

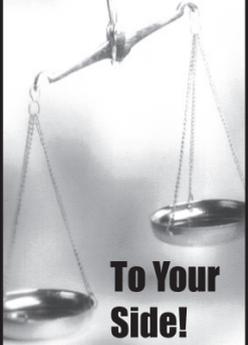
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DEC Announces Residential Brush Burning Prohibited in New York State Through May 14

The annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning will begin March 16, and run through May 14. With spring approaching, DEC is reminding residents that conditions for wildfires are heightened in springtime when most wildfires occur.

Even though some areas of the state remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions to arise. DEC will post a Fire Danger Map rating for the 2021 fire season on DEC's website once there is a moderate risk anywhere in the state.

Open burning of debris is the largest single cause of spring wildfires in New York state. When temperatures are warmer and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily and be further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers extinguished 192 wildfires that burned a total of more than 1,122 acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are volunteer,

all too often have to leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Campfires using charcoal or untreated wood are allowed, but people should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning

garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round. For more information about fire safety and prevention, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York website.

Forest Rangers, DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs), and local authorities enforce the burn ban. Violators of the State's open burning regulation are subject to criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense. To report environmental law violations call 1-800-TIPP DEC (1-800-847-7332), or report online on DEC's website.

New Goal, Easier Registration For 100 Miles Challenge

National Commander Bill Oxford has set a new goal ahead of the April 1 kickoff of The American Legion's second annual 100 Miles for Hope.

"We're looking to have 2,500 participants at the virtual start line on April 1," said Oxford, noting that there were 4,832 who participated in the inaugural event last year. "We know that our American Legion Family members have been preoccupied with taxes, severe weather in some areas and other priorities. However, with the onset of spring, this is a perfect time to get outdoors, exercise, and support our nation's veterans and military families by participating in 100 Miles for Hope."

Proceeds from the second 100 Miles for Hope campaign go toward The American Legion's Veterans & Children Foundation. The V&CF funds the work of accredited American Legion service officers and provides needed assistance in the form of grants to military families with minor children at home.

"I've noticed birds chirping, flowers starting to bloom and other signs of spring," Oxford said. "The great thing about this year's

100 miles challenge is that it is actually activity-based. You may choose just about any physical activity to reach your goal. Walking, cycling, canoeing or kayaking, swimming, running, yoga, walking your pet, volunteering and dozens of other activities are all on the app. Best of all, you can add a manual entry for activities like riding a motorcycle or gardening."

To help achieve Oxford's goal, a new, easier way to sign up has been launched. There are two ways to register and participate. Regardless of which option you choose, the registration fee is only \$20, and each participant will receive a medal. Those will be shipped on or about June 1.

In order to allow participants to track their activities and encourage others to fundraise, participants are advised to use an app from a company called Kilter. Here's how to get started:

Option 1: Register Via Kilter App

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Mon. April 12th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale. A group of Elig. & Registered Jerseys from March calves to bred heifers - sired by Bancroft, Halt, Diego, Viper, Lancer plus more. 3 reg Holstein bred heifers - Stormatic due to Renegade with 2 VG Dams, Doorman due 4/23 to Sexed Bailey, Goldchip due 4/23 to sexed Bailey. Also 35 Reg. Holstein bred heifers, 4-5 JX open heifers. Also Short Notice Certified Organic Herd sells - 100 Head - 65 Milking age in all stages of lactation w/cows milking to 80#. Housed in freestall milked in a tie stall. Herd consists of Holsteins, Jersey Holstein crosses. 35 head of youngstock from breeding age down to recent calves. Dairy starts at 1:00.

Sat. April 17th - sale held at the sale barn. Our Annual Spring Machinery Consignment Auction - selling small farm related items, Machinery & Equipment etc. Tractors: NH TT60 4WD w/loader (2050 hrs); 1850 Allis Chalmers Case Tractor; 8430 Round Baler; 1327 JD Discbine; JD Transport Harrow; Ford 14' Transport Disc; 3PT NH Tedder; Kuhn Rotary Rake; Sprayer; Old Wine press; Also several groups of Lumber sell Mixed Hard & Soft wood from 6' - 12' lengths. Plus a lot more consignments calls coming in everyday. Sale starts at 9:30 AM. Call early enough to get into the advertising.

