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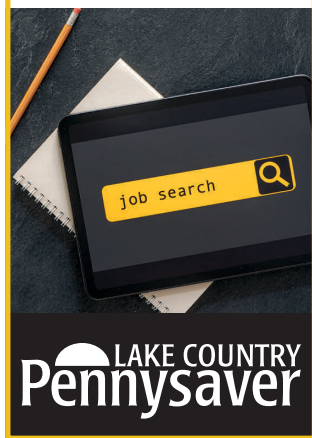
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# OBITUARIES

## & in memoriams

We have always offered the community the ability to submit FREE obituaries to the Lake Country Pennysaver. We would like to continue keeping obituaries free for everyone. To make sure we can provide this service to the community, we ask that all obituaries have a word limit of 300 words. There will be a charge of \$30 for 300-400 words and a charge of \$60 for 400-500 words. We will not accept any obituaries over 500 words. Thank you for your understanding and your families are always in our thoughts. - Lake Country Pennysaver



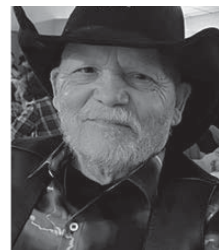
**Ann C. Andre**, age 80, died Dec. 9, 2024 in Strong Memorial Hospital following a short illness. She was born July 11, 1944 in Richmond, VA to Sammy Gray and Marjorie (Whitaker) Patsel. When not in school, she spent the summers on the farm working and being raised by her grandmother Polly Macy Whitaker until Ann was 12. She

moved to this area and lived in this area since 1963. Ann worked as a Teacher's Aide at WeMoCo in Spencerport. While in school and with her best friend Cathy, Ann studied various business course, earth studies, oceanography, psychology, health and wellness and even took the Notary Public course. The two of them shared some great times in their day! Ann was an avid bowler having bowled a perfect game and was president of the Medina Bowling League in earlier years. Ann also worked as a private home health aide. She loved animals and loved to spend time with her grandchildren and her grand-dogs. Mrs. Andre was predeceased by her husband, James, Sr.; and son, Matthew John. She is survived by her children: Sherry Lynn West of VA, Marjorie (Ralph Conover) Steffen of Kendall, James Andre II of Kendall; her grandchildren: James III, Ashleigh, Matt Jr., Michael, Marissa and Mitchel; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and her best friend: Cathy Manno of Kendall. The family will receive friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home, 16650 State Rt. 31-Holley, on Monday, Dec. 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Interment will be Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. in WNY National Cemetery in Corfu. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: P.A.W.S., 3371 Gaines Basin Rd., Albion, NY, 14411. To share a special memory of Ann, please visit: [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com).



**Bruce W. Baney**, age 80, passed away Dec. 20, 2024 at Medina Memorial Hospital. He was born Nov. 21, 1944 in Lewistown, PA to the late Paul and Jennie (Loss) Baney. Bruce enjoyed fishing, collecting two-dollar bills, coke cola, wrestling and Nascar races. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Barbara,

siblings, Emma Baney, Kenneth Baney, Christabell Loss, Catherine Ettinger, John Baney, Dorothy Keister, Raymond Baney, Mary Swierczinski, Myrtle Smith, and Percy Baney. Bruce is survived by his children, Marci (Doug) Platt, Paul (Melissa) Baney, grandchildren, Ashley (Chris) Porter, Joshua Platt, Nicholas (Emma) Platt, McKenzie Baney, Marissa Baney Gavin Baney, great-grandchildren, Jordyn Brooks, Brooklyn Drennan, Legend Porter, longtime partner, Patricia Carthon, son, Stacy Baney, siblings, Grant Baney, Ruth Knight, Mildred Tom, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. Bruce's family will receive friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home 21 West Ave. Albion, NY 14411 on Friday, Dec. 27th from 4:00-7:00pm. His funeral service will be held the next day at 11:00am with interment to follow at Mt. Albion Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Bruce's name may be made to PAWS 3371 Gaines Basin Rd. Albion, NY 14411. To share a special memory of Bruce, please visit [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com).



