and flower size and vigor decrease in subsequent years.

Tulip bulbs multiply rapidly and crowd out each other. The large bulb you planted last fall will probably be replaced by three or four smaller bulbs this summer. Tulips are heavy feeders

and require root space; each other quickly.

The best display can be in place for two or possibly three years.

There are exceptions and special procedures. Botanica tulips are taller than the standard Darwin tulips. Tulips planted deep from the top of the bulb, do not multiply as rapidly as

Tulips may be dug when they are low. The bulbs may be dug

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Dorothy Dresser was among graduating Medina High School seniors honored at the 67th school convocation ceremony Tuesday. Dresser was awarded the first-ever Journal-Register Scholarship, a John E. Butts Memorial Fund Scholarship, the Medina High School Alumni Scholarship, the Daughters of the American Revolution American History Award, a state Attorney General's Triple C Award and a pending James Perry Craft Sr. School of Math and Science Award.

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50 Years Ago

Shirley Heise of Kendall
took first place at the annual
4-H talent show — A

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Safety measures protect outdoor workers of all kinds

By Deborah Roberts

As the weather begins to turn warmer, the sound of garden tractors, lawn mowers and rototillers can be heard throughout the countryside.

When folks rush to get their outside work done between rains, attention to safety can

become less of a priority. While farm work is one of the most hazardous occupations, farmers are not the only ones using tractors and other potentially dangerous machinery.

The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health maintains a Web site

(www.nycamh.com) with many articles on safety that apply to anyone working outdoors. The National Safety Council also has a Web site (www.nsc.org) with many resources on safety for just about anything.

One easy way to make outside work safe is to use personal protective equipment, from skin protection to hearing protection.

We don't necessarily think of skin cancer as one of the risks of outside work, but it is the most common cancer in the United States. Simply using sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or more on all exposed areas can reduce risk.

Protective clothing such as long sleeves and hats are important when spending particularly lengthy periods outside. Hats also can provide some protection to heads.

Eyes and ears also need protection. Safety glasses, goggles or face shields can prevent an estimated 90 percent of eye accidents.

The loud noises made by equipment such as chainsaws and lawnmowers will damage hearing over time. Earplugs and padded ear covers can prevent hearing loss, a particularly common problem for farmers. Gloves protect hands from machinery, as well as chemicals and sun exposure.

While personal protective equipment won't necessarily prevent an accident, it may reduce the risk of injury.

The focus in tractor safety over the past few years has been the use of the rollover protective structure (ROPS) on tractors. The ROPS is a frame that protects the driver in the event of a rollover by the tractor.

A key to ROPS effectiveness is the use of the seat belt. However, a seat belt should not be

used if there is no ROPS, as it will prevent the rider from being able to jump out of the way. Older tractors can be retrofitted with ROPS.

Rollovers are of particular concern when mowing slopes or ditch banks. The National Safety Council suggests removing trash on the ground beforehand and using a tractor with ROPS.

Another common danger on tractors, small or large, is the power take-off or PTO. This fast-moving part is a useful piece of equipment that, to be safe, must be enclosed in a non-rotating shield. It should always be turned off before it is approached. There are many stories of nasty accidents that could have been avoided by this simple rule. (Information from the NSC Web site).

Tractors of all kinds are involved in many accidents involving children, the majority related to rollovers or runovers. Runovers can be avoided by simply following the one seat-one rider rule.

The National Safety Council urges people not to allow children to ride as extra passengers on lawn mowers or tractors.

Children never should be allowed near an operating PTO, and they should be instructed to stay clear of all operating machinery.

For more information about farm safety resources, visit the above-mentioned Web sites or contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension. By working together, we can make Orleans County a safer place to live and work.

Deborah Roberts is director of Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension. For more information, call her at 589-5561.

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Just Past the City Limits

***Top 10 farm injuries
to avoid talking about***

10. That imprint of an oil drain plug on your forehead, owed to some small furry creature that ran across your arm while you were doing vehicle maintenance.

9. The black eye that proves frozen mud balls in a cow's tail are a formidable weapon.

8. An obstinate calf and a neighbor who will never again be allowed to run the branding iron left you with a scar that causes the hospital staff to giggle.

7. For the second time today, the wagon tongue slipped from the drawbar when you unhooked and it landed on your big toe — the same big toe.

6. Although it might sound better to say you were punched in the nose, your attacker was actually an escaped emu who took a liking to your barn.

5. The water in your ear came from pushing the envelope just a little too far when mowing along the pond dam.

4. Your ankle bears witness to the fact that a big, fat sow can run pretty darn fast when she's chasing someone who has one of her babies.

3. There's no shame in getting bucked off a colt but what were you thinking riding him through that blackberry thicket?

2. That little hitch in your get-along probably adds character but you'd just as soon have had that calf you were tailing keep his hoof to himself.

1. Well, heck, you used to be able to hop a barb wire fence, didn't you?

— Mark Parker's Farm Talk, *cnhi*
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Just Past the City Limits

*Top 10 signs
you won't get
that loan*

10. The banker you've known ever since you bought your first 4-H calf suddenly starts calling you "Mr."

9. Those 10 dreaded words: "I think we're going to have to have more information."

8. Instead of a calendar, the bank gives you the employment portion of the classified section.

7. The best you can come up with for collateral is a three-legged bird dog and a couple moulting ducks.

6. They give you a red pencil to fill out the loan application form.

5. Your loan officer is habitually out of the office on sale barn day.

4. They keep bringing up some silly rule about paying off last year's loan first.

3. The banker has a farmer dart board hanging on wall behind desk.

2. In the "assets" section, you list your barbed wire collection.

1. The lender dozes off during your dramatic dissertation on why the emu market is going to turn around any day now.

Lyndonville Middle School releases honor, merit rolls

The third-quarter honor and merit rolls at Lyndonville Middle School have been issued. Pupils are named on the merit roll when they maintain a quarterly average between 85 and 89; to be named on the honor roll, they must maintain an average of 90 or above. Listed pupils are:

Honor Roll

Fifth grade — Timothy Bachman, Kassie Birch, Jessica Corke, Kyle Denny, Margaret Feldman, Jesse Follman, Joshua Goodrich, Jordon O'Connor, Kayla Ottaviano and Eric Stanley.

Sixth grade — Kathylin Bradley, Kelsey Brown, Molly Burgess, Ross Burgess, Amanda Cotter, Nellie Dennis, Ashley Duncanson, Rebekah Feller, Scan Flanagan, Alissa Gee, Kelsey Hall, Hannah Johnson, Brndi Kruger, Dalton Lamay, Brian Larkin, Kelsey Lonigan, Aaron O'Connor, Rachael Phillips, Alyssa Roberts, Stephen Shero, Alexandria Sukackas and Kevin Urbanik.

Seventh grade — Bryce Raes, Jillian Barry, Bethany Brownell, Rayne Burgess, Jodi Corke, Adriana Crosby, Jared Dent, Stephanie Deyarmin, Sarah Dunaway, Sebastian Farrow, Andrew Follman, Christina Groves, Jonathan Heinsler, Michael Hollingshead, John Iami, Kathryn Jackson, Nicholas Joy, Andrea Klinetob, Marquette Korff, Kelsey

Traxler and Angela Watson.

Eighth grade — Katharine Abt, Nicole Bateson, Miranda Durst, Sean Fetzner, Joseph Fumia, Michael Halstead, Aimee, Holland, Christian Johnson, Kayla Kent, Bethany Mufford, Joseph Payne, Alicia Phillips, Nicole Ralph, Lindsay Voak and Benjamin Whipple.

