

FALL

HOME IMPROVEMENT

A Norwich and Sidney Pennysavers Publication • Issue #2 • October 1, 2024

Issue Two

- How to make reno projects go smoothly
- Things to consider before warming up next to your first fire this winter
- Elevate the backyard experience



We Have The Missing Piece To Your Oldest Part

Fluorescent Bulbs, LED Bulbs
Circuit Breakers, Obsolete Breakers,
Romex, THHN, & URD Wire
100–200 Amp Pole Services
Lamp Repair
Cord Replacement on Tools

Homeowner & Electrical Contractor Supplies

C.V. Electric Supply

Matt & David Ring
Over 47 Years In Business

12 Park Street, Norwich • 607-334-3292 • Fax 607-336-8324

Things to consider before warming up next to your first fire this winter

A warm fire can make even the coldest winter day more enjoyable. Fireplaces may not get much use in spring or summer, but come late fall and throughout the winter, the fireplace can be a great place for families to gather.

Before fireplace season hits full swing, homeowners might want to brush up on a few fireplace facts so they can safely enjoy nights spent sitting by the crackling flames.

The Chimney Safety Institute of America advises homeowners with fireplaces to hire a CSIA-certified chimney sweep to clean their fireplaces. After a lengthy period of non-use, various issues could be affecting the chimney, many of which might not be noticeable to an untrained eye. Professional, certified chimney sweeps have extensive knowledge of fireplaces, making them valuable resources who can let homeowners know if any safety issues developed since fireplaces were last used. The National Protection Agency recommends that chimneys be swept at least once per year.

A full inspection of the chimney might be in order as well. Chimney service technicians will conduct thorough examinations of readily accessible portions of the chimney exterior and interior and accessible portions of the appliance and the chimney connection. The CSIA recommends that homeowners who plan to use their chimneys as they have in the past request a Level 1 inspection, which will examine the soundness of the chimney structure and flue as well as the basic appliance installation and connections. Technicians also will verify if the chimney is free of obstruction and combustible deposits.

Homeowners also should inspect their chimney dampers before lighting their first fires of the season. Dampers should open and close smoothly. If



*Based on generator and load size.

KEEP YOUR POWER ON, EVEN WHEN THE POWER'S OUT.

Whenever there's an outage, KOHLER® generators keep your lights on, your fridge cold and your house cozy. And they can power your entire home.* No matter the weather, we're with you.

From engines to generators,
we give the world power.



Plumbing • Heating • Air Conditioning

Commercial | Residential | Industrial
Custom Duct Fabrication

607-336-5572

6053 Co. Rd. 32, Norwich, NY 13815
www.avoliobrothers.com
brothers@centralny.twcbc.com

not, a service technician can help fix or replace the damper. Firewood is another thing homeowners must consider before lighting their first fires of the season. The CSIA says that well-seasoned firewood works best, noting that wood that is not well-seasoned will produce more smoke than heat. In addition, the home improvement resource This Old House recommends using dense wood that's been split and stored in a high and dry place for at least six months. Oak is an example of dense wood that, when stored properly, can make for an enjoyable fireplace experience. Avoid softwoods like pine. Pine can produce a lot of creosote, which is a byproduct of wood combustion. Creosote is highly flammable, and as it builds up in a chimney, the risk for a chimney fire increases. Choosing the right wood, making sure it's well-seasoned and having a chimney professionally cleaned can reduce the risk of a creosote-related chimney fire. A Level 1 inspection should determine if there are potentially dangerous levels of creosote deposits in the chimney. Before nestling up to a fireplace this winter, homeowners should consider a host of factors and safety measures to ensure their fireplaces are safe and ready for the season ahead. TF199248



Home Energy Loan Special



Don't wait for the "Season of Freezin" to button up your home from colder weather! Get that house in shape NOW with a home energy loan from Chen-Del-O FCU to stay toasty all winter long. Money can be used to pay for wood, oil, pellets, gas, etc. for the season.

6 mos. - 7.0% APR
12 mos. - 7.50% APR
Up to 24 mos. - 8.00% APR (Appliances only)
Borrow up to \$5000 over the \$10,000 maximum unsecured.
Offer available year round.

Don't need fuel or wood? Upgrade your old furnace or appliance to a sparkly, efficient new one! Wood or pellet stove, generator, refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer or freezer. Bring in your estimate/bill less than 6 months old (required). New money only, some restrictions may apply.



Chen-Del-O
 Federal Credit Union
www.chendelo.org



114 Main St., PO Box 102, Franklin, NY 13775 • 607-829-3560 • Fax 607-829-3561

You Dream It, We Build It!

We offer a tile for any application.

Stop in our store to see the most extensive samples of tiles in the area. Our showroom is open for your shopping needs.

Design and installation services available.



Nappi Tile and Marble



NappiTileandMarble.com
 10700 Rte. 23, Davenport Center
 607-278-6411



Priceless Peace of Mind. Low Monthly Premiums.

Trusted Insurance Solutions to Safeguard Your Family, Property & Future

- Life Insurance
- Business Insurance
- Homeowners • Renters
- Automotive • Motorcycle
- Marine



Call today for a comprehensive consultation and rate quote. We have the knowledge, experience and network to ensure you receive the best coverage for your needs at the best possible price.

Ask about our affordable umbrella policies!



607-639-1930
 191 Main St.
 PO Box 23, Afton, NY
roxannalrinker@yahoo.com



4 things to know about kitchen renovations

Kitchens are often described as the most popular room in a home, and that's not mere conjecture. A 2022 survey from House Digest asked participants to identify the room they consider most important in their homes, and roughly 41 percent chose the kitchen.

Residents tend to congregate in kitchens in the morning and then again in the evening when meals are prepared and, in homes without formal dining rooms, eaten. With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's no wonder that the 2022 U.S. Houzz & Home Study: Renovation Trends found kitchens to be the most popular interior room to upgrade. With so many people interested in kitchen renovations, the following are four things homeowners should know about these popular improvement projects.