**Paul C. Draper, Jr.**, age 69, passed away Dec. 19, 2024 at United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia. He was born August 28, 1955 in Brockport to the late Paul C. Draper, Sr. and Shirley M. Vandorn. Paul served in the U.S Army. Paul enjoyed Cooking & Baking from scratch. He enjoyed shopping on QVC and Temu. He loved decorating for holidays & Seasons. But most of all, he enjoyed Old Classic Country Music. He played lead guitar and was lead singer in his bands such as Rusty Draper & The Country Express and Shiloh. He was a true legend in his own time and had many fans. In addition to

his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings Laurie and Mark Draper. He is survived by his 5 children; Talisa, P.D III, Amanda, Houston & Jenelle and 6 siblings: Doreen, Kathi, Ken, Karen, Toni & Missy 9 grandchildren and one great grandchild and many nieces and nephews, and significant others: Sally & his precious cat, Mallory.

Paul requested no services however his family will be hosting a celebration of life on or around his 70th birthday in 2025 Paul's arrangements have been entrusted to the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home of Albion, NY. To share a special memory of Paul, please visit [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com).



**Clayton G. "Greg" Fletcher**, age 71, died Dec. 18, 2024 in Strong Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. He was born March 8, 1953 in Albion to Clayton and Geraldine (Felstead) Fletcher and was a lifelong resident of this area. Greg had managed Cornucopia Farms (now Circle R) for many years prior to

working at Eagle Harbor Sand and Gravel. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, loved to hunt, gardening and baking pies. Greg also cut and sold firewood, and was an avid Buffalo Bills and NY Yankees Fan. Mr. Fletcher was predeceased by his best friend and wife Susanne Whittier and a brother Keith Fletcher. He is survived by his children: Mike (Tammy) Fletcher of Middleport, Chad Fletcher of CO, Steve (Steph) Fletcher of Lyndonville, 6 siblings: Linda (Ken) Lonnen of Albion, Laurie (Ron) Schlegel of Medina, Lee (Connie) Fletcher of Lyndonville, Karen (Tony) Ricci of Lyndonville, Jeanne Bale of Knowlesville, Jody (Tom) Pawlik of IN, 11 grandchildren: Taylor, Shawn, Travis, Jenna, Bradyn, Sawyer, Hannah, Caleb, Reyli, Ella, Jaxon, his great granddaughter: Rayleigh as well as several nieces and nephews. Calling hours at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Home, 21 West Avenue-Albion, will be on Sunday, January 5, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only. Burial in West Kendall Cemetery will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105. To share a special memory of Greg, please visit: [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com)



**Joyce K. Elsenheimer**, age 87, passed away peacefully on Dec. 21, 2024 at the Niagara Hospice House. She was born March 11, 1937 in Lockport to the late F. DeWitt Kill and Irene Leibring. Joyce was proud to be a more than 50 year member of Eastern Star #153. She enjoyed tending to her plants, crafts and puzzles. Her

greatest joy was spending time with her family; especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren...who called her "Gramma Honey." In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Harold in 2019, and her sister Evelyn Elsenheimer. Joyce is survived by her children, Desiree (Jan) Flora, Jeffrey (Victoria) Elsenheimer, Gregory (Donna) Elsenheimer, Thomas (Brigitte) Elsenheimer, Diana (Fritz) Quackenbush, Patrick (Bonnie) Elsenheimer, Amy (Jeffrey) Wolter, 21 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends SAT. 12/28/24 from 10:30-11am at the West Somerset Baptist Church 1876 Hosmer Rd, Appleton, NY 14008 where her Funeral Service will be held immediately following visitation at 11:00am. Interment will follow in Hartland Central Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Niagara Hospice, 4675 Sunset Drive, Lockport, NY, 14094. Joyce's arrangements have been entrusted to the Sherrie Bream Funeral Home of Gasport, NY. To share a special memory of Joyce, please visit [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com).



**Grace M. Guzik** (née Kopitzki), of Medina, NY passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Sat., Dec. 21, 2024. Born Oct. 20, 1939 in Yates Center, she was a daughter of the late Fredrick "Daddy" and Norma (Thompson) Kopitzki. Grace was a lifelong resident of the area. In August of 1955 she married the late