Merit Roll

Fifth grade — John Brabon, Erin Delaney, Ashley Foss, Charity Greenwood, Alisha Harold, Holly Hopkins, Allison Kroth, Elizabeth Lamay, Constance LeBerth, Dana Phillips, Stephanie Semon, Kurtis Stack, Kevin Ward, Riley Welker, Kaley Werder and Brandon Woodhams.

Sixth grade — Justin Broadwell, Sarah Blount, Alexandra Bresett, Daniel Freeman, Meghan Gapa, Anne Halstead, Taylor Hrovat, Declan Hurley, Amy Jackson, Brianna Milleville and Elisha Preedom.

Seventh grade — Joshua owman, Brittany Cain, William Genewick, Abigail Oakes, Birttany Osby, Samantha Stillinger, Taylor Sucackas and Rachel Thering.

Eighth grade — Sierra Breese, Hilal Carter, Nicholas Hartman, Stephanie Helsdon, Katrina Kaminski, Kenneth Richmond, Patrick Shingleton, Katelyn Thurber, Joshua Travis, Zachery Welker and Matthew Zielonko.

BRIEFS

Oops, I did it again! Tips for tackling stains and marks

can be prepared to handle any stain that comes your way."

Every home has its share of stains and "stainmakers."

You know, the aunt that always spills her merlot, the muddy soccer player and the aspiring artist.

Red wine, chocolate, mud and ink are among the biggest culprits and carpets and upholstery are the victims. These battle scars show the world all the "Oops" and "Oh no's" we've had, and although they are not always avoidable they are often treatable.

"Stains can ruin an otherwise perfect cleaning day if you don't use the right products and right techniques to remove them," said Mary Ellen Pinkham, TV personality and author.

Here are a few tried and true tips from Pinkham to help bring new life to your carpet and upholstery:

■ Get rid of stubborn furniture marks in your carpet by rubbing an ice cube on the affected spot.

■ To eliminate tough stains such as coffee, wine, ink and lipstick, blot any excess with a white cloth or diaper, then apply a powerful spot remover such as Woolite Power Shot Carpet Cleaner.

■ Got a hairy situation? Grab your Playtex gloves. The textured, anti-slip grip gives you the control and security needed to pick up pet hair with ease.

■ Don't burn up over spilled candle wax. Just put an unprinted paper bag on the spot, then run a warm iron over it. As soon as the paper absorbs the wax, move a fresh area of paper on the spot and iron again.

■ To banish heel marks from wood floors, rub in a small amount of wax with fine steel wool and hand-buff to a shine.

"Life is full of surprises," Pinkham said. "You can't follow your friends and family around with a sponge, but you

Investment program planned in June

ALBION — Swan Library, 4 North Main St., will present an investment program series at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in June. Anthony Pullinzi, a licensed financial consultant and employee of First Niagara Securities, will lead the programs.

The schedule: June 4, Stocks; June 11, Bonds; June 18, Mutual funds; and June 25, Investment strategies.

The series is free. For more information, call 589-2473.

GCASA announces prize winners for annual Stop DWI poster contest

By Vivian Neroni
GCASA

Each year Genesee-Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse works with the Orleans and Genesee Counties "Stop DWI" programs to sponsor a "Stop DWI Poster Contest."

Each county holds its own contest within its local schools.

Many students from the two counties participate in the contest. Participants need to follow stringent guidelines such as following the theme of "Don't Drink and Drive." The words GCASA and Genesee or Orleans County Stop DWI must also be included on the poster.

The students were also allowed to use only three colors in their artwork.

Winners are chosen from four categories: Grades K-3,

4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. This year's Grand Prize winners each received \$25, second place received \$15 and the third place recipients received \$10. All of the winning artwork has been posted on GCASA's website.

All of the winning students and their guests were invited to a luncheon put on by GCASA.

The luncheon was at Bohn's restaurant in Batavia, and was attended by about 140 people.

The winner's names were announced as awards were handed out by representatives from each county.

For Genesee County, Frank Ciaccia, the Stop-DWI coordinator, had the honors. Representing Orleans County was Pat Crowley and Vivian Neroni from GCASA.

Everyone who attend the luncheon received one of the

winning T-shirts with the grand prize winner's design on it.

The following is a list of this year's recipients:

Orleans County

Grand Prize Winner

Brienna Coady, Kendall

Grades K-3

1: Albanelly Perez, Medina

2: Elizabeth Aldaco, Lyndonville

3: Antonia Requa, Kendall

Grades 4-6

1: Connor Grabowski, Medina

2: Marissa Andre, Kendall

3: Ketan Mehta, Medina

Grades 7-9

1: Lynzy Zielonko, Lyndonville

2: Katie Donohue, Kendall

3: Eric Wolfe, Holley

Grades 10-12

1: Crystal Krueger, Albion

2: Brian Barbour, Holley

3: John Kingdollar, Holley

WEEKEND

Genesee Country Museum salutes women who changed the world

MUMFORD — They made a difference in their day, and it changed the lives and roles of women forever.

On June 1, Genesee Country Village and Museum, 1410 Flint Hill Rd., offers a daylong "Salute to Women" — both the ordinary and the extraordinary — of the 19th century.

Museum visitors will be able to meet and interact with re-enactors portraying such women as:

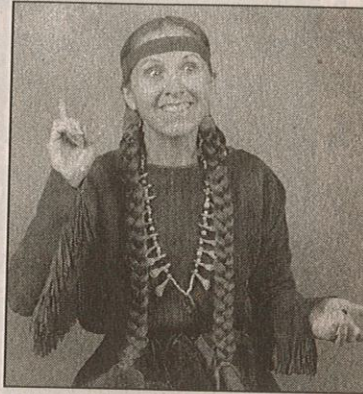
■ The legendary Harriett Tubman, portrayed by Almeta Whitis, who liberated hundreds of slaves and served as nurse, cook, spy and scout during the Civil War.

■ Susan B. Anthony (Barbara Blaisdell), Rochester's internationally respected symbol of the women's movement.

■ Mary Jemison (Gretchen Murray Sepik), the White Woman of the Genesee, captured by Shawnees as a child, turned over to the Senecas, whom she grew to love.

■ Laura Ingalls Wilder (Lonna McKeon Pierce) who will tell stories from the Little House on the Prairie series at the Town Hall at 1 and 3 p.m.

■ Elizabeth Cady Stanton (Helen Davis), one of the first



**Gretchen Murray Sepik ...
as Mary Jemison.**

leaders in the American Women's Rights movement

■ Amelia Bloomer (Diane Walter), devoted to equality for women, women's suffrage, temperance, marriage law reform and higher education for women, but known most for her adoption of a loose, Turkish-style trouser

Other women portrayed include Millicent Backus, outspoken mother of Rochester's Dr. Frederick Backus, and Candace Beach, whose 1815-16 diary tells of the achingly slow trip from Hartland, Conn. to Le Roy.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$9.50 for seniors and students and \$7 for children age 4 to 16.

Wiser vote on Lyndonville budget is 'yes'

This past Tuesday evening, I, along with about 25 other interested Lyndonville school district residents, attended the Lyndonville Central School budget hearing.

Superintendent Christine Tibbetts presented a PowerPoint presentation, with handouts, that clearly defined the potential 20-plus percent tax increase to Lyndonville residents, based on state budget cuts that amount to almost a quarter of a million dollars.

The budget presented by the board is actually only .03 percent higher than the contingency budget adopted last year (preventing the district from purchasing any equipment under state law) and 1.3 percent lower than the contingency budget allowable by the state that could be adopted if this budget fails.

Information was also given

on why two propositions are being presented. Proposition two allows for the purchase of much needed equipment, including a new bus, a van to cut contractual transportation costs, athletic and music equipment, and classroom and maintenance equipment.

Proposition one is the general budget. Cuts to this part of the budget include eliminating four teaching positions through retirement and reorganization of classes.