Mon. April 19th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale

Mon. April 26th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day

Mon. May 3rd - Our Normal Monday Sale & Due to all the weekend sales we have booked we will do our Annual Fat Cow & Feeder Spring Turn out Sale. Selling feeders, bred cows, cow/calf pairs. Special: Angus- Simmental Cross Beef Herd - consist of Cow/calf pairs, Feeders - heifers, bulls & steers, bred cows. Also Angus-Hereford cross Herd - Bred Cows, feeder heifers, bulls & steers. Expect a lot more sale day. Call to get into the advertising it makes a difference.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Now may be a great time to reevaluate your finances, Aries. Investments could be the right path for now, but you may want to seek some professional advice.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

A message from a business partner could bring welcome news, Taurus. This might be the break you are waiting for at this juncture in your life. Career changes could be in store.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Gemini, expect to engage in a very interesting conversation this week. This person has not crossed your path in a while, and the reconnection sparks new goals.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, frustrations could arise that make you want to vent some anger. Channel your energy into something productive, such as a kickboxing class.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Obstacles at work or home interfere with your ability to work efficiently, Leo. Even though tasks may take you a little longer, don't throw in the towel just yet.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, do your best to lighten the atmosphere around the house this week. Encourage others to kick up their heels and keep the focus on fun and fun alone.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Avoid any drama or chaos that may surround you this week, Libra. Others may seem on edge, but you can remain calm. Quarantine yourself at home and the storm will blow over.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, even though a few setbacks come your way, your financial situation still looks very promising this week. Figure out how to capitalize on this favorable position.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

You are usually laid back and calm, Sagittarius. However, when something goes against your beliefs this week you are ready to stand up for morals or concerns.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

This may not be a good week to travel, Capricorn. Look over your itinerary again and try to reconfigure them so you can travel later on instead.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, trust your gut instinct about big financial moves regardless of any advice you're getting from others. You'll likely see that now isn't the time for spending.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

A bumpy start to the week that has you questioning several choices will smooth out, Pisces. The weekend will be very productive.

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COUNTY SHOPPER WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Easter.

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Find the answer on page 9

Delhi Village Bicentennial Service Day Saturday April 24

The Village Bicentennial Committee is co-sponsoring a Community Service Day on Saturday April 24 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to celebrate Earth Day and the Village's 200th Birthday. All volunteers will receive a Bicentennial T-Shirt.

Small groups will spread out throughout the village to spruce up and clean up area streets, parks, trails, and assist non-profit organizations and neighbors. All projects will occur outside with small groups practicing social distance and wearing masks.

Village volunteers should plan to check in at the Court House Square from 9:30-10 a.m. Project times will vary with most work being completed by 1 p.m. To sign up as an individual or group or to sponsor or suggest a project, please email Barbara Jones at jonesbe@delhi.edu and put Service Day in the subject line.

The village is teaming up with SUNY Delhi and Delaware Academy and working together we plan to log at least 200 hours of service in honor of the village's 200th birthday.

Please be sure to mark your calendars and watch for more details about other upcoming Bicentennial activities. These include the Delaware Academy's 1939 Time Capsule Event on Saturday, May 8, from 1-3 p.m. on the Courthouse Square (Rain Date- May

15), a Bramley Mountain Hike on Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. co-sponsored by the Catskill Mountain Club, and a Stroll Back Through Time: A Tour of Historical Architecture with SUNY Delhi Professor Lisa Tessier on Saturday, May 22 at 11 a.m. co-sponsored by the Delhi Historical Society.

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I am an actor born in New Jersey on April 6, 1969. I had my screen debut in a "Halloween" movie, and later had a recurring role on a popular sitcom about friends. I've had big-screen success as a comedic actor and even played an insect super hero.

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- Unwavering
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- Parts in a machine
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- A citizen of Pakistan
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The final weeks of winter, and even the first few weeks of spring, are still chilly in many parts of the world. Despite those last vestiges of winter chills, late winter is a great time to begin preparing gardens for the coming planting season. Gardens may have to withstand months of harsh weather each winter, and such conditions can take a toll. Gardeners can consider the following tips as they try to restore their gardens and get them ready for spring planting.

- Disinfect your tools. It's common to clean tools in late fall or whenever they're typi-

cally placed in storage for the winter. But cleaning and disinfecting are not necessarily the same thing. If tools were not disinfected at the end of the previous gardening season, disinfect them before doing any work on the garden. Doing so can ensure any lingering bacteria or fungi on tool surfaces are killed prior to the beginning of gardening season. According to the University of Minnesota Extension, plant pathogens, including bacteria and viruses, can be transferred to and infect plants through bits of soil and plant debris left on shovels and pruner blades. Thoroughly disinfect-

ing such tools prior to using them in the spring is a great way to reduce the risk of disease in your garden.