Raymond Guzik at Sacred Heart of Jesus R.C. Church in Medina. Grace loved to feed people and help those in need. Early on Grace worked as a waitress, which led to a long career in food service. She owned and operated the former Park Lunch Diner on Park Avenue in Medina for many years. Grace later owned Ray's Diner on Commercial Street and did a lot of catering work. Public service was important to Grace and giving back was in her nature. Her

family told stories of her generous efforts to feed the people of Medina during the Blizzard of '77. A faithful person, Grace was a parishioner of Holy Trinity Parish, St. Mary's Church in Medina. Her home served as a hub for many family gatherings. Described as a selfless person, Grace was a natural caregiver. In addition to raising her own children, she adopted her beloved daughter, Lois Davis at a young age and later in life has been a selfless caretaker for her grandson, Bobby. She will be deeply missed by all that knew her. In addition to her parents, Grace was predeceased by her husband, Raymond in 2009; and siblings, Fredrick "Fritz" Kopitzki, Norma Chambers, Paul "Corky" Kopitzki, Marie Dewitt and Raymond "Butch" Kopitzki. Left to cherish her memory are her children, Robert (Holly) Guzik, Debra (Peter) Bjornsen, Laura (Keith) Ward, Mary (Dawn) Guzik and Lois Davis; grandsons, Mark Guzik, David Guzik and Bobby Guzik; her sister, Barbara (Fred) Eggleston; and several nieces and nephews. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a later date to be announced in the spring. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Medina Lion's Club, P.O. Box 511, Medina, NY 14103 or to the Visually Impaired Advancement at [www.viawny.org](http://www.viawny.org). Arrangements are in the care of Cooper Funeral Home, 215 W. Center St., Medina. Share condolences at [www.cooperfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooperfuneralhome.com).



**Patricia A. Shepard**, age 83, died Dec. 23, 2024 in Niagara Hospice Residence surrounded by her family. She was born Nov. 7, 1941 in Lockport to Carl and Isadore (Siemendorf) Shorten and was a lifelong resident of this area. Pat worked for several years as a bus aide for the Barker School District. She was a

member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Barker, and The Avon Study Club. She loved to read, garden, rug-hook and enjoyed her flower gardens. Pat loved getting together and doing "silly sister stuff" which was indicative of the great love she had for her family. Family was everything to her! Mrs. Shepard was predeceased by her husband Leo Shepard Jr. She is survived by her children: Joseph (Brenda) Shepard of Springville, Andrew Shepard of Barker, Michael (Kathy) Shepard of Gasport, Gerald (Deborah) Shepard of Gasport, 14 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, her sisters: Barbara Albone of Middleport, Bonnie (Robert) Isele of Lockport, Donna Waild of Middleport, Darlene (Lewis) Wagner of WV, as well as several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at the Sherrie Bream Funeral Home-Gasport, SUNDAY 12/29, from 5-8pm. Family and friends are invited to attend Pat's Funeral Service MONDAY 12/30 at 11am in Faith United Methodist Church, 1449 Quaker Rd., Barker, NY, 14012. Interment will follow immediately after in Hartland Central Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Faith United Methodist Church at the address listed. To share a special memory of Pat, please visit: [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com)



**Kathleen (Kathy) Strong**, 69, of Kent, NY passed away peacefully at Mt. Carmel House in Hilton, NY, surrounded by the love of her family. Kathy was born on June 3, 1955, in Wisconsin and spent her adult life in Texas and New York. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose

life was defined by compassion and service to others. As a registered nurse, Kathy dedicated her career to caring for patients in a variety of healthcare settings. She found her greatest fulfillment in home healthcare, where she provided comfort, care, and love to elderly patients. Her kindness, generosity, and unwavering support left an indelible mark on everyone she met. Kathy had a deep love for animals and provided a warm, loving home to many pets over the years. She enjoyed gardening, taking walks with her pets, visiting her daughters and grandchildren, reading, attending church, arts and crafts, spending time with friends, and traveling to new places. Kathy was predeceased by her beloved son, Nathaniel Strong; her mother, Helen Spencer; her sister, Valerie Spencer-Petit; her nephew, Matthew Petit; and her in-laws, Malcolm and Ann Strong. She is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, Daniel Strong; her loving daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Val Andrei, Stephanie and Wayne Krull, and Andrea and Mike Porte; her cherished grandchildren; as well as many brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends. The family will receive friends at the Christopher Mitchell Funeral Homes, 16650 State Route 31 Holley, Friday December 27th 4:00pm-7:00pm. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday at 10:00am at St. Mark's Church in Kendall. Burial will be in West Kendall/Beechwood