Additionally, driver education, soccer cheerleading, athletic uniforms (for the second year in a row), curriculum and staff development projects and computer hardware. Line-by-line cuts were made to present a budget that would support a quality education with the least additional cost to the taxpayer.

This budget comes to us

through diligent efforts on the part of the board, the staff and administrators. This budget is responsible and, quite frankly, better than one that could be adopted if the Lyndonville taxpayers fail to vote "Yes."

If you don't understand why your taxes are increasing, call or write to George Maziarz or Charlie Nesbitt.

If you need information or clarification on the proposed budget or proposals, the school board and Mrs. Tibbetts both expressed a sincere desire to talk to the taxpayers.

Remember, this budget impacts not only the lives and quality education of our children, but our investment in the physical property of the district as well.

Joyce Chizick
Lyndonville

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'Artists in the Schools' grant requests near '03-04 deadline

BATAVIA — Applications must be postmarked by June 30 for the "Artists in the Schools" grant program for the 2003-2004 school year.

The program, a collaboration between the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council, the Arts Council for Wyoming County and the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts, helps sup-

port artists residencies in public and private schools and through home school associations in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming counties.

Visual and performing artists spend several weeks with students, teaching an arts discipline in the core curriculum.

The program is funded, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts in Education Program.

For information, contact Kelly Kiebala at GO ART! at 343-9313, or e-mail kelly@goart.org; or Jean Hennessey at the GVCA at 243-6785, or e-mail jean@gvcaonline.org.

I'LL HUFF AND I'LL PUFF...

By Marty Tabor

The other day I came across a story about a man in Rumania who, after four failed marriages, finally decided that he'd had enough of traditional relationships. He grew weary of the rigorous demands of married life, coming to the conclusion that the time was ripe to try something new, something different. Something inflatable.

Yep, that's right-INFLATABLE! Instead of a woman of flesh and blood, this guy has chosen the only non-whale companion with a BLOWHOLE! I took this not as a condemnation of the institute of marriage, nor did I feel it to be an indication of the shortcomings of women in general. Rather, my interpretation was more clinical in nature-THIS DUDE IS WHACKED! Just picture a typical dinner conversation:

Man: "Hi honey! How was your day?"

Doll: "Pffffff..."

Man: "what's that darling?"

Doll: "...ffffff..."

Man: "Fine, DON'T talk to me-but you'll be sorry when you droop into your PIPING HOT SOUP!"

Doll: "...ffffff! Ka-BOOM!"

(Isn't it peculiar that Rumanians have dinner conversations in English?)

Actually, if you stop and think about it, inflatable companions do have certain undeniable advantages over their human counterparts. For one thing, they can be a really cheap date, especially if you head to Tinsel Town on "free admission for inflatables" night. And some restaurants feature "inflatables pay what they weigh" specials, I know for a fact. Besides, where else could you find a mate who can tie a string around their ankle and enter the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

Of course, blow up dolls aren't for everyone, I assure you. They can be a living hell on asthmatics, and even the slightest threat of hail can be horribly traumatic. Their unemployment rate is inordinately high, except of course in Washington. And "anatomically correct" is such a relative term, ya know?

As for me, I'm gonna stick with what I've got-a REAL wife with REAL kids...I'm too short of breath for anything else!
Until next week...Marty

Anhydrous thieves at it again

By Bob King

Due to increases in the number of anhydrous ammonia thefts on New York farms, it has become increasingly important to be more aware of the physical security of the storage and handling of this agricultural fertilizer.

Anhydrous ammonia is a key ingredient in the manufacturing of methamphetamine, a powerful illegal drug that makes users feel euphoric and wide awake. Side effects include irritability, paranoia, aggression and violence. Thefts occur day and night, most frequently at night.

To reduce the risk of theft, consider these tips:

- Light it up. At night, portable tanks and storage tanks should be kept in well-lit locations, preferably with motion-sensored lights that can be easily observed and monitored by family, employees and neighbors at any time.

- Keep it out of sight. When doing fieldwork, avoid storing portable tanks in plain view, especially from a road.

- Keep an eye on it. Whenever possible, take a quick look at your storage tanks and surroundings. When using the bathroom at night, look out your windows to observe any unusual activity on your farm.

- Report it. Call local law enforcement immediately about any suspicious vehicles or activity that you observed at any time near or on your farm.

Be vigilant

During the week of June 23, the Monroe County area experienced a significant increase in the number of attempted anhydrous ammonia thefts at suppliers and on farms.

Anhydrous ammonia is used by farmers as an inexpensive means of getting nitrogen fertilizer onto field and vegetable crops. About half the farms in Orleans County use it.

Local farmers are encouraged to increase security in order to secure and protect their anhydrous ammonia inventories. Suspicious activity should be reported to 911 or other local law enforcement immediately.

— Deb Roberts, director,
Orleans County Cornell
Cooperative Extension

When possible, write down a license plate number and/or description of vehicle(s) and/or individual(s). Report it immediately. Do not confront any suspicious vehicles and/or

individuals. Individuals engaged in this crime are likely to be under the influence of methamphetamine, which can result in aggressive, violent and dangerous behaviors.

- Have a list of important phone numbers readily available so you can call 911, the sheriff's office or the State Police at a moment's notice.

Locking a tank valve has proven to be less than an effective measure; perpetrators break off the lock and/or valve, which can result in significant environmental and repair problems.

Restricting access to a tank through the use of fencing and other physical barriers can be an effective deterrent.

Ultimately, sharpening your skills as an observer requires networking with your neighbors and community. The more you are aware of your surroundings, the more proficient you will be at reducing the risk of this opportunistic crime.

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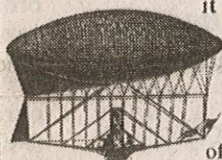
**FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH
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JULY 7-13, 2003

FULL BUCK MOON, JULY 13

BIRTHDAY OF THE BLIMP

July 8, 1838, was the birthday of German Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, inventor of the airship called the zeppelin, or dirigible. It is also known as a blimp, a word that some believe comes from its airship classification as a "Type B-limp." Von Zeppelin put an engine on his airship in 1900, three years before the Wright brothers designed their engine, but the zeppelin was lighter than air, which distinguished it from heavier-than-air craft such as planes. The British used blimps in World War I to scout for submarines. Today, blimps proudly float above most major sporting events, offering televised broadcasts.



You haven't seen a tree until you see its shadow from the sky.

—Amelia Earhart, American aviator (1897–1937)

**THE OLD
FARMER'S
WEATHER
PROVERBS**


*If woolly
fleece
spread the
heavenly way,
be sure
no rain
disturbs the
summer's day.*


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GRAPEFRUIT JUICE CAUTION

Patients should be aware that grapefruit juice greatly enhances the effect of many medications. This juice contains a substance called furanocoumarin, which binds with a set of enzymes (the CYP3A4 enzymes) in the small intestine. Normally, these enzymes break down a goodly portion of many medications before they are absorbed. Grapefruit juice stymies this effect, however, allowing more medication into the bloodstream. As a result, the medications exert a stronger effect than intended. This phenomenon was first observed with a calcium channel blocker known as felodipine (Plendil). Since then, the list of medications with boosted effect due to grapefruit juice has been lengthened to include other calcium channel blockers, anti-anxiety drugs, and the statin

drugs. Check with the pharmacist.

It is probably safest to refrain from taking any medication with grapefruit juice. When you do take a medication, however, be sure to follow your doctor's instructions carefully to obtain the maximum benefit with the least risk. If you're taking capsules, consider taking them with a hot beverage which will help them dissolve more quickly. For more information, call THE MEDICINE SHOPPE at 585-798-1212 or see us at 142 E. Center. For your convenience, we are happy to special order any item not found in stock through our usual medical sources.