- Clear debris from garden beds. Leaves, twigs, sticks, and other debris may have gathered in the garden over the winter. Such debris can inhibit the growth of plants and vegetables, so make sure all of it is removed prior to planting. Weeds might even begin to sprout up in late winter and early spring, so remove them before they go to seed.
- Test the soil. Testing the soil prior to planting can help gardeners determine what their gardens will need to thrive in the coming months. Garden centers and home improvement stores sell home testing kits that are effective and easy to use. Once the results

are in, speak with a professional at your local garden center about the best time to amend the soil.

- Loosen compacted soil. Soil can become compacted over winter. If compacted soil is not loosened prior to planting, plants will have a hard time getting the water and nutrients they need to thrive. Loosening the soil also provides another opportunity to inspect the garden for any underlying issues, such as fungi or weed growth, that you may have missed when clearing debris or testing the soil.

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The average timelines for popular renovation projects

Home renovation projects are significant undertakings. Working with skilled and experienced contractors can ensure projects go smoothly and are completed promptly. Timing is a big consideration for homeowners as they begin renovating their homes, and the home improvement experts at HomeAdvisor note that the following are some general timelines for popular renovation projects.

- **Home addition:** Short of a full-scale demolition and rebuild, home additions are the most time-consuming projects homeowners can undertake. HomeAdvisor notes that its survey of customers who recently completed home addition projects reported that the average time from start to finish was between three and four months. Certain variables, including the scale of the project and the local permits process, can extend the time it takes to complete a home

addition.

- **Kitchen remodel:** Scale is a big factor to consider when estimating the time it takes to complete various home improvement projects, and kitchen remodels are no exception. Some HomeAdvisor users reported projects taking as long as four months, though the average time reported was roughly six weeks. Projects that require major overhauls like rearranging the plumbing and moving walls will likely take longer than more cosmetic projects that are limited to replacing cabinets and countertops.
- **Bathroom remodel:** More than 1,000 homeowners surveyed by HomeAdvisor reported that bathroom remodels took about 4.5 weeks from start to finish. Small-scale remodels that focus on painting the walls a fresh color and replacing existing tiles can be completed in less than two weeks. But like with kitchen

remodels, bathroom remodels that involve replacing plumbing fixtures and removing walls figure to take much longer than that.

- **Siding installation:** HomeAdvisor users report that new siding projects take roughly two weeks from start to finish. That estimate is the same regardless of which materials homeowners are replacing and installing.
- **Replacement windows:** Homeowners who want to replace all the windows in their home can expect such a project to take roughly three weeks. HomeAdvisor notes that such a timeline need not concern homeowners worried that they will be forced to brave the elements during the length of the project. Much of a contractor's time during a window replacement project will be spent on upfront measuring and then ensuring a tight fit once the windows have been installed.



Should I DIY?

3 questions to determine if it's best to renovate on your own

A do-it-yourself mentality has taken hold in millions of households across the globe. Popular television channels like HGTV and DIY Network as well as accessible home improvement content on apps like YouTube has inspired many homeowners to tackle renovation projects around their homes. Taking such initiative is admirable, though it also can prove costly if homeowners end up biting off more than they can chew. Home improvement videos and television shows have a tendency to oversimplify renovation projects, potentially giving homeowners a false sense of confidence in their DIY abilities. A concerted effort on the part of homeowners to determine if it's best to renovate on their own or hire a professional should always be the first step of any renovation project. No two homeowners are the same, but the following three questions can help homeowners determine if DIY is their best option.

1. Can I afford to DIY?

Professional home improvement projects are costly for a variety of reasons. Materials can be costly, but so are the tools and labor necessary to do the job right. Homeowners may not have the tools necessary to complete complicated projects. Specialty tools can be expensive to purchase or even rent, and the cost of acquiring such tools should be included in any DIY project cost estimates. Labor also factors heavily into professional projects, and for good reason. Talented contractors have unique skills that have been developed and perfected over many years. Those skills can ensure projects are completed quickly and correctly. Labor may seem cost-

ly, but such costs may ultimately prove to be a bargain compared to the cost of fixing DIY mistakes. Projects that are minor in scope and don't require the use of potentially costly specialty tools may be better suited for week-end warriors than more complicated renovations.

2. Do I have the time?

Homeowners must determine how much time they have to complete a project before deciding to do it themselves. No one wants to spend months staring at an unfinished renovation project. Homeowners who are already pressed for time may not be able to complete projects in a timely fashion, which can make homes less comfortable and even less safe.