1. Expect to spend some money. Most home improvement projects require a significant financial investment, but kitchen renovations are among the more expensive undertakings. The overall cost of a project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including homeowners' preferences, but HomeAdvisor estimated the average kitchen remodel in 2023 cost between \$14,611 and \$41,432.

Homeowners considering an upscale kitchen remodel may receive six figure estimates for such projects.

2. Expect a good return on investment. If sticker shock settles in when receiving an initial kitchen remodel estimate, perhaps it can help homeowners to know that such a project may provide a strong return on investment (ROI). According to Remodeling magazine's "2024 Cost vs. Value Report," a minor kitchen remodel provides a 96 percent ROI. A



major kitchen remodel mid-range (49 percent) and a major kitchen remodel upscale (38 percent) did not provide as notable a ROI.

3. Expect the project to take some time. Kitchens are large rooms with a lot of components, so renovating these spaces can take some time. Estimates vary depending on the size of the room, the scale of the remodel and the materials chosen, but Angi reports a kitchen remodel for most homes takes six weeks to four months. That's a sizable window, and it reflects the likelihood that unforeseen issues like supply chain interruptions or the discovery of mold will arise at some point during the renovation. Though it's impossible to determine precisely how long a project will take before it begins, homeowners renovating their kitchens may want to plan for the project to take two months if not longer.

4. Expect to use your kitchen during the renovation. If the timeline of a renovation is scary, homeowners should know they will likely be able to use their kitchen even after the project begins. Though the room might not remain a popular gathering space once the work starts, Angi notes kitchens are typically out of commission for around six weeks during a renovation. That still requires some pre-planning in relation to meals, but it also suggests homeowners won't be without a kitchen for months on end.

Kitchen renovations are popular projects. Homeowners who know what to expect before such projects commence can make it through a renovation more smoothly. HI248162



GILBERT PLUMBING & HEATING

Plumbing & Heating Specialists



Gilbert Plumbing and Heating has been providing quality plumbing and heating services for over 30 years.

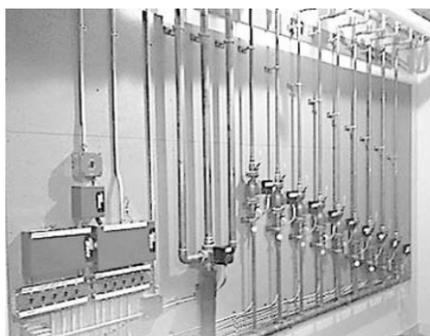


We provide commercial and residential services for any heating or plumbing system installation and repairs.

Contact us for details or for an estimate.

Gilbert Plumbing and Heating...Quality without Compromise!

We offer full heating equipment service including new installations, repairs and service contracts.



Buderus

RIELLO
BURNERS

ThermoPride

24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE

PO Box 96, Gilbertsville, NY 13776 607-783-2289
www.gilbertph.com



HUGE INVENTORY



OVER 100 TRAILERS IN STOCK

Enclosed Cargo • Utility • Dumps Landscape • Equipment

AUTHORIZED

Pace American • Sure-Trac • PJ Trailers

www.ashleytrailers.com
(607) 722-1622

DIRECTLY AT EXIT 3 OFF INTERSTATE 88
2 NY STATE ROUTE 369
BINGHAMTON, NY 13904

TRAILERS & HITCHES
ASHLEY

Elevate the backyard experience

Chances are no one wants to replicate the side effects of the global pandemic anytime soon. Despite all of the upheaval it brought to so many people's lives, there was at least one silver lining to the pandemic: a newfound appreciation for backyards and other outdoor living areas. Back in 2021, OnePoll, on behalf of the landscaping company TruGreen, found survey participants reported spending 14 hours outside every week, which marked a three-hour increase than before the pandemic hit.

Outdoor spaces like patios, decks, yards, and even front porches remain popular places for homeowners and their loved ones to congregate. Various studies have shown that those who spend more time outside in nature have lower levels of stress, anxiety and depression. Being outside is strongly associated with improved mental and physical health. Homeowners who want to maximize the potential of their outdoor spaces can look to these ideas to take backyards up a notch or two.

Establish a gathering spot

A well-designed yard has one or more dedicated gathering spots, particularly areas that enable comfort underfoot. Homeowners can give consideration to hardscape that enables individuals to spend time outdoors without standing in soggy or buggy situations. Whether they're traditional decks, platform decks, concrete or paver patios, or areas separated from the lawn with pea gravel or another type of rock, homeowners can make the yard more useable through these spaces.

Invest in an outdoor cooking area

Grilling, smoking and even making brick oven pizzas outdoors is a major



component of backyard entertaining. Outdoor kitchens can increase the convenience of prepping, cooking and serving food outdoors. Grills and other cooking gear can be built into weather-resistant counters and cabinetry.

Install a pergola

A pergola or another structure is the perfect way to add privacy to a gathering spot and create more shade and weather protection when Mother Nature does not want to cooperate.

Think beyond the summer season

When making backyard improvements, homeowners can incorporate ideas that make the yard more functional during different seasons. For example, a fire pit or outdoor fireplace can be a spot for making summer s'mores or sipping mulled cider in the fall. An enclosed three-season room offers the opportunity to see nature and enjoy it without bearing the full brunt of chilly temperatures.

There are many ways homeowners can enhance the functionality and appeal of their backyards. TF247153

The most popular rooms to remodel



The shift away from open floor plans is a testament to the fleeting nature of home renovation trends. But trends still deserve a place at the table among real estate investors and homeowners who want to renovate their homes with an eye on projects that could be most appealing to prospective buyers. As homeowners balance their own preferences with those that might help them sell their homes down the road, they can consider this list of the most popular rooms to renovate, courtesy of the "2024 U.S. Houzz & Home Study" from Houzz Research.