HINT: Most of the orange juice and oranges consumed in this country do not contain furanocoumarin, so they do not exert the same effect as grapefruit and its juice.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2003

Extension educator

YOU might be the cause of plant problems

By Dave Reville

Some gardeners blame every garden problem on a single cause — insects, diseases or poor nutrition — and apply the same treatment to all without investigation.

To find an effective treatment, you need to recognize that plant problems have a variety of causes. In addition to diseases and insects, environmental factors and how plants are planted and cared for may cause many problems.

In many cases, the gardener needs to look no further than the nearest mirror to find the culprit.

Many problems occur because a plant was planted in an unsuitable site. Poorly drained soil, too much shade or low soil fertility can stress a plant and make it less able to resist attack by insects or disease organisms.

Selecting plants that are suited to our area and choosing a site that provides the growing conditions they need, can go a long way toward reducing potential problems.

Another way to avoid or greatly reduce problems is to grow varieties resistant to common problems. For instance, apple scab can be a serious disease of apples and crabapples under certain environmental conditions. Planting scab-resistant varieties can virtually eliminate scab as a concern.

Gardeners also need to assure that they do not spread plant diseases as they tend their gardens and landscapes.

Working in the vegetable garden when plants are wet, the gardener can move disease organisms from plant to plant at a time when plants are most

susceptible to infection. Also, gardeners pruning landscape plants infected with diseases need to disinfect pruning tools between cuts with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach after every cut.

Other gardening and landscaping activities that can cause plant problems include misapplication of herbicides, fertilizers and other pesticides. These can injure nearby flowers, vegetables and shrubs, and weed killers applied as sprays can drift onto desirable plants. Also, dormant oils applied to some woody plants in early spring to control insects can damage sensitive plants. Read the label!

Be aware of "lawn mower disease," too. Damage done to woody plants by lawn mowers and other lawn equipment hitting them can give disease organisms and insects an entry into landscape plants. A good way to avoid injury to trees and shrubs is to surround them with a mulched area that doesn't have to be mowed.

That won't stop mice and rabbits from gnawing the bark from trees and shrubs, deer from eating twigs or the neighbor's dog from lifting his leg on landscape plants, of course. Preventing animal damage to trees and shrubs may require putting physical or chemical barriers between the plants and the animals.

If you're adding new plants to the landscape, you can get them off to a good start by following proper planting procedures.

If you're planting into a heavy clay soil, dig a big hole, much bigger than the root ball of the plant. A small hole filled with porous material will simply fill up with water that can't drain away. Make sure the roots will have ample space to spread out.

Check the root ball at planting time. Be sure to remove plastic burlap, plastic cords, wires or any other materials that will restrict root growth or girdle the plant as it grows. Roots that have started growing in a circle inside a container should be removed if they can't be redirected; they, too, can girdle and kill the plant.

Dave Reville is a horticulture specialist with the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension. For more advice, call him at 589-5561.

Softer than a Teddy bear



Vino Wong/The Journal-Register

4-H'er Amanda Flansburg, 13, shows off Snuggles, her Holland Lop rabbit, to the residents of Orleans County Nursing Home last week. 4-H'ers brought a variety of animals out to the home for showing and petting by residents.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2003

Extension gardener

Maintenance the buzzword as crops begin June peaking

By Dave Reville

At this time of year, gardeners are busy with maintaining the garden and a few things need to be considered.

One thing to contend with is bolting of vegetables, crops, spinach, lettuce and radishes that have quickly gone to flower. Bolting is the rapid transition from the vegetable stage to the reproductive stage in a plant life cycle and is normal at this time. When radish, spinach and lettuce plants begin to throw up a seed stalk, quality is lost and the plants should be put on the compost pile.

Sap beetles are prevalent once garden fruits and vegetables begin to ripen. These small, 12mm dark beetles with pink or white on their backs usually are attracted to over-ripened fruits and vegetables and bore into them to eat. They also move on to other crops that are at their peak. Harvesting on time is the key to control and discarding over-ripe crops is crucial. Sprays are not advisable due to the harvesting of crops that is ongoing.

The use of liquid weed killers on your lawn should be curtailed as temperatures rise above 80 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature, the weed killers volatilize and give off a gas; all you need is the slightest breeze to carry these vapors to other plants with severe damage resulting from this drift. Never apply weed killers under trees. Wait until the cooler weather of late August and September to apply herbicides to your lawns if this is your practice.

European chafers are in flight now. These are the tan beetles that swarm around trees at dusk. These swarms are mating flights as the beetles emerge from the lawn and return to lay eggs for the next generation of grubs.

The presence of beetles does not mean you should treat your lawn. It means you should check your lawn for grubs in late August to see if they are present. If you count more than 8 grubs per square foot of sod, then you should consider treatment.

Dave Reville is an agent of the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Orleans County. For gardening advice, call him or the Master Gardeners Hotline at 589-5561.

Bouts with rain pose challenges for area farmers

By Paul E. Lehman

If you had difficulty planting your garden in late May or early June, pity the poor grain and dairy farmers who have thousands of acres of unplanted land in the area.

With a few days of sunshine, people may wonder what all the problem is, but crops that need a full growing season to mature are, in some cases, not going to be planted at all this year.

In Niagara County, a U.S. agriculture department food and agriculture committee estimates less than 15 percent of field corn had been planted as of June 11 — and an even smaller percentage of major field crops such as soybeans had been planted and hay crop harvested.

Farmers on heavy soils have been limited in their ability to find any acreage that could be worked to plant peas, cabbage and other vegetables.

While land dries faster with more warmth and without a rainy period every other day, crops such as field corn that need to mature to a dry dent-ed kernel stage for the grain harvest probably can't be depended on to make it before frost kills the plant.

Dairy farmers will still plant

field corn with shorter days-to-maturity varieties, in the hopes of having some silage corn that can be harvested with less maturity than grain corn. But after planting, they'll hope Mother Nature doesn't turn off the spigot as she did the past two summers and leave immature plants with undeveloped root systems curling from a lack of moisture.

With more farmers using crop insurance as a hedge to at least cover their losses, June 10 was the threshold day for which insurance claims will be honored for preventing planting of corn.

No farmer likes abandoning planting, though. It's like giving up on the growing season, and hopes were high for a more favorable year weather-wise.

Disaster declarations don't help much, for all they do is establish eligibility for low-interest loans — something most farmers don't need more of.

The area benefits from a lake-influenced climate, which extends the growing season and provides level, largely stone-free soils, but other factors influence the impact of excess rain. If one looked at only the best soils in the state and compared the best four of 10 as a percentage of county land area, Niagara has 28.6 percent of its land area in these groups. Orleans County has 48.5 percent. Genesee County is estimated to have at least 75 percent of its land as

prime soils.

While large areas of other soils make up fine farmland, in years in which the distribution of rainfall is like this season's, the drainage limitations on these heavier soils can set farmers back severely.

For winter wheat farmers, rainfall and humidity around the time of pollination can cause fungus problems that threaten to contaminate the grain; farmers who deal in the straw market may find their fetching price lowered by the presence of grassy weeds in the wheat that sprouted with the rain.

Growers of processing vegetables have found planting schedules in disarray for snap beans, peas and sweet corn. In some cases, contracts and deliveries are affected. Fresh-market growers have not had dry ground into which they can set transplants, and the started plants in the greenhouses become "leggy" when not transplanted in a timely fashion.

Not all is negative in the

crop world, though. Strawberry growers are hopeful rain will be minimal during harvest time for an excellent, if much delayed, crop. Tree fruit farmers are reporting heavy blossom and fruit set due to last year's drought. While sweet cherries are said to be somewhat light in fruit set due to poor pollination, apples, pears and peaches are experiencing heavy fruit set and are sizing rapidly. Blueberries and raspberries are reported to be on time.