3. Can I pull this off?

DIY projects can instill homeowners with a sense of pride in their homes, but it's imperative that homeowners considering the DIY option conduct an honest assessment of their skills. A lack of renovation experience does not necessarily mean a homeowner cannot successfully complete a DIY project. But in such instances, it may be best to start with small, straightforward projects and then gradually move up to bigger, more complicated projects as skills are fine tuned. And homeowners who have never been at their best with a hammer in hand should not be ashamed to leave the work to the professionals. Television shows and online tutorials can make renovations appear easier than they actually are. Homeowners considering DIY renovations can ask themselves a handful of questions to determine if they're ready for the challenge of renovating their homes on their own.

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Low maintenance lawn alternatives

A traditional lawn may not be right for every property nor desired by every homeowner. There is no denying that lawns take time and effort to establish and daily or weekly maintenance to thrive. Homeowners who find that a traditional lawn is not practical can explore some low-maintenance alternatives.

Wildflower meadow
 Homeowners with wide swaths of property may discover meadows are cost- and time-efficient. Stores sell special wildflower meadow mixes of seeds or homeowners can use wildflower plug plants throughout areas where grasses are left to grow longer. This natural area can be a home to wildlife and an idyllic backdrop to a home. Most meadows only require a spring or summer and autumn cut to thrive and look good.

Ornamental grasses
 Partition areas of the property for ornamental grasses to grow. The gardening resource Elemental Green says ornamental grasses tend to be drought-resistant and low-maintenance. They won't need much fertilizer and are often resistant to pests as well. Ornamental grasses grow in tufts or sprays and will not require mowing. However, they are not ideal for areas that get foot traffic.

Moss
 Moss can thrive in shady areas and ones where the soil tends to stay a bit damp. Moss is velvety soft and green, so it can mimic the look of a traditional lawn but won't require mowing and other upkeep. Because it spreads quickly, moss can take over quite rapidly. You will need to protect areas where

you do not want moss by creating barriers to stop spread.

Gravel
 Stone and gravel areas can reduce maintenance in the landscape and require very little upkeep. When gravel is installed correctly, weeds may not grow readily. Gravel installation may include laying heavy-duty, semi-permeable landscape fabric, which is available in home improvement centers. Gravel is cheaper than pavers and can be just as beautiful.

Artificial turf
 If the desired look is a lawn without all the upkeep, there are various artificial grass options on the market. Homeowners who opt for artificial turf can save money and space devoted to lawn mowers and other lawn tools. Grass may be ideal for some, but there are alternatives for people who have troublesome landscapes or desire a low-maintenance product for their homes.

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not have a smartphone, are registering multiple family members such as minor children or grandchildren, or do not care about tracking their activities.

To register, visit <https://emblem.legion.org/100-Miles-For-Hope/products/1437/>.

What's Next: After Registration

1. Visit Emblem Sales to view a collection of commemorative 100 Miles for Hope merchandise that you can purchase to support the V&CF. This year, we have new tech shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps, a pin, a patch for Legion Riders and a challenge coin. All proceeds go directly toward the foundation.

2. Use the app's individual donation tool to encourage friends and

family to support your personal wellness goal as well as the V&CF with a donation. From the app, you can email or text anyone in your contacts, asking for their support. It's quick and easy!

4. Starting April 1, complete daily wellness activities of at least a half-hour and accumulate points. You can complete up to three wellness activities each day that count toward your total. There are more than 40 different activities to choose from. And if your activity isn't represented on the app, you can create a manual activity that will count. Also, there are ways to receive bonus points! Check the app to find out how. To track your efforts, visit <https://www.legion.org/100miles/activitytracking>.

Audubon Announces Activities for Virtual Earth Festival 2021

The Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society (DOAS) and the Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA) announced that they will participate in this year's Virtual Earth Festival, that will feature a variety of events related to the local environment.

Informational talks and pre-recorded webinars will be uploaded by April 22, and may be watched at doas.us/earth-festival-2021. Topics covered by these sessions include:

- An Overview of Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society
- Beginning Birding
- Lead Ammunition: A Needless Danger to Eagles and Ourselves
- Climate Action Community Info Series
- Climate Action Project Grants - Request for Proposals
- DOAS Community Carbon Tracker App Overview and Guidance

• Survival by Degrees - 386 Species on the Brink with New York Bird Report on Climate Risks

Additionally, activities and crafts for young birders will be provided on the DOAS website.

A live Q&A session with DOAS board members will be hosted on Saturday, April 24, between 10 a.m.-noon on Zoom. Board members will be available to field questions about any of the virtual presentation topics, questions about DOAS, and any other questions people may have.