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Kitchen | 6. Primary bedroom |
| 2. Guest bathroom | 7. Laundry room |
| 3. Primary bathroom | 8. Closet |
| 4. Living room | 9. Dining room |
| 5. Guest bedroom | 10. Home office |





SPECIALIZING IN:

- Pre-cast Septic Tanks and Landscape Blocks
- Ready-mix Concrete
- Washed Sand and Gravel



6543 Middleport Rd., Hamilton, NY 13346

315-824-2700

FAQ about garage remodels

Homeowners tend to want to maximize all of the space they have in their homes. For some this may involve turning a garage from a utilitarian space into one that serves multiple purposes.

According to The Mortgage Reports, a home-buying and improvement resource, garage renovations can increase the value of a home and add living space. Garage remodels can create additional storage space, provide an area for a home gym or even create room for a home office. Prior to beginning a garage remodel, homeowners may have some common questions about the process.

How much does the renovation cost?

Several factors will ultimately determine the final price of a garage remodel, but HomeAdvisor says the national average for a garage remodel falls between \$6,000 and \$26,000. Most homeowners come in at around \$15,000 for a total garage conversion.

Will I recoup the investment?

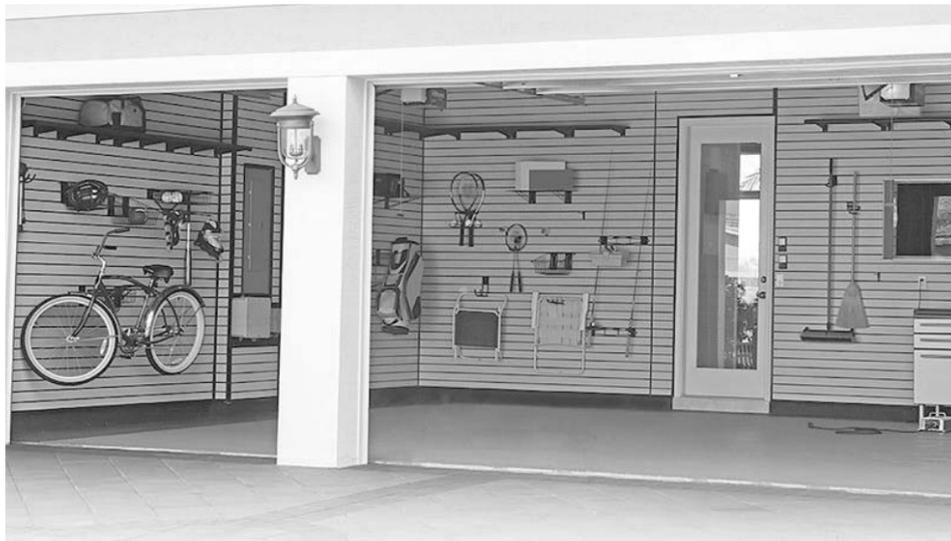
A garage conversion adds value to a home if it creates new and usable living space. The firm Cottage, which pulled together a team of builders, architects and technologists, advises the average garage conversion provides an 80 percent return on investment. That ROI varies depending on location.

How can I upgrade the flooring?

Garages traditionally feature concrete floors. Although durable, concrete floors can feel damp, hard and cold underfoot. Both vinyl plank and epoxy flooring options can elevate the design and functionality of the garage.

Can I have the best of both worlds?

Sometimes a garage needs to serve many purposes. Lofting the garage means a homeowner can still park cars or utilize the lower space as a living area, all the while items are stored overhead. Some flip this design scenario and have



the loft area as a bedroom or finished living space, while the lower portion remains a traditional garage area. Another thought is to finish only a portion of the garage. This works well for two- or three-car garages where there will be room to park a car and the remainder will serve another purpose.

What are other ways to improve the garage?

Installing more windows or improving on the lighting in the garage can be important. The garage improvement experts at Danley's say window installation enables people to circulate air in the garage without having to open the garage door. Improving the lighting means the garage can still be enjoyed or utilized after dark. Spread out lighting in the garage, and use a combination of overhead and task lighting just as one would in the home itself.

How do I deter bugs or other pests from entering?

Insects often want to hunker down in garages, and they may find it easy to get inside a garage. Keeping the garage clean and organized is the best way to deter pests and to spot infestations before they become problematic, indicates Mosquito Joe pest control company. Reducing water and humidity in the space, weatherproofing at the base of the garage door and other entry spots and utilizing insect repellents to make the garage less hospitable also can decrease the risk of insect infestation.

Remodeling a garage can add value and plenty of usable space to a home. Whether a garage houses cars or hosts neighborhood game night, a garage renovation can be well worth the investment. HI248164

VEP/WALDRON'S

Serving Delaware, Southern Chenango and Otsego Counties

AMANA®



WASHER
#NTW4519W

SALE PRICE
\$529

AMANA®

Front Load



ELECTRIC DRYER
#NED4655EW

SALE PRICE
\$529

BOSCH



24 INCH
DISHWASHER
(Stainless Steel)
#SHE3AR75U

SALE PRICE
\$599

Speed Queen



Top Load
WASHER
#TR3003WN
\$1149

ELECTRIC DRYER
#DR3003WE
\$1149

Gas Available at an extra charge
— 3 year warranty —

GE



GAS RANGE
#JGB735SPSS

\$899

FRIGIDAIRE



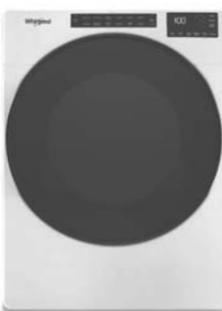
UPRIGHT FREEZER
#FFFU16F2WW

\$749

Whirlpool



Front Load
WASHER
#WFW5605MW
\$769



ELECTRIC DRYER
#WED5605HW
\$769



KITCHEN CABINETS:

SHOWPLACE
Wood Products

Showplace Cabinetry

Carpet and Vinyl Remnants available at Discounted Prices

Huge Selection of Quality Flooring

Residential and commercial carpet, luxury vinyl, ceramic tile, & remnants.