New York has its share of problems in agriculture, but then again most people wouldn't want to put up with living in a drought-stricken area of the country either. The best thing the community can do is patronize the local farmer. That encourages local food security and puts dollars back into the community rather than in some corporate headquarters in another country.

Paul E. Lehman is an agent of the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Niagara County.



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Stars and Bars raised



Dennis Stierer/The Journal-Register

The Prayer Riders 4-H Drill and Parade Team acquired new flags for along the walls over the stalls. Here, Jim Hendry makes some final adjustments on the "Thank You" plaques for all the flag sponsors.

Flags went up Saturday as rain came down

By Miranda Vagg

The Journal-Register

Rain dates are sometimes not possible, especially when it comes to raising flags at the Orleans County Fair Grounds.

On Saturday, members of The Prayer Riders 4-H Drill and Parade Team braved the gloom and drizzle and gathered to install American flags in the Knights Building Horse Barn.

After spending the last several months collecting sponsors and buying flags, the team was ready to hang them. The members have been working since November 2002 to get sponsors. Many people donated in memory of loved ones, farms, servicemen, and pets.

"We called people, said what we were doing and asked them for donations," said Jason Witkop, a member of the team.

The sponsor names will appear on a plaque, which will be displayed in the horse barn during fair week each year. The plaques will be displayed



Dennis Stierer/The Journal-Register

Jason Witkop, 13 and Doug Flow, 15 make some final adjustments on the new flags Saturday in the Knights Building Horse Barn.

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June 22, 2003

Early Summer Lawn & Garden Care Lecture

by **Dave Reville**
Horticulture Community
Educator from
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at
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Tuesday, June 24th
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Bring in a cup of dried soil for pH level testing.
Dave will diagnose diseased plants and
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"It's not that Frank isn't romantic.
Why, just yesterday he told me my
varicose veins reminded him of the
floor plan of our first house."

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2003

File Features

10 Years Ago

Rebekah Greene, secretary and teen leader of the Brats 4-H Club, was named the New York State alternate to the national Dog Care and Training award program —

25 Years Ago

(No paper published June 24, 1978. From the June 28 edition:) Bruce Smith will succeed Diane Knack as county Cooperative Extension Service coordinator. Marie Conley had been acting as interim coordinator since Knack's resignation in February —

Redick



"My wife left me a year ago for a boot salesman. I haven't seen or heard from her since, but just last week he sold me this great pair of alligator boots for half-price. Go figure."

Extension gardener

Increase yield next year by taking care of plants today

By Dave Reville

To ensure healthy vigorous plants and abundant yields for succeeding years, some spring and early summer-bearing fruits and vegetables need post-harvest care.

Strawberries

Immediately after harvest is complete, renovation of the strawberry bed may be in order. At that time, cut the plants down with a lawn mower set at a height of 2 to 3 inches. If rows have become wild and unmanageable, narrow them down to a more desirable width of 18 inches. Also take care to remove excess plants in the row so that the plants are 6 to 9 inches apart. Finally, apply 3 pounds of 10-10-10 or equivalent fertilizer per 50 linear feet of row.

Raspberries

When harvest has been completed on summer-bearing red raspberries, save yourself some work next fall or spring. Remove all old fruiting canes, damaged or diseased canes; thin out the small or weak canes, leaving only two or three of the more robust canes per linear foot of row. Then cut all the young, vigorous canes back to a more manageable height of 3 to 4 feet.

For fall bearing varieties such as Heritage, it is suggested that all canes be pruned to ground level in the early spring only. This eliminates the summer crop and results in a larger and earlier fall crop.

Asparagus

June is the time to fertilize asparagus and continue efforts to control asparagus beetles and weeds. Fertilizing after harvest helps build up root reserves for next year's growth, and a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-10 at a rate of 2 to 3 pounds per 100 square feet of garden area should be sufficient.

Asparagus beetles are small, oblong, brightly colored insects that lay their eggs on asparagus spears and feed on the foliage. If they're present in large numbers, their eggs will contaminate the harvest and their feeding will defoliate the plants. Plants then have to use their energy reserves to produce new foliage rather than use foliage to build reserves. The result is reduced yield next year.

Keep an eye on the plants and contact Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension for a control recommendation if beetles become plentiful.

Weed control reduces competition for water and soil nutrients and removes potential hosts for insect pests or disease organisms. Shallow cultivation alongside rows augmented by hand pulling weeds among spears is the usual home garden choice. Troublesome perennial weeds such as quackgrass need to be controlled before asparagus is planted since they are very difficult to control after the crowns are in place.

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Just Past the City Limits

Top 10 uncontrollable crop pests

10. A flock of four-wheelers looking for someplace "really cool" to ride

9. The Chicago futures market speculator who reads a newspaper article about moldy corn flakes.

8. Bambi and his 25 gazillion relatives.

7. Coon hunters trying to find their \$5,000 dog that would rather chase rabbits.

6. Agronomically confused city folk who think that your grain sorghum field is medicinal snakeroot.

5. Your daydreaming son who

got off a row while cultivating and didn't notice until he reached the other side of the field.

4. The neighbor's just-purchased Texas hill country steers that ought to be reaching the Canadian border about now.

3. Enough snow geese to make your wheat field look like a glacier — and a desert when they leave.

2. A neighborhood dog pack with an outlaw Poodle-Rotweiler cross in the lead.

1. A gaggle of high school geometry class nerds who have seen too many movies about crop circles.

Scientists test radio waves to kill bugs in nuts, fruits

By Kim Baca

The Associated Press

PARLIER, Calif. — Dried fruit and nut packers looking for an alternative to harmful insecticides might soon be able to kill pests in storage bins with the flip of a switch.

Researchers are testing radio waves — electromagnetic waves that can make molecules vibrate and heat up in the same way that microwaves heat food — and their ability to kill pests without harming product quality.

Scientists hope the method, which is already used to dry cereal, crackers, clothing and plywood, can be used as an alternative to chemical treatments.

Nut packing houses commonly use methyl bromide, phosphate or other fumigates to kill nut pests like codling and Indianmeal moths. Packers typically spray the nuts in a large room and leave the chemical on for three days before the nuts — with dead bugs inside — are shipped off.

"If they didn't treat it, the bugs would reproduce, and you would have moths flying around. You're trying to prevent the problem becoming bigger and more of the product being damaged," Mitcham said.

The federal government will ban methyl bromide in 2006 because it breaks down the ozone layer and has been linked to birth defects and neurological damage.

Industrial-size radio frequency machines will be tested at a large packing house in January and could be available for commercial use by fall 2004.

In test runs at UC Davis, small batches of walnuts, pistachios and other nuts are placed in a slightly salty liquid solution and then put in a radio frequency unit — a machine that looks like a huge microwave oven. The unit "cooks" and kills the worms without overheating the nut.

"There has been improvement in technology and it's become less expensive. Now people feel it's a viable option," said Elizabeth Mitcham, a fruit specialist at UC Davis.

While many test runs have been successful, scientists say the method may be more expensive than chemicals because electricity is used. Researchers also are trying to devise a radio frequency machine that would allow nuts to be treated as they are quickly run through a conveyor belt.

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Clematis vine needs annual pruning

(AP) Unpruned, a clematis vine grows increasingly large over the years.

The pruning method depends on the flowering habit of the particular plant. Fortunately, all clematis can be lumped into one of three pruning groups. If you are not sure to which group a plant belongs, let it grow freely for a year or two and watch how it flowers.

Group 1: Clematis in this group flower late in the season, toward the ends of new shoots. Merely lop all shoots back to within a foot of the ground just before growth begins for the season.