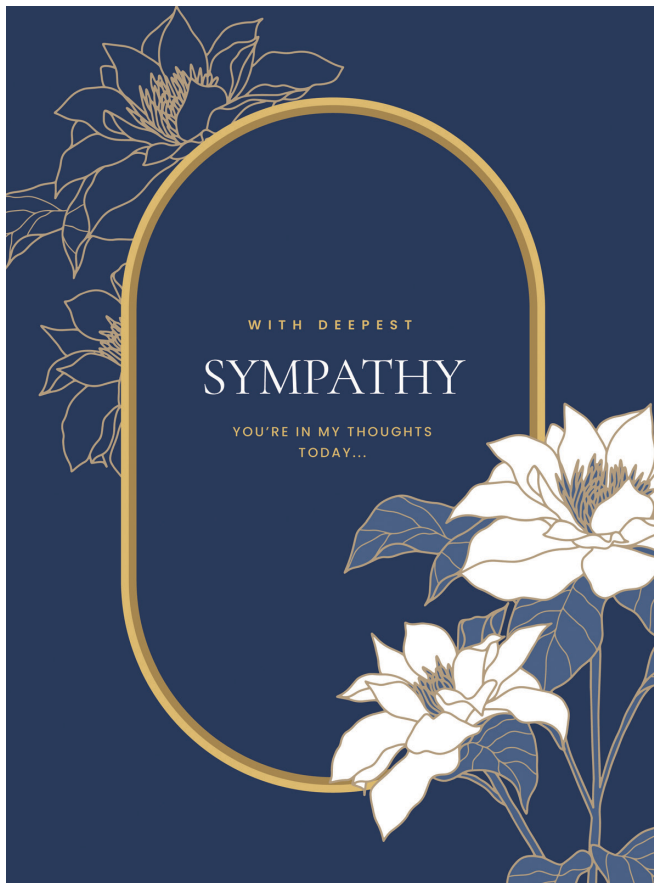


Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathy's memory to Mt. Carmel House in Hilton, NY, Mt. Carmel House, 288 Frisbee Hill Road, Hilton, NY 14468, (585) 366-4949. To share a memory of Kathy, visit [www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mitchellfamilyfuneralhomes.com).



**Gerald M. Wade "Jerry"**, 84 of Batavia, passed away peacefully on Monday (Dec. 23, 2024) at his residence under the loving care of his family. He was born May 1, 1940, a son of the late Myron and Eva Wade. Jerry was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served his country from 1958-1961. He was an Accounting Clerk for

the Sears Buffalo Credit Central prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Cornerstone Church and for many years served as the church historian. He was a fan of the Buffalo Bills and enjoyed participating in activities with fellow veterans. Survivors include his children, Thomas (Noralba) Wade of Colorado, Christina Wade Jones of Texas and Ted (Heidi) Wade of Colorado. Grandchildren, Noah Wade, Justin Wade, Alexandra Jones, Victoria (Ryan) Jones and Jenna Grier. Sister, Lorraine Nettin. He was predeceased by his wives, Phyllis Wade and Edith Wade. Family and friends may call on Monday (December 30th) from 11am-1pm at the Cornerstone Church, 2583 Main St, East Pembroke, NY, where a funeral service and military honors will be held at 1pm. Burial will be North Pembroke Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a Veteran organization of your choice. Arrangements were entrusted to the C.B. Beach & Son Mortuary, Inc., 4 Main Street, Corfu, NY 14036.



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**Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that all taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2025 without penalty. On all taxes received or postmarked after such date there shall be added penalties as follows:

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**March 1 - March 31: 2% penalty**  
**April 1 - April 30: 3% penalty**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of Shelby will be returned to the County of Orleans on the first day of May 2025.

12/29/24 • Darlene Rich, MMC, RMC • Tax Collector, Town of Shelby

**ORLEANS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Medina Bakery, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/06/2024. Office location: Orleans County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The LLC: 11840 Harrison Rd Medina, NY 14103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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# Refill with Randy

by Randy LeBaron



**Good morning! Grab your favorite cup. Fill it up. And let's start this week right TOGETHER!!!**



I hope that you had a Merry Christmas and are on your way to a very Happy New Year! With that in mind I wanted to share a story from back in June 1999, I had just started my new life with my new wife which included our honeymoon in Cancun, MX. Outside of Canada this would be my first time traveling to another country and I was excited to share this adventure with Sheryl. Beyond a few initial glitches, since Sheryl had booked everything beforehand using her maiden name I was called Mr. Smout throughout our stay, we had a great time.

an exhilarating experience outside of Sheryl screaming because she thought we were going to flip over (I only know one speed). Once we arrived and got in the water however the scary part for me began. Having never snorkeled before it was going to be sink or swim for me because once my face went into that water it wasn't coming out whether I could breathe or not. Our entire time there I scanned the depths non-stop but thankfully never once saw a shark. I did swim over one while snorkeling this past summer but that's another story.

relaxing motion of the ocean and all but fell asleep as I stared out into the endless horizon with neither land nor a boat in sight.