Wall to Wall WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

• Financing Available

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 am - 6 pm;
Sat. 9 am - 12 pm;
Closed Sunday

Located at 89 Main Street, Sidney NY 13838

607-563-1434 • www.vepappliance.com

FREE
In-Home Measuring!

National
Floor Center

LOWEST PRICES PERIOD.

Before you spend another dime of your hard-earned money, call us or come see us when planning your next flooring project.

- **CARPET** • **HARDWOOD**
- **TILE** • **VINYL**

• Huge Selection • Lowest Prices Anywhere

FREE DELIVERY TO DELAWARE & CHENANGO COUNTIES

Call today and we're on our way!

Open:
Mon-Fri 9 am-7 pm,
Sat 10 am-5 pm

National
FLOOR CENTER

www.nationalfloorcenter.com

46 South Washington Street,
Binghamton, NY 13905
607-772-1212

COUNTRYSIDE & STOVE & CHIMNEY

116 Warn Pond Rd., Rte. 12 South, Oxford
607-843-2000

Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 am-5 pm,
Thurs. 10 am-6 pm; Sat. 9 am-1 pm

www.countrysideoxford.com



**18 month
Special
Financing
Available**
with approved
credit, ask for
details

Which
DS
product is
right for
you?

	First Floor	Basement	Whole House	Forced Hot Air	Coal	Wood	Gas	Freestanding Unit	Hot Water Heating	Green House/Shop
Anthra-Max	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Anthra-Max Fireplace Insert	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Anthra-Glo	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Aqua-Gem Boilers #1100, 3200, 4200		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Aqua-Stoke		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CoalMaster		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Comfort Max	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
DS Circulator	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ecomiser		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Econo Riteburn		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
EnergyMax #110	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
EnergyMax #160		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gas Boiler		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gas Furnace		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
GH Blast #450		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
HeatRight		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Heco Cookstove	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Kozy-King		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Power Boilers # 5000, 6000, 7000		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stoker Furnace		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•



No Power? No Problem!

Don't be left out in the cold this winter. A Fireplace Xtrordinair® or Lopi® hearth appliance can provide your family with warmth & comfort even when the power goes out! P.S. - You can even use your Lopi to cook on! Now is the perfect time to invest in a beautiful Fireplace Xtrordinair® or Lopi® gas or wood heater. Come see our vast selection of fireplaces, inserts and stoves that can add the ambiance of fire to any home. Talk to us about your creative vision of fire and let us help you ignite the fire within.

FACTORY AUTHORIZED DEALER & PARTS COAL STOVES • BOILERS • FURNACES



BAGGED PELLETS & COAL



InLine Series

Model #320W

FEATURES:

- Free-Standing or In-Cabinet
- Porcelain Enamel Coated
- Large Stovetop Surface
- Bake Oven w/ Racks
- Reburn Baffle System
- Infrared Reflective Glass

KEY SPECIFICATIONS:

- Burns Wood
- 68,000 BTU Max Output
- Heats Up To 1,400 sq. ft.
- 6" Top or Rear Exhaust
- Water Reservoir Option
- Zero Clearance Option

Limited Lifetime
WARRANTY



The warmth of a wood fire meets the joy of home cooking in the **Kuma Applewood**. Designed to allow the cooking temperature to be adaptable to the season, this small cook stove is ready-made for daily use. Add a pair of optional side shelves to increase your working space! Add an extra cast iron griddle to increase your cooking capacity! Add the cook's comfort shield to block heat radiation from the glass while standing at the stove to cook!



Long Lasting
Food Preservation

Where Tradition, Craftsmanship, and Quality Come First



Round, Square, Deluxe and Stovetop **Canners**

From Small to Large

DS Canners are designed to raw pack, hot pack, and cook large batches of food. You can save money burning wood or using a LP Gas Burner. The #15 & #24 Canner models are specially designed to fit 2 Burner Systems. DS manufactures canners holding 15 to 38 quart jars, with a capacity of 10.87 to 40 gallons! Use DS Canners on the stovetop or freestanding!



FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED IN OXFORD SINCE 1989



LOOKING FOR A NEW KITCHEN OR BATH...

COME TO THE #1 DESIGN CENTER IN CHENANGO COUNTY.



Our designers have over 50 years of combined experience.
BUDGET TO CUSTOM, WE CAN HELP!
 Call or stop in today to start your dream kitchen or bath.
 Flooring • Windows
 • Shower Doors
 • Countertops- Corian, Quartz, Granite & Laminate
NO INTEREST FINANCING available to qualified buyers.
 Stop in for details.

• WINDOWS • DOORS • SIDING • AWNINGS • SCREEN & 3 SEASON ROOMS • SHEDS • PERGOLAS



Ask about our Contractor Referral Program

• VINYL FENCE • ALUMINUM FENCE • CEDAR FENCE



• VINYL RAILING • ALUMINUM RAILING



• COMPOSITE DECKING • POLY DECKING



• DOCKS • CARPORTS • GARAGES • UTILITY & AGRICULTURE BLDS.