Group 2: These vines flower early in the season on last year's stems. Pruning, again, is easy. Just cut the whole plant nearly to the ground — in this case, though, prune right after the blossoms fade. The more

vigorous the plant, the more severe pruning is needed.

Be a little careful because very old stems don't always resprout following severe cutting. Therefore, don't prune back into very old wood, or prune only some stems, or prune the whole plant back severely and have a young replacement plant ready in case of death.

Group 3: These clematis vines flower more or less throughout the season, first on last years stems and then later on new shoots. Many of the large-flowered hybrids such as Elsa Spath, Nelly Moser, Haku Ooka and Henryi are in this group.

Pruning Group 3 is a little trickier than pruning the other groups. If you cut a plant back sharply before growth begins, you miss the earliest flowers;

prune severely after the first flush of blooms and you miss the later ones. One option is to cut back the whole plant every few years just before growth begins (sacrificing the earliest blossoms), with little or no pruning in the intervening years. Or divide the plant in half, and severely prune an alternate half each year.

For the most refined approach, lightly thin out and disentangle stems before growth begins, then go over the plants again, severely shortening stems bearing an early flush of flowers right after those early flowers fade.

'Art of the green thumb' invoked in successful growth from seeds

(AP) — What a thrill it is to watch sprouts of newly planted seeds poke up through the soil. But what a disappointment when, instead of an orderly row of well-spaced seedlings, only a few come up here and there down the row.

If you did space seeds evenly down the row, the problem of spotty germination could rest with the seed itself. No seed stays alive forever, and how long a seed remains viable depends on the kind of seed and storage conditions.

If you have any doubts about the viability of your seeds, test them. Put some seeds between a couple of pieces of moistened paper towel. Keep the towels moist, wait a week or two, and then count the percentage of seeds that germinate. If the percentage is low, sow more thickly the next time you use them or just buy new seeds.

Even good seed will not germinate in cold soil, and planting too early could result in a forlorn-looking row of seedlings. Each kind of seed has a minimum germination temperature. Rather than plant on the recommended calendar date, which is an average, you could have been more precise and stuck a thermometer into the soil. (The minimum germination temperature is often written on the seed packet.)

You also could instead have just looked at what was blooming as a guide to what you could plant. Then, you would have planted peas and other cool temperature seeds when forsythia was blooming and warmth-loving seed, such as corn, when lilac was blooming.

Spotty germination could result from planting too deep or too shallow.

Seed planted too deep uses up its reserves before reaching light. Seed planted too shallow dries out. As a rule, plant any seed at a depth equal to two or three times its thickness.

One other cause for poor germination is poor soil conditions. Too much water in a soil forces out air, so seeds suffocate. Keep water draining freely through a soil by adding plenty of organic matter, such as compost, peat moss or leaves. Raised beds also improve drainage. And, of course, do not overwater — or underwater, those seeds do need moisture also.

Obviously, there's some art (the art of the green thumb) in getting everything right for seeds to grow. But do not be intimidated: You have millions of years of evolution on your side. Seeds want to germinate, and do so under a range of conditions.

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FSA loans available for ice storm losses

BATAVIA — Orleans is among the local counties declared eligible for disaster emergency loan assistance tied to the April 3-5 ice storm.

Family farmers who suffered the loss of at least 30 percent of production or physical losses due to conditions may be eligible for Farm Service Agency loans.

Physical loss loans are available for farmers suffering losses to property essential to their operation.

Farmers must be unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders. The interest rate on emergency loans is 3.75 percent. Call the Batavia office of FSA at 343-9167, ext. 2000.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2003

Swan hosting lawn, gardening program

ALBION — Dave Reville will present a lawn and garden care program Tuesday at Swan Library, 4 N. Main St.

Reville, a horticulture educator at the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension, will diagnose diseased plants and test pH levels in soil.

Anyone who wants soil tested should bring one cup of dry soil. To have plant diseases checked, bring a sample from a plant.

The program starts at 7 p.m. For more info, call 589-4246.

Extension gardener

The battle with weeds can be won, with effort early on

By Dave Reville

In June, we stand in awe of the exuberant growth of plants we didn't plant or plan on in our garden design: Weeds!

Weeds will grab more than their share of the nutrients and moisture we so carefully provide for the annuals and perennials we planted there.

Here are a few ways to meet the challenge and stop those weeds in their tracks.

Permeable black cloth, available by the yard or by the roll, may be laid flat on the ground and cut around existing plants. It also can be spread down and cross-slits made for planting. Mulch spread over the entire bed on top of the cloth will look attractive and keep pesky growth down to the occasional weed.

Newspapers are an excellent barrier against weeds. They're plentiful and a practical way to recycle.

Spread newsprint about 10 sheets deep, being sure they overlap since weeds can be counted on to spring up in any unprotected spot. Use rocks, bricks or boards to temporarily anchor the sheets as you lay them out. Paper also can be used in the same manner as black cloth; cover it with a layer of mulch to finish the job.

Not weeds, but also not so eye-catching after bloom, are daffodils. They have an enduring quality not possessed by tulips in that they colonize (naturalize) over the years. To encourage them, cut off the flower stalks as soon as bloom is past but leave behind the foliage, which ripens slowly and must remain to build up nourishment for next year's flowers. Remove the foliage when it is dry and pulls away easily.

And keep those characteristics in mind when planting spring bulbs. Set them behind low evergreens or hostas, which are late to appear and will hide the browning foliage of the bulbs.

Also in June:

■ Pinch back late-flowering plants such as asters, boltonia and chrysanthemums halfway down now and again in a month. You will see the plants branch out just below the pinch to make a better display of flowers in the fall.

■ Shear back spring blooming perennials such as candytuft and basket-of-gold alyssum for a leafier plant.

■ When annuals begin to get "leggy," pinch back some of the longer growth. Repeat this from time to time all summer.

Plant containers affect watering schedule

How often your plants require watering depends on the type of container they are grown in.

The traditional greenhouse clay pot and the hard plastic pot are among the most widely used for plant culture.

Clay pots are porous, allowing the moisture in the soil mixture to evaporate from the surface of the growing medium and through the sides of the pot. Plants in clay pots need more frequent watering than those in plastic pots. Plastic pots don't lose moisture through their sides.

Some other types of containers, such as glazed ceramic pots, have no drainage holes. Watering must be done carefully or excess water can collect at the base of the pot. This can cause damage to the plant.

A plant may be grown in a clay pot set in a glazed

ceramic pot. Use a glazed ceramic pot large enough to hold one or two inches of gravel for the clay pot to sit on so that any excess water will flush to this area. The space between the two containers may be filled with moist peat or sphagnum moss to slow the drying of the growing medium in the clay pot.

An exact schedule of watering is not practical for houseplants because of variations in room temperature, light, etc.

The rule is to apply water when the surface of the medium begins to feel dry. Don't allow the foliage to wilt between applications of water.

Dave Reville is an extension educator with Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension. For more information, call the Garden Hotline, 589-5561, any time between 9 a.m. and noon Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003

Birders can enter notes online with Cornell Lab

ITHACA — Bird watchers, don't keep your notes to yourselves.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology would prefer you logged them online so that they can be shared with others.

The Lab and the Audubon Society have created "eBird," at www.birdsource.org/ebird, as a place where birders can enter information about sightings that can be shared with researchers, educators, conservation biologists and other birders.

The records are stored to provide easy access by anyone who has a question about the population status of a particular species, according to lab director John Fitzpatrick.

"Historically, bird watchers' observations have sat in notebooks on shelves in homes or offices, untapped for the awesome information they could yield about the distribution and abundance of birds," he said. "Even the best birding publications are limited primarily to highlighting records of a few unusual species."

eBirders enter data by creating a pull-down menu of favorite locales — back yards, local parks, wilderness areas or even the office — through plotting their location or entering a ZIP code. Hot spots already may be entered. Reports dating back years can be logged as well.