This went on for a while before I began to hear shouting behind me from a distance. As I groggily turned over to face the beach I suddenly realized that I was nowhere near shore. Every time the mat had gently rolled over a small wave I had drifted further and further out to sea and had no idea because without a fixed point there wasn't any way to know that I had moved even a little let alone a lot.

As I quickly assessed the situation a different type of panic set in, I couldn't understand a lot of what the locals were shouting at me in Spanish but even under duress I recognized when they started yelling "Shark!" I don't know how I swam back to shore as quick as I did but if there was a shark in the vicinity it probably got pushed aside by my wake. In the end I was all too happy to be back getting an earful from my new bride who had gone to sleep and woke up worried she might never see me again.

The reality is that I did not intentionally choose to float out into dangerous waters and had I been laying the opposite direction looking at the shore I would have been able to see the second I was starting to drift and would have maneuvered myself back to safety at once.

Beyond being able to enjoy the beautiful pools at our resort we ate well and made our mark on the sand volleyball court. We also went on some excursions which were included in our package. When it came time to choose which ones we would be doing Sheryl, a lover of all things beach and ocean, chose snorkeling around a coral reef and spending the day relaxing by the beautiful blue water of Xpuha. I, on the other hand, having watched Jaws way too many times as a kid chose to stay inland and explore the ancient Mayan ruins of Chichén Itzá.

The next outing was to Chichén Itzá where we learned a lot about the Mayan culture, tried some roadside tacos (our guide revealed afterward that chicken was scarce, so it was most likely lizard meat that we had eaten), and climbed to the top of The Temple of Kukulcán (El Castillo). It was a good day but also a very hot and tiring day which is why when we showed up for our final excursion, an afternoon on the beach at Xpuha, Sheryl wasn't feeling well and decided she had better take a nap.

Between being bored, feeling a bit invulnerable since I had already courageously survived snorkeling, and because the water was so clear you could see quite a distance, I decided to take my chances and rent an inflatable mat which I used to float on. I was a bit hesitant at first but soon enough I had given in to the

So, my question to you dear reader is, "What are you focusing on as you prepare to begin a New Year in 2025?" As I just proved, it's too easy to not focus on anything and simply drift along, ending up where you really don't want to be. However, by setting goals and finding a fixed point to focus on you can start moving in the direction of where you want to be by year's end

In his book, Principle of the Path, Andy Stanley makes a great observation which is that "Direction, Not Intention, Determines Your Destination." Good intentions may be helpful when making New Year's Resolutions, which will most likely be forgotten by February, but if you really want to start becoming who you are called to be then direction is key. Simply put... you need to figure out where you are, figure where you want to go, and then decide one thing you could do to start moving in that direction. Then do it.

**See you in two weeks!**  
*Pastor Randy*



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Solve the code to discover words related to food service.  
 Each number corresponds to a letter.  
 (Hint: 20 = E)

**A. 25 20 17 2 20 17**  
 Clue: Waiter or waitress

**B. 7 19 25**  
 Clue: Clean off table

**C. 24 14 16 15 6 20 18**  
 Clue: Room for cooking

**D. 13 17 4 20 17**  
 Clue: Choose meal

Answers: A. server B. bus C. kitchen D. order

# WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to food service.

**C C K E H**

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Answer: Check

# GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in England on January 3, 1996. I began my career as a singer, posting song covers to YouTube. My siblings also are talented and are in the business, with my brother starring in the series "Game of Thrones." In 2021, I made my Marvel debut in "Black Widow."

Answer: Florence Pugh

# FOOD SERVICE WORD SEARCH



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## WORDS

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- COMP
- COVER
- DISH
- DOUBLE
- DROP
- EARLY BIRD
- FILLER
- FLATTOP
- FRONT OF HOUSE
- HAPPY HOUR
- LINE
- ORDER
- PARTY
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# Oak Orchard Health honored by Homeless Alliance for opening warming centers

Posted 26 December 2024 at 10:55 am



Provided photo: Pictured from left include Kenneth Gholston, Chairman of the Board for Homeless Alliance of Western New York; Karen Kinter, Oak Orchard Health CEO; and Rashied McDuffie, Esq., deputy mayor City of Buffalo.