116 WARN POND RD., OXFORD - CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE 607-843-9834

Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 am-5 pm; Thurs. 10 am-6 pm; Saturday 9 am-1 pm

YOUR COMPLETE BIG/LITTLE HOME CENTER

- Kitchen Cabinets & Vanities**
 - Omega Framed
 - Omega Full Access Frameless
 - WF Cabinetry
 - WF Capital
 - JSI Cabinetry
 - Cubitac Cabinetry
 - Avance Cabinetry
 - US Cabinet Framed
 - US Cabinet Frameless
 - Backwoods Amish Built RTA
 - Kitchen Kompact
 - Amerock Cabinet Hardware
 - Wurth Cabinet Hardware
 - Richellu Cabinet Hardware
 - Rev-A-Shelf Cabinet Accessories
- Outdoor Kitchens**
 - Open Air Outdoor Cabinetry
 - Rock Run Aluminum Cabinetry
- Countertops**
 - WilsonArt Quartz
 - Silestone Quartz
 - Hanstone Quartz
 - Dekton
 - Sensa Granite
 - Coran Solid Surface, Quartz & Endura
 - Laminate - Custom & Postform
 - MSI Quartz
- Vanity Tops**
 - Quartz & Granite
 - Remee Cultured Marble, Granite, Quartz
 - Stone Central Granite or Silestone
 - Samuel Mueller Solid Surface
 - Swanstone Solid Surface
- Ceramic Tile & Stone**
 - Florida Tile - Wall, Floor, Backsplash
 - Merola Tile - Wall, Floor, Backsplash
 - Lungaro Backsplash & Specialty Tile
 - Earthen Treasure Granite, Marble, Stone Tile
- Sheet & LVT Flooring**
 - IVC Flexitec
 - Tarkett Fiberfloor
 - Floamation LVT Glue Down
 - Congoleum Triversa LVT Click
 - NextFloor StoneCast LVT Click
 - NextFloor Scratchmaster LVT Click
 - H*Flor Pikes Peak Click
 - H*Flor PRESTG Artistry Glue Down/Click
 - Trillium Cerameta LVT Glue Down
 - Generations Lineage LVT Glue Down
- Flooring**
 - BSL Hardwood
 - Elite Advantage Engineered Hardwood
 - Advanced Edge Sports Flooring
- Carpet**
 - NRF Select Carpet
 - Carpet Tile - Commercial & Residential
 - Indoor/Outdoor Carpet
 - Foss Carpet Tile
 - NEFS Carpet
- Shower & Tub Walls**
 - Samuel Mueller Solid Surface
 - Swanstone Solid Surface
 - Fibo Laminate
 - Wedi Tub & Shower Systems
 - Certified Wedi Pro Shower System Dealer
- Shower Doors**
 - Century Bathworks Shower Doors
 - Arizona Shower Door
 - Samuel Mueller Shower Doors
- Samuel Mueller Bath Accessories**
 - Grab Bars, Shelves, Towel Bars, Hooks,
 - Shower Niches/Storage Pods,
 - Shower Seats - Fixed & Stand Alone
- Maidstone Claw Foot Tubs, Kitchen & Bath**
 - Oak Pointe Stair & Railings Components
 - Wood, Metal, Cable
- CycloVac Central Vacuum Cleaners**
- Railings & Porch Posts**
 - Superior Plastics Vinyl
 - Superior Plastics Cable
 - Keylink Aluminum
 - Keylink Aluminum Cable
 - Eastern Illusions Vinyl Railings
 - Eastern Ornamental Aluminum
 - Evolve Solid Plastic Railings
- Decking**
 - Clubhouse Cellular PVC
 - MoistureShield Composite
 - Evolve Solid Plastic Lumber & T&G Decking
 - Renew Decking & Trim
 - Rhino Armadillo Decking
 - TruNorth Composite
 - Duxxbak Composite Decking
 - Aeratis Cellular PVC Porch Flooring
 - Siberian Larch Wood Decking
 - Western Larch Wood Decking
 - Lunawood Thermowood Decking
 - Tropical Hardwood Decking
 - Southern Yellow Pine Porch Flooring
 - Western Red Cedar Boards, Decking, Siding
 - Trimax Plastics Structural Plastic Lumber
 - ZipUP Underdeck Ceiling Panels
- Fencing**
 - Superior Plastics Vinyl
 - Keylink Aluminum
 - Masterlink Chain-link
 - Eastern Illusions Vinyl Fence
 - Eastern Ornamental Aluminum
 - Eastern Cedar
- Siding**
 - Royal Vinyl Siding
 - Foundry Vinyl Shakes & Siding
 - MidAmerica Shutters & Siding Accessories
 - Koma Cellular PVC Boards & Trim
 - Metal Sales Steel Roofing & Wall Panels
- Awnings - Retractable, Window, Door Pergolas, Sun Shades, Canopies**
 - Aristocrat Awnings
 - Sunair Awnings
 - Agecraft Aluminum Awnings
- Screen & 3 Season Rooms**
 - Ballew's Aluminum Screen Rooms
 - Ballew's Alum. Carport & Patio Covers
 - Ballew's Mobile Home Roof Overs
 - Ballew's Aluminum & Vinyl 3 Season Rms
 - Aristocrat Aluminum & Vinyl 3 Season Rms
- Outdoor Patio & Stone Veneers**
 - Adorn Firepits, Planters & Pavers
 - Genstone Veneer Panels
 - Adorn Mortarless Stone Panels
 - Interceramic Ledger Stone
 - Slimstone Stone Veneer Sheets
- Boat Docks**
 - Tommy Docks & Accessories
 - Techstar Dock Floats
 - Dockmaster Boat Ramps
 - DockEdge Dock Components & Accessories
 - American Muscle Dock Components & Accessories
- Doors & Windows**
 - NC Fiberglass & Steel Entrance Doors
 - Wood & Molded Prehung Interior Doors
 - Woodgrain Interior & Exterior Wood Doors
 - National Vinyl Sliding Doors
 - Larson Storm Doors
 - National Vinyl Replacement Windows
 - National Vinyl New Construction Windows
- American Steel Carports, Garages, Ag Bldgs**
- Catskill Sheds & Garages**

HOME BEAUTIFICATION Contest

Norwich Building Tomorrow Foundation, Inc.



SINGLE FAMILY, OWNER OCCUPIED CATEGORY
First Place: \$5000
Second Place: \$3000
Third Place: \$2000 Fourth Place: \$1000



TWO TO FOUR FAMILY CATEGORY
Multi-Family Housing
up to 4 family units
First Place: \$5000
Second Place: \$4000

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

APPLICANTS MUST ATTAIN MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY CONTEST SPONSORS.

Contest Rules:

1. All single-family entries must be owner occupied.
2. Property must be located within the City of Norwich.
3. Entries will be judged by exterior improvements to residences.
4. Entrants must complete the entry form and provide before and after pictures.
5. Improvements must have started after March 1st, 2024 and be completed by October 31st, 2024. Deadline for entry is November 15th, 2024.
6. Employees of the Evening Sun and directors of Norwich Building Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. are not eligible.
7. All decisions by contest judges are final.
8. Evening Sun has right to publish any or all contest pictures.
9. All applicants must submit a written statement of improvements and provide executed contracts when appropriate.
10. Mail your entry form and pictures to:

Home Beautification Contest
c/o The Evening Sun, 29 Lackawanna Avenue, Norwich, NY 13815
Or email: contest@evesun.com

HOME BEAUTIFICATION Contest

Category: (Check One) Single-Family Multi-Family

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

IMPROVEMENT GOALS:

How to make a home more cozy

The meaning of the term “cozy” varies as it pertains to home decor. For some, cozy may mean intimate spaces with lots of quilts and throws. For others, cozy could indicate bright and airy spaces enhanced by plenty of fresh foliage.

Regardless of how they define cozy, homeowners typically want their homes to be inviting and comfortable. With that in mind, the following are some ways to impart a cozy vibe to any living space.

- Make use of a fireplace. Flames lapping wood (or faux wood in the event of gas-powered fireplaces) can put anyone in a tranquil state of mind. Fireplaces add instant ambiance and make great places for people to congregate and engage in conversation. During warmer months when the fire isn't blazing, decorative candles can be lit to mimic the same feel.
- Add texture in the design. Texture can be anything from a raised pattern on wallpaper to a knotty area rug to a mosaic piece of artwork. A home with texture tends to create cozier impressions than one with all sleek and smooth surfaces.
- Enjoy a soft rug. Although many design experts say hardwood floors or laminate options are easier for allergies and keeping a home clean, a soft rug underfoot can be welcoming. Rather than wall-to-wall carpeting, place area rugs in spots that can use some cozying up, such as beneath beds and even under the dining table.
- Light candles. The warm, flickering light of candles adds cozy vibes in spades. According to The Spruce and Paula Boston, a visual merchandiser for Festive Lights, candles can be used throughout a home to create instant atmosphere. Exercise caution with candles and fully extinguish them before retiring for the evening.



- Update bedding for the season. Crisp and light cotton and linen are cozy materials when the weather is warm. But when the temperature starts to dip, flannel or jersey bedding makes a bed that much more inviting, says Real Simple.
 - Invest in lots of pillows. Pillows can instantly make a spot more cozy, whether it's the living room sofa or an outdoor lounging nook. Look for materials that are durable for the space in which they're being used.
 - Think about warm lighting. The transition from incandescent light bulbs to halogen and LED is beneficial from an environmental standpoint. However, LEDs illuminate with a more stark, blue light that can seem clinical in home spaces. Look for bulbs where the “temperature” can be customized. The more the color spectrum leans toward warm light, the more cozy a space will feel. This can be enhanced by putting some lights on dimmer switches, and toning down the brightness as needed.
 - Install a bookshelf. Even for those who are strict devotees of e-readers, a shelf full of actual books interspersed with some well-placed knickknacks can make a room feel more cozy. Books add texture, the feel of hallowed halls and libraries, and visual appeal.
- Making a home more cozy doesn't have to be complicated. A few easy modifications can improve interior spaces. HI248160

UPSTATE TOOL & EQUIPMENT LLC



See Us for All Your Rental Needs!

Welder & Cutting Equipment Heaters- All Sizes

Forced Air Multi-fuel Heater
175,000 BTU Residential & Commercial

Power Tools

1/2" Hammer Drill 28V
Demo Saw
Power Broom
Air Jack Hammer
Electric Jack Hammer (w/bits)
Paint Sprayer

Power Equipment

Generator
Pressure Washer
10" Tile Saw
2" Sump Pump
Appliance Hand Truck
Post Hole Drill
Walk Behind Brush Hog
Log Splitter
Walk Behind Tiller
Trencher Earth Saw
Floor Sander

Now Open
At Our New Location
Just Outside Of
Oxford!

- Skid Steers
- Backhoes
- Attachments
- Dozers
- Excavators
- Rollers
- Loaders
- Lifts
- Telehandler
- Off Road Trucks
- Trailers
- Golf Carts
- Side by Sides

WE RENT TO
HOMEOWNERS
& CONTRACTORS

285 Wackford Rd., Oxford, NY 13830

607-244-0252

upstatequalityrental@icloud.com

Open Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4:30, Sat. 7:30-noon, Closed Sun.

Rentals by
the Day,
Week or
Month



Don't Buy a Pole Barn Package
Until You've Contacted Us!
We Offer Competitive Pricing
and Guarantee Satisfaction.

POLE BARN PACKAGE



24' X 32' X 10'
POST FRAME
PACKAGE:

Designed to meet
Your Needs



SHEDS
AVAILABLE
NOW!

Call for
current pricing

Call
Today
for Your
FREE
Quote!

- MATERIAL PACKAGE
 - Pre-Engineered Wood Trusses (6/12 Pitch, 4' O/C)
 - 4.125 x 5.187 Structural Glulam 3 Ply Eave Posts (8' O/C)
 - 4.125 x 5.187 Structural Glulam 3 Ply Gable Posts (10' O/C)
 - 2 x 8 Treated Skirt Boards (1 Row)
 - 2 x 4 Wall Girts (24" O/C) and Roof Purlins (24" O/C)
 - 2 x 10 Double Top Girt Truss Carrier
 - 1/4" M W I Dbl. Bubbl. Dbl. Foil Temp Shield Insulation on Roof
 - Beige Evertast II Traditional Steel Siding
 - Ivy Evertast II Traditional Steel Roof
 - One Bag of Concrete Mix Per Post Hole
- DOORS & WINDOWS
 - Two Clopay 9 x 8 4300 Series Ins. Overhead Door Ins. Stds
 - One 3' 9 Lite Entry Door
- 12" OVERHANG ON ALL SIDES W/ VENTED ALUM. SOFFIT
- FASTENERS
 - 1 1/2 Inch Screw for Steel Wall, Roof Panels
 - 5 In. Ledger Lock Screw for Truss Carrier
 - 3 1/2 In. Galv. Pole Barn Nails for Skirt Board
 - Galvanized Steel Framing Nails
- DETAILED BUILDING PLANS



2726 State Hwy. 7, Bainbridge, NY
(Located Between Rte. 8, Sidney and Bainbridge, NY)
607-967-4877
www.metalroofingandmetalsiding.com

How to make reno projects go smoothly

Homeowners are spending big bucks on home renovations. According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, home improvement project spending continues to increase. It's predicted to go from \$472 billion spent in 2022 to \$485 billion in 2024.

Those targeting a specific home renovation likely know there is much that goes into the process from start to finish. Patience is a requisite virtue with any remodel, as even a thoroughly conceptualized plan can encounter a few bumps along the way. Although there is no way to completely remove renovation-related obstacles, there are ways to make projects go more smoothly.

- Establish a clear plan from the beginning. Now is not the time to be on the fence about details. A vision for the renovation is essential, and should include details about layout, materials, colors, and design.
- Manage your expectations. Again, this speaks to a need for patience with a project but also involves flexibility. Being too rigid when choosing materials can require waiting for back-ordered supplies to come in. Wanting contractors to bend to your schedule can delay the project even further. Creativity and flexibility are key.
- Establish a budget. It can be easy to spend beyond one's means, especially when issues crop up. Black House Real Estate stresses the importance of creating a budget before starting a renovation, which may involve working with a local professional to help. Houzz advises preparing for worst-case scenarios by adding anywhere from 1 percent



to 20 percent to the budget. Commit to sticking to the budget no matter what comes down the pike.

- Assemble a good team. Thoroughly research all contractors who will be involved with the renovation. These include designers, architects, builders, and more. Be sure they come highly recommended and research online reviews. A good team removes some stress from the project because you'll know the work is in experienced hands.
- Prepare the space for the remodel. Any work you can do will help save on labor costs and make it easier for the team to get started on the project. Clear out clutter and personal items. Ask if it would be helpful for you to handle some demolition, whether that's pulling up old tile, removing drywall or another task.
- Have an escape hatch at the ready. Home renovations can cause upheaval to daily life, and that can mean stress on top of already chaotic schedules. If money and situation allow, plan a getaway during a particularly tough stretch of the project so the noise, mess, and disruptions will not induce headaches. Consider spending a few nights at a hotel or a friend or relative's house to escape the constant grind of the project.

Home renovation projects add value and functionality to homes. Such undertakings can go more smoothly with some sound planning.

HI248169

Steel Sales Inc.
Open To The Public
P.O. Box 539, 8085 State Hwy. 12
Sherburne, NY 13460



800-238-7833 or 607-674-6363
Fax: 607-674-9706
www.SteelSalesInc.com

Your Source for Steel, Stainless, Aluminum & More

Structural Shapes & Bars 	Sheet & Plate Products 	Concrete Reinforcing Products 	Drainage Products
Piles Decks & Grates 	Additional Building Materials 	Tube & Piping 	Snow Plow & Heavy Equipment Wear Parts

Custom Fabrication

350 Ton Press Brake 	High Definition Plasma Table 	Plate Roller 	Cincinnati Hydraulic Shear
OMAX Water Jet 	Monarch Vertical Milling Machine 	Metal Roofing & Siding 	



Recycle The Right Way



- 1) All containers must be clean & covers removed
- 2) All paper dry & free of plastic
- 3) In the right bin
 - #1 – see through plastic = #1 PETE
 - #2 – colored plastic jugs & bottles = #2 HDPE Colored
 - #2 – milky color plastic jugs & bottles = #2 HDPE Natural
 - #5 – tubs = #5 PP
 - all metal food & drink cans = Tin Cans
 - clear glass food & drink containers = Clear Glass
 - most wine bottles = Green Glass
 - most beer/yeast bottles = Brown Glass
 - junk mail/magazines/paper = Junk Mail
 - newspaper/pennysaver = Newsprint
 - cardboard boxes / kraft paper = Cardboard*

* *Waxy or plastic coated cardboard is garbage.*

All **CLEAN** recycling is **FREE!**

Household Batteries

(just tape ends with clear tape)

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

(limit 2 per day per resident)

We Also Accept All Electronics

3 Convenient Locations

1) NORTH NORWICH TRANSFER STATION

– 6701 NYS Hwy 12, Norwich
M 8–noon, T-Sat 8–4

2) BRISBEN TRANSFER STATION

– 177 Coutermarsh Rd., Greene
M 8–noon, T-Sat 8–4

3) PHARSALIA LANDFILL

– 439 CR 47, Norwich
M–F 8–4, Sat 8–noon



Watch for upcoming recycling programs at the landfill and transfer stations.

**For all recycling and trash disposal questions
call 607-337-1792.**

Thermostats Save Money And Energy

Homeowners who have not yet upgraded to a programmable thermostat could be doing themselves a significant disservice. Not only are programmable thermostats key to saving energy, they also save money. The Alliance for Environmental Sustainability note that for every degree they adjust their thermostats, homeowners save between 1 and 3 percent on their heating and cooling bills. Setting the thermostat slightly warmer in the summer and a notch or two cooler in the winter can save a considerable amount of energy and money. The United States Department of Energy says homeowners who make slight seasonal adjustments to their thermostats can save as much as 10 percent a year on heating and cooling costs.

Consult With An HVAC Expert To See If A Particular Thermostat Works Best With Your System.

But such adjustments are only truly effective when homeowners commit to them on a daily basis. The best way to stay on top of temperature settings is to purchase a programmable thermostat, which allow homeowners to predetermine when heat or air conditioning will turn on and off. Many programmable thermostats can store multiple daily settings, allowing homeowners to further customize their heating and cooling schedules based on the time of day as well as the day of the week.

According to Energy.gov, a common misconception associated with thermostats is that a furnace or an air conditioning system works harder than normal to get the space back to a comfortable temperature after the thermostat has been set back, and that this hard work means the overall savings are negligible. However, when a home's interior temperature is similar to the temperature outside, the home will lose energy to the

surrounding environment more slowly. The lower the interior temperature, the slower the heat loss in cold weather, and a higher interior temperature will slow the flow of heat into your house in hot weather. Programmable thermostats are available in a variety of models. Some are easier to program than others.

Certain thermostats can be linked to a home's wireless system so that adjustments to the thermostat can even be made when you are not at home. Consult with an HVAC expert to see if a particular thermostat works best with your system. Some homes may benefit from a dual- or multi-zoned system, which allows homeowners to adjust the temperature independently from other floors or wings of a home.

The location of the thermostat also is important. The thermostat should be placed where it

can get the most accurate reading of the house. It should be on an interior wall away from direct sunlight, doorways, drafts, and windows. It should not be directly facing an air vent. Avoid placing furniture above or below the thermostat, as such furnishings can impede proper air flow.

If you feel like your HVAC system is cycling on and off even after programming, you may need to call a technician, who can determine if there are any obstructions to the thermostat or if the unit is the appropriate size for your home. TF148434



IS YOUR KITCHEN OR BATHROOM OUTDATED? WE CAN HELP!



Wilkes Contracting

'We will build your dream home, start to finish'

•Free Estimates •Fully Insured •15 Years Experience

Specializing in:

- Interior and Exterior Design
- Interior and Exterior Painting
- Marble/Tile Kitchens and Bathrooms
- Custom Jobs, Decks and Patios
- Windows and Doors • Siding

NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL

Jeremy Wilkes, Owner (607) 371-0590

JCrowell85@yahoo.com

115 Old Pharsalia Lane, McDonough, NY 13801



Call today to schedule your cleaning for optimal performance this heating season.

We offer: B10 Heating Oil, Diesel, Gas and Propane



with
Thermo Pride
Furnaces
and
Buderus
Boilers



Oil and Gas
Mobile Home Furnaces



Air Conditioning
Air Handlers & Boilers



6254 County Road 32,
Norwich, NY 13815
PHONE (607) 334-3633
www.reesemarshall.com
email: info@reesemarshall.com



REESE-MARSHALL
We make warm friends and keep you cool.
since 1942

ALL THE POWER YOU NEED... FOR ALL YOU DO IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Ask about current rebates and financing options!



INTRODUCING THE ALL-NEW



COME SEE THE FULL LINE TODAY and ask about financing options!

SERIES



The number one selling brand of Chainsaws!

Come see our full line of outdoor power tools from saws to trimmers, blowers, brush cutters & more.



Ready For Snow?
See our line of Snow Dog Models & Sleds



NORWICH OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT

5876 County Rd. 32- East River Road, Norwich
607-334-4378

www.norwichope.com
8:00-5:00 Monday-Friday and 8:00-12:00 on Saturday





PAY OFF YOUR HOME FASTER.

Introducing our **23 in '24 Mortgage:**

Get a shorter term and a fixed rate, only available in 2024.



Want to learn more?
Scan to see how NBT Bank can get you moving!

Apply today at www.nbtbank.com/mortgage



Member FDIC

Did you know?



Homeowners with an eye on home improvement projects should know that kitchens and bathrooms tend to be the most costly rooms to renovate. An affiliate of the National Kitchen and Bath Association told Architectural Digest in 2023 that kitchens and bathrooms require the most labor-intensive renovations, which contributes significantly to the high costs of such projects. Labor is indeed a significant cost when renovating a home, as the Construction Labor Market Analyzer indicates labor cost percentages in construction are between 20 and 40 percent of the total budget of a given project. The final cost of any renovation project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including the square footage of the room being remodeled and the materials homeowners choose. However, homeowners looking for less costly renovations may want to consider revamping their dining rooms and closets, each of which are projects that can make a difference and tend to require a less significant financial commitment than projects like kitchen and bath remodels. HI248158

Some people play nine holes.
Some dig post holes.



Complete lineup Expert dealer support



This is more than a hobby. Kubota equipment has more to offer. With professional-grade mowers, versatile tractors and durable utility vehicles, you can make the most of your land. Visit your dealer for a demo.*

- The #1 rated brand for durability and owner experience in the U.S.**
- Knowledgeable and dedicated dealer support
- More reliability, versatility and durability built in
- A complete lineup of industry leading equipment

Together we do more.®

KubotaUSA.com

*Subject to availability. **According to 2021 data from Off-Highway Research including all Kubota Group brand sales. © Kubota Tractor Corporation, 2023. This material is for descriptive purposes only. Kubota disclaims all representations and warranties, express or implied, or any liability from the use of this material. For complete warranty, safety, incentive offer and product information, consult your local dealer or go to KubotaUSA.com

WHITE'S FARM SUPPLY, INC.

WATERVILLE
962 Route 12
315-841-4181

CANASTOTA
4154 Route 31
315-697-2214

LOWVILLE
8207 Route 26
315-376-0300

WhitesFarmSupply.com