Birders are asked for information such as amount of time they spent birding and the numbers of each species seen. Reports are pooled but kept anonymous.

Queries can be done by date, location or species, from an individual birder's records or the entire database.

"For birders, eBird serves as a quick and versatile way to manage records and preserve them for all time," said Frank Gill, Audubon's vice president for science. "For researchers, the records provide a wealth of information on the status of North American birds."

Assistance in creating the site was given by the American Birding Association, Canadian Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey and Bird Studies Canada.

For more information, call Mike Powers, eBird project leader, at (607) 254-2106.

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Just Past the City Limits

Top 10 excuses people give for fishing your farm pond without permission

10. But this used to be my great uncle's cousin's farm.

9. Isn't this a National Park?

8. My hat blew out the window and I figured as long as I had to walk over here to get it I'd might as well wet a line.

7. I got permission from the guy who lives about five miles down that road.

6. The sign said "no trespassing" but it didn't say anything about not fishing.

5. You mean this isn't Tom Smith's place?

4. There wasn't a padlock on the gate.

3. Well, I hunt here, I look for mushrooms here, I figured I might as well fish here, too.

2. A buddy of my brother-in-law has permission to fish here.

1. The guy who was fishing when I got here said it'd be OK.

— Mark Parker, *Farm Talk*, *cnhi News Service*

Roberts joins Eagle Scout ranks

Medina has another Eagle Scout.

Adam Roberts of Boy Scout Troop 28 was presented with his Eagle award May 18 in a ceremony in his back yard.

The Eagle award is earned by only 3 percent of all scouts nationally.

A scout must earn 21 merit badges, serve in a leadership position within his troop and complete a major community service project.

Roberts earned 30 merit badges and has served in nearly every capacity of youth leadership including quartermaster, patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, den chief and, currently, junior assistant scoutmaster.

Roberts attended the National Scout Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill, Va., and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

For his Eagle project, he landscaped the courtyard of Towne Elementary School by building a garden with a path-



POINT OF FAMILY PRIDE — New Eagle Scout Adam Roberts with his parents, Deb and Todd Roberts.

way and a trellis archway.

The project took 107 hours and involved 15 people.

Materials were donated by Somerset Lumber, Valu Hardware and Roberts Farm Market.

Roberts, 17, is a junior at Medina High School, where he

is ranked fourth in his class and is a 3-year member of Honorati, a 2-year member of the WLVL Bowl Team and a member of National Honor Society.

Roberts will participate in the American Legion Boys State program this summer.

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File Features

25 Years Ago

— More than 200 people participated in the Orleans County 4-H Walk-a-Thon. Doug Wilkins was the first to finish the 25 kilometer route —

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Tree guide offered by arborists

"What Tree Is That," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide assists in identifying 135 different trees found in the eastern and central United States.

Drawings illustrate leaves, needles, acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other features.

To order a guide, send a name, address and a check for \$3 to "What Tree Is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or visit www.arborday.org.

Extension gardener

Problems can be worked out in most cases

By Dave Reville

This week, let's target the means of solving a few common garden problems.

Herbicides

Herbicides (weed killers), when applied safely to control weeds, can save time and labor but if they are applied carelessly, they can damage or kill vegetables, ornamentals and other susceptible plants.

When using any herbicides, observe all precautions regarding vapors, sprays, drift and cleanliness of equipment.

A few common-sense safety reminders apply when herbicides are used:

- Follow label precautions.
- Avoid spraying on windy days.
- Do not apply when the temperature is above 80 degrees.
- Check the sprayer frequently to prevent over-application of herbicides.
- Keep nozzles clean and rinse spray equipment immediately after use.
- Never wear sandals while applying herbicide.

Blossom drop or poor fruit set

All too often, vegetable blossoms will appear and drop without setting fruit, or very small fruit will form and develop no further.

Many factors influence fruit set including extremes of temperatures, drying winds and water stress.

Low temperatures and long periods of cloudy, rainy weather keep bees, the great pollinators, under cover instead of in the field doing their job.

Although time will usually improve the situation, you can help by mulching your plants to maintain uniform soil moisture.

Plant sweet corn in short parallel rows for better pollination. The first flowers of vine crops such as squash, cucumbers and pumpkins are usually all male and do not form fruit. Soon, however, a second flush of bloom will produce both male and female flowers. With a little luck, nature will take its course and fruit will form.

Color in the shade with annuals

Shade from maturing trees does not have to be a problem in the landscape any more. Shady gardens are becoming more commonplace by necessity as communities and trees get older.

Fortunately, with the help of plant breeders, more and more varieties of plants are being developed to tolerate shade.

Some of the more commonly grown annuals include the ever-popular impatiens, wax begonia, coleus and red salvia. In addition, try some of the less frequently used shade-lovers such as nicotiana, ageratum and lobelia.

For semi-shade conditions, don't overlook perennials. They can become a permanent fixture in your landscape. Bleeding heart (*Dicentra eximia*), primrose, coral bells (*Heuchera*), columbine, monkshood (*Aconitum*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum*) and Japanese anemona are adaptable to light shade.

In such cases, consider planting specimens in containers so that competition for nutrients and water can be avoided.

The labor involved in establishing and maintaining raised beds is also far less strenuous. As with any planting procedure, good soil preparation is essential for proper establishment and later enjoyment of flowers in the shade.

Dave Reville is an agent of the Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension. For more information, call the Master Gardener Hotline at 589-5561 between 9 a.m. and noon Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Prayer Riders 4-H'ers set to put up flags

KNOWLESVILLE — The Prayer Riders 4-H Drill and Parade Team will have a flag installation picnic June 21 at the Orleans County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The Prayer Riders sought out sponsors to purchase 62 American flags for hanging at the horse barn. The flags will be hung at the picnic.

Flag sponsors will be named on a plaque that will be displayed every year during the county fair.

The gathering will begin at noon at the Knights Building

Horse Barn on Route 31.

The effort was the Prayer Riders' 2003 community serv-

ice project. For more information, call Gail Conley at 659-2515.

Just past the city limits

The Top 10 best things about being in the dairy business

10. The cows provide a great excuse when you don't want to go visit the in-laws.

9. You get a rubber boot quantity discount from the farm and home store.

8. Your reflexes are kept razor sharp from dodging mud-balled tails.

7. If you have to eat your way out of a surplus, ice cream isn't a bad way to go.

6. Trying to make heads or tails out of the milk price discovery system cures any desires you might have had to go into economics.

5. An in-depth fly control experience makes for fascinating

small talk at cocktail parties.

4. In addition to the government, the weather and kids these days, you get to complain about your cooperative as well.

3. Terms such as "rumen bypass protein" and "acid detergent fiber" confuse the heck out of your banker.

2. Trespassers rarely sneak in and skinny dip in the lagoon more than once.

1. If someone asks whether you're a good dairy producer, all you have to do is point out that you're still in business.

by Mark Parker, Farm Talk,
cnhi News Service

TIP OF THE WEEK

If pineapples are fully ripe, they should be refrigerated. If not, keep them at room temperature.

PINEAPPLE SALAD

- 1 large pineapple
- 2 bananas
- 1 teaspoon lemon or orange juice
- 2 oranges and/or kiwis, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup orange juice

Cut pineapple in half, lengthwise, leaving the fronds intact. Carve out the pineapple pulp and discard the core; set shells aside. Chop the pineapple pulp, slice the bananas, and mix in the teaspoon of

lemon or orange juice so that the banana doesn't brown. Put these in the pineapple "boats." Cover with sliced oranges and/or kiwis, and finally a layer of strawberries. Mix honey with the 1/2 cup orange juice, and pour this over the fruit. Chill well.

Makes 6 servings.