To celebrate Earth Festival, DOAS encourages everyone in their region to contribute an idea to Padlet - a virtual posting board where individuals can make pledges on how each of us will make a positive impact on the environment. Pledges will be sorted by community and posters will be sent to

local officials to demonstrate that their residents care about climate action. People can post their commitments for something they will do to reduce their household carbon emissions, add comments about why they think it is important to take action today on climate change or link information to other user posts.

Visit padlet.com/susan423/DOASclimate to view and contribute action commitments to Padlet, and view others' pledges to get inspired on how to act on climate change.

For further information, contact Susan O'Handley at info@doas.us or leave a voicemail at 607-397-3815, or visit doas.us/. To view additional details about Earth Festival, including special recycling collections, visit ocainfo.org/earth-festival/.

The Open Eye Theater Announces New Radio Series On WIOX Community Radio In The Catskills

Coming to WIOX Community Radio, 91.3 FM and wioxradio.org is "The Open Eye Theater Playtime," a front row, on-the-air seat to plays for kids, plays for grown-ups, and all things theater, hosted by Open Eye artists Amie Brockway, Erwin Karl, Carol Schwartz, and Elizabeth Sherr. "Playtime" will air every other Tuesday at 6 p.m., beginning April 13. There will be reading performances, full-out radio play productions, interviews with theater artists, on-air workshops, and more.

The first Open Eye Theater Playtime program, on Tuesday, April 13, features a 30-minute radio play for young and family audiences: "The Wolf and Its Shadows," by Sandra Fenichel Asher, with

original music and sound design by Elliot Sokolov. Hosts Amie Brockway and Erwin Karl will chat live with the playwright and Laurie Baratta McIntosh, who plays WOLF.

This archival radio production was first performed and recorded in June of 1997. In it, WOLF tells a variety of folk tales and traditional stories about wolves, and clarifies some misconceptions about their relation to other animals and human beings. Joining Laurie Baratta McIntosh in the cast are Steven Amato and Mark Rosenwinkel. Stage manager was Elizabeth Streiff, and field engineer was Kevin Gref. Amie Brockway directed.

"Please join us for this entertaining story by San-

dra Fenichel Asher, with original instrumental music and ingenious sound effects designed by Elliot Sokolov," said Amie Brockway. "I think young people ages 8 and up, and all manner of adults will enjoy the stories and enormous creativity. Co-host Erwin Karl and I can't wait to hear what Sandy Asher and Laurie McIntosh have to say about their experiences in doing the radio play so many years ago."

Opening theme music for the new "Open Eye Theater Playtime" series is by Elliot Sokolov, and the closing theme is by Robert Cucinotta. "The Wolf and Its Shadows" airs Tuesday, April 13, at 6 p.m., on WIOX Community Radio, 91.3 FM and streams at wioxradio.org.

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Included in this funding is a \$35 million loan to The Center for Discovery, Inc. in Sullivan County to build a specialty children's hospital in the town of Thomson. According to the press release, "New York state lacks short-term inpatient assessment programs for children with complex developmental disabilities. The specialty hospital will have a short-term clinical assessment program to better diagnose

underlying problems that affect behavior and learning. It will primarily serve Delaware, Chenango, Otsego, Columbia, Ulster, Orange, Greene, Broome and Schoharie counties. The Center provides educational, clinical and residential services for intellectually disabled individuals. It is the largest private-sector employer in Sullivan County. Additional funding includes a \$5 million USDA Rural Development loan guarantee."

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2017 JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE 4X4



28,372 Miles • Stk# 952350
Black, Auto, Cruise, Tilt, A/C, Remote Start, Pwr. Equipment

\$17,682 \$258/mo.

2018 KIA KONA LTD



21,206 Miles • Stk# 952370
Lime Twist, Auto, Cruise, Tilt, Leather, Pwr. Moonroof, Auto Temp Control

\$18,593 \$263/mo.

2018 TOYOTA C-HR XLE



15,775 Miles • Stk# 952360
Red, Auto, Distance Pacing Cruise, Tilt, Front Dual Zone A/C, Auto Temp. Control, Pwr. Equip.

\$18,700 \$265/mo.

2020 KIA SPORTAGE LX AWD



13,467 Miles • Stk# 952410
Gray, 2.4L Auto, Cruise, Tilt, Pwr. Driver Seat, Dual Zone Climate Control

\$20,489 \$283/mo.

2018 KIA SORENTO LX AWD



14,830 Miles • Stk# 103878A
Brown, Auto, Cruise, Tilt, A/C, 3rd Row Seat, Pwr. Equipment

\$23,795 \$329/mo.

2020 PACIFICA TOURING L