Press Release, Oak Orchard Health

ALBION – Oak Orchard Health (OOH) is proud to receive the Community Advocacy and Education Award for its work in the communities it serves.

This award from the Homeless Alliance of Western New York recognizes exemplary individual or organizational efforts to advocate for homeless people through public education initiatives, awareness campaigns, conference presentations, or published research.

“The warming center initiatives that Oak Orchard Health leads in Orleans, Brockport, and Wyoming County are truly remarkable, and the Homeless Alliance of Western New York is so grateful for the work with those most vulnerable in rural areas of Western New York,” said the Homeless Alliance of Western New York.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Oak Orchard serves 30,000 patients, including the homeless, farmworkers, and people of all races, genders, and ages. In addition, OOH has opened two warming centers (with a third coming soon), working with its community partners and funding from Monroe County (for the Brockport Community Warming Center) and Greater Rochester Health Foundation (Warsaw).

A Warming Center provides a warm, safe place for the unhoused when temperatures drop below 32 degrees (Code Blue).



Photo by Tom Rivers: Karen Kinter, CEO of Oak Orchard Health, speaks during a celebration for a new warming center at Christ Church on Dec. 20, 2023. The site offers cots, coffee, tea, soup and hygiene kits when the temperature dropped below 32 degrees at night.

“It is truly an honor for Oak Orchard Health to be selected for the Community Advocacy and Education Award,” said Karen Kinter, CEO Oak Orchard Health. “In December 2023, we opened our first Warming Center in Orleans County. On December 23, the Brockport Community Warming Center will open. Oak Orchard Health has taken the lead on administrative and staffing of these centers.”

Many do not think there is a large, unhoused community in rural areas where our health centers reside, but that’s untrue. The Orleans County Warming Center served 63 people on the 110 Code Blue days. New York State mandates that if the weather drops below 32 degrees, it is considered “Code Blue,” and the community must provide shelter.

## The Homeless Alliance of Western New York

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## How to navigate a costly real estate market

Real estate has long been touted as a worthy investment. Home values historically appreciate over time, making real estate a desirable investment opportunity and one that simultaneously fulfills an investor's need for a place to live. That sounds like a win-win for those with the means of purchasing a home. But in recent years, many people have found themselves priced out of the real estate market due to a number of variables beyond their control.

It's no secret that home prices have been on the rise in recent years. According to the National Association of Realtors, the median sale price for a home in the United States reached \$419,300 in May 2024. Such high prices, coupled with decreasing yet still high interest rates, has made homeownership as expensive as ever and left many aspiring home buyers to wonder what they can do as they seek to buy a property to call their own. Though there's no foolproof way to navigate the current real estate market to a satisfying end, the following are some strategies buyers can consider as they begin searching for a home:

- Be patient. Patience is a virtue prospective home buyers will need to embrace. The NAR reported a 3.7-month supply of housing inventory in May, which is low and suggestive of a seller's market. Buyers confronting a low inventory

market must remain patient if they hope to find a house that checks all their boxes. Such a house may not be on the current market, and might not be for some time. But forecasters predict the interest rate reduction announced by the Federal Reserve in September will lead to a higher inventory, even if real estate sales tend to be lower in winter than spring and summer. As indicators like lower interest rates gradually point to a higher inventory, buyers may benefit by remaining patient.

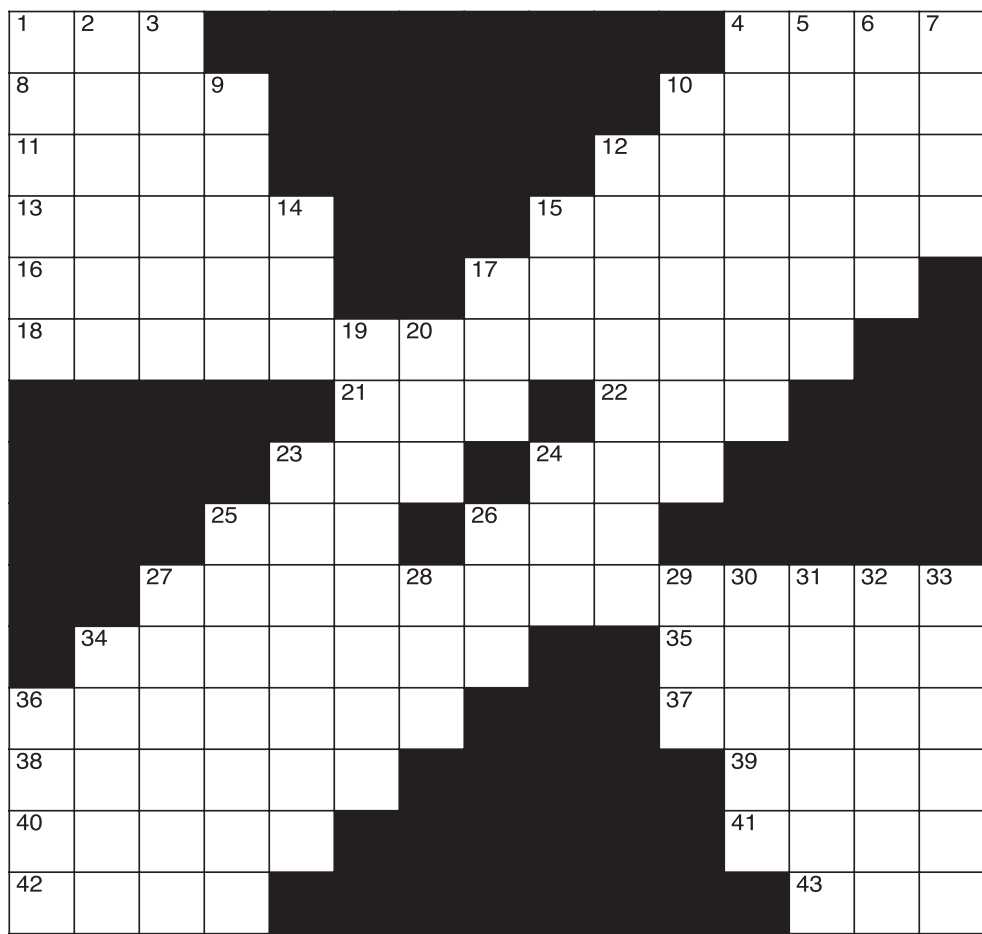
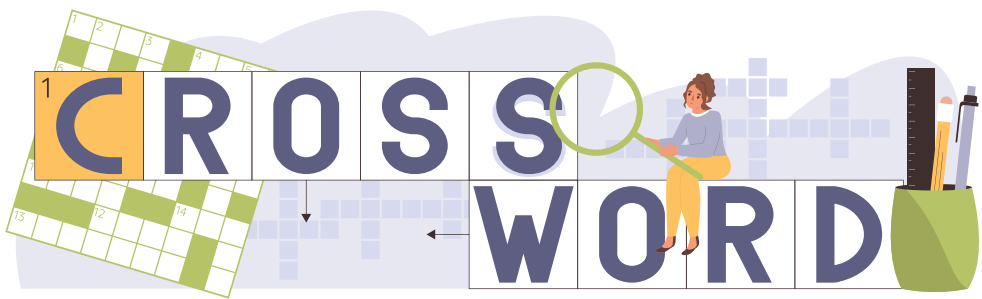
- Be ready to pounce. Of course, a market characterized by limited inventory is typically competitive, and the real estate market in recent years has certainly played out that way. Real estate markets can vary considerably, even within the same country, but an analysis from the New Jersey Real Estate Network indicated the average time homes in the Garden State were on the market decreased from 39 days in 2023 to 35 days in 2024. Patience is important when buying a home, as buyers don't want to act too fast and then end up living in a home they don't like. But it's equally important that buyers be ready to pounce if they see a property they like. Limited inventory means sellers are likely to receive multiple offers, and hesitancy on the part of buyers could prevent them from finding a new home.



- Line up your finances. Mortgage preapproval and a solid nest egg have long been vital when buying a home, and that remains true in the current market. The competitive nature of the current market might make mortgage preapproval more important than ever. A preapproval indicates to sellers that a buyer has already arranged financing and been approved to purchase a home for the amount of their offer. Buyers without a preapproval might be seen as more risky to sellers, some of whom may want to sell their homes as quickly as possible. Sellers in a competitive market may feel they need not wait around for a buyer to be approved, so it's best to line up finances before beginning a home search.

Lining up finances includes building a substantial nest egg that demonstrates an ability to make a sizable down payment as part of your offer.

The real estate market has been tough on buyers in recent years. A successful navigation of the current market may require some patience, a readiness to pounce and some conventional financial wisdom.



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- Natural settings
- Weekend entertainments
- Line from which light seemingly streams
- Your own private code
- Swiss river

- Satisfaction
- A person's brother or sister
- Folk singer DiFranco
- The Blonde Bombshell
- Kids' school project
- Bluish greens
- Classifying
- Cube-shaped
- Choo-choos
- Indian religious god of dissolution
- French department
- Leak into gradually
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- Midway between south and southeast

## CLUES DOWN

- Counterbalancing debt
- In slow tempo
- Glamorous city
- Japanese lute
- Makes law
- Informative book
- Animal's body part
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- Blood poisoning
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- Unwelcome pest
- Saddle horses

- Type of gibbon
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\* Purchase coins. One of the easiest and safest ways to invest in gold and silver is to buy coins. These will be minted from pure metals and are often issued through government-backed mints. Although gold coins aren't widely circulated, silver coins contain enough whole silver mixed with other alloys to make them valuable.

\* Consider mutual funds. Rather than purchasing gold or silver outright, you can invest in mutual funds that then allocate a bulk of the fund's investment into the purchase of gold or silver. This requires less knowledge of metal markets and also less work. However, it still enables you to invest in gold and silver.

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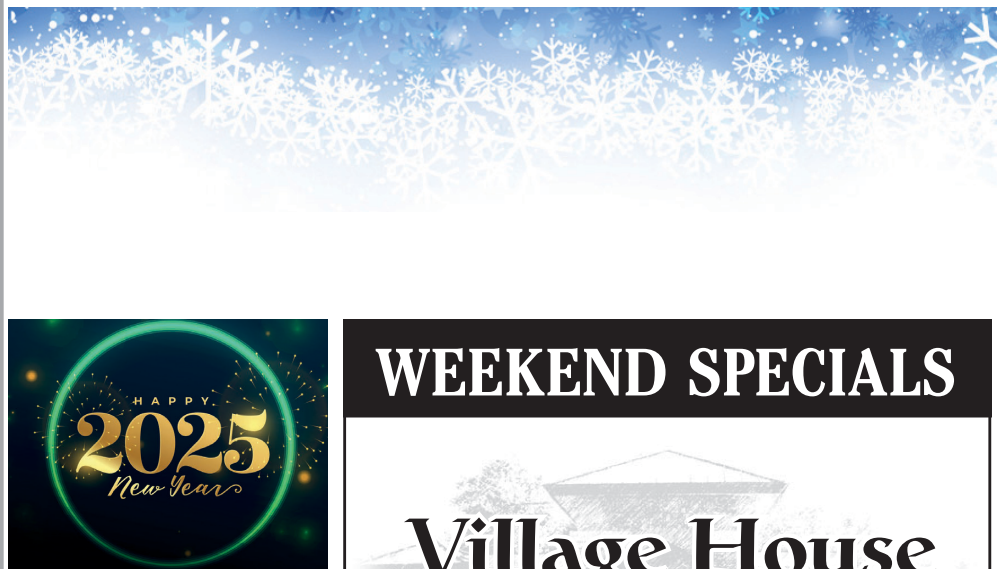
## Crockpot Beef Stew With Potatoes and Peas

Makes 6 servings

- 2 pounds boneless stew beef
- 1 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 celery ribs, rinsed, trimmed and sliced
- 2 cloves of garlic, peeled and pressed
- 2 cups baby carrots, sliced
- 6 small new potatoes, rinsed and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 6 ounces tomato paste
- 4 cups beef broth
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 2 cups frozen peas

1. Rinse the beef under cold running water and pat completely dry with paper towels. Using a sharp knife, cut the beef into generous bite-size pieces.
2. Combine the salt, pepper and flour. Place the cubed beef in a large resealable plastic storage bag. Add the seasoned flour and shake to thoroughly coat the beef with flour.
3. Heat the oil in a heavy bottomed skillet over medium heat. Add the flour-coated beef and brown on all sides.
4. Place browned beef in the crock pot. Add onions, celery, garlic, carrots, potatoes, tomato paste, beef broth, Worcestershire sauce, and parsley.
5. Cook on low for 10 hours or on high for 6 to 7 hours. About 30 minutes before serving, add the frozen peas, cover and continue cooking for an additional 30 minutes.
6. Ladle stew into individual serving bowls and serve.

Tip: Cooking time may vary depending on age and size of crockpot.



## WEEKEND SPECIALS

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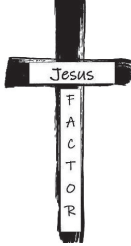
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