Attention, Gardeners!

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For recipes, gardening tips, and weather forecasts, visit www.almanac.com.

Forget the Epsom salts!

(AP) — Dosed your roses with Epsom salts yet? It's rumored to be very good for the plants.

Hogwash!

Epsom salts is magnesium sulfate, a source of both magnesium and sulfur, both essential nutrients for plants. But your plants would benefit from a dose of Epsom salts only if your soil is deficient in either magnesium or sulfur.

Even though sulfur is not naturally abundant in soils, forget about needing to feed it to your plants. They get it with other fertilizers, from composts and manures, and from acid rain.

Magnesium occurs naturally in soil minerals, often in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of plants. Plants are most likely to be hungry for magnesium in acidic, sandy soils where rainfall is abundant.

Plants growing in a soil poor in magnesium cry out their need for this nutrient with yellowing leaves, the oldest leaves and the portions between the

veins yellowing first. Of course, plants respond in a more subdued manner when a soil is just a little wanting in magnesium — they simply don't grow as well as they otherwise might. A soil test can tell you if your soil needs magnesium.

Your plants should have sufficient magnesium if you use compost and limestone. Dolomitic limestone, as does calcitic limestone, makes soils less acidic. But dolomitic limestone supplies both magnesium and calcium, while calcitic limestone supplies only calcium.

Epsom salts, of course, is another way to supply magnesium. It has no effect on soil acidity, so it is useful for supplying magnesium when you do not want to change the soil acidity. An average dose would be an eighth to a quarter of a pound per 100 square feet. Epsom salts is much more soluble than dolomitic limestone, so it's also useful when you have to get magnesium quickly into a plant.

MONTH

Bet you didn't know: Dairy industry facts

Some facts about dairy products, courtesy of the Web site, www.heartlandhospital.com.

- Wisconsin ranks as the national leader in total butter, cheese and milk production. New York is third.
- There are six major breeds of dairy cows in the United States: Ayshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn.
- One cow produces an average of 8 gallons of milk per day — 17,200 pounds per year.
- There are more than 9 million dairy cows in the United States.
- There are about 340 to 350 "squirts" in a gallon of milk.
- Cows spend an average of six hours each day eating, and an additional eight hours chewing their cud.
- Dairy farmers milk each cow at least twice a day.
- Raw milk is heated to 170 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 30 minutes to kill the bacteria. Then it is cooled to just above freezing and prepared for bottling.

Watts family accepts Blue Star Banner

MILLVILLE — Gary and Robyn Watts of Medina were presented with a Blue Star Banner recently in recognition of their son Sgt. Jeffrey D. Watts' ongoing service to country.

Sheret Post American Legion Commander Randy Klatt made the presentation at Millville United Methodist Church during Sunday service.

With the banner, the Watts also were presented with an American flag, a gift from Klatt and his wife Jane.

The banner will hang in a window of Jeffrey Watts' home until his safe return from Iraq.

Also attending the presentation ceremony were Jeffrey Watts' grandmother, Naomi Watts, and his godparents, Howard and Elaine Watts.

Blue Star Banners are in high demand of late and the Watts received the last one available locally, according to Klatt. The request was made and pursued by Jesse and Cheryl Babcock.

Jeffrey Watts, promoted on May 6 to the rank of sergeant in the Army, is a medic with the 549th Area Support Medical



Sgt. Jeffrey D. Watts

Company stationed south of Baghdad. The unit is not expected to return stateside until October.

Watts received his promotion after a 16-day tasking at Camp Bushmaster, graduating from the ranks of junior enlistee to the corps of noncommis-



FAMILY PRIDE — Robyn and Gary Watts accepted a Blue Star Banner from the Sheret Post of American Legion recently for their son, Sgt. Jeffrey Watts, who is serving with the Army in Iraq. Shown after the presentation are, from left, Cheryl Babcock, Randy Klatt, Naomi Watts, Elaine Watts, Gary and Robyn Watts, Jesse Babcock and, behind them, Elaine and Howard Watts.

sioned officers.

In the May 20 edition of "The Bulldog Times," an Army

newsletter, he was referred to as "Super Watts — Emergency Field Medic Medic honor grad,

Emergency Medical Technical Honor Grad, Airborne qualified ... he does it all."

Episcopal church to buy Extension building

By Tom Rivers

Daily News Staff Writer

ALBION — Christ Church, an Episcopal congregation in Albion, will soon buy the South Main Street home of Cornell Cooperative Extension, a sale that Extension leaders hope will propel the agency's drive for a new headquarters in Knowlesville at the 4-H fairgrounds.

The 20 South Main St. facility has lingered on the market for more than 18 months with an asking price of \$124,000. Extension and church officials declined to reveal the sale price, choosing to wait until after the sale is official, which Extension Director Deb Roberts said she hopes will happen within a month.

The building, about 150 years old, is too cramped, antiquated, and energy inefficient for the Extension, Roberts said. The building also isn't handicapped accessible.

The Extension wants an "education center" at the fairgrounds. A new 6,500-square-foot facility would likely be an addition to the Trolley Building, which already has a bathroom and satellite link for teleconferences, Roberts said.

The Extension hasn't launched a fund-raising campaign for the new building yet. Roberts said she believes it could take two years to raise most of the money for the project, which Extension officials believe will cost \$550,000



Tom Rivers/Daily News

OFF THE MARKET: Christ Church is close to finalizing a deal to purchase the Cornell Cooperative Extension's South Main Street headquarters in Albion. The church is willing to let the Extension stay at least another year in the building while the agency raises money for a new building in Knowlesville at the 4-H fairgrounds.

to \$600,000.

"We're excited," Roberts said. "But there's a lot of work ahead. Now the work really starts."

The church purchased the property mainly for the Extension's parking lot, which many church-goers mistakenly believed was owned by the church, said

The church has agreed to let the Extension stay in the building for at least a year. The Extension doesn't have to pay rent, only the utilities.

The church's governing board hasn't identified how the building will be used once the Extension is gone, Theodorakos said. He believes the site could be rented for offices, and also used for a dance studio, nursery school, scout troop and meeting place for community organizations.

The Episcopal church has purchased two other homes near its church building in recent years and those properties are well maintained, Theodorakos said.

The church won't let the Extension facility, which Theodorakos called "an awful pretty building," fall into neglect.

Besides a fund-raising drive, the Extension will seek federal and state grants for the new building. The new center should increase the year-round use of the Knowlesville complex. About 40,000 attend the week-long fair during July, but the facility is only occasionally used the other 51 weeks of the year, Roberts said.

She has a floor plan from 1967 calling for an addition to the Trolley Building, which shows the idea of the Knowlesville headquarters has been around for nearly four decades.

"It makes sense to have it all at one place so we can have a more cohesive program," she said.

Jim Theodorakos, a member of the church's vestry.

"It was very possible the building could have been sold to a private individual who could have restricted our parking," Theodorakos said. "That was what we were concerned with. Basically we were trying to protect ourselves."

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DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

Raptors endure for a love of football



Margo Bowerman, right, moves in to help Raptors teammate Nikia Speed tackle Philadelphia's Rachelle Pacovsky. "I'm completely addicted to it," Speed says of football.

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Briefly

Cooperative board to meet Thursday

ALBION — The Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors will have a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the extension office, 20 S. Main St. For more information, contact Deb Roberts at 589-5561.

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File Features

10 Years Ago

- Melanie
Higgins of Albion received the
Girl Scout Gold Award.



Vino Wong/The Journal-Register

Amanda Flansburg, 13, shows her llama, Gingo, to Ralph Ludington, a resident at the Orleans County Nursing Home in Albion. Gingo was one of a number of animals that Orleans 4-H'ers brought to the home Thursday as part of an annual event in which they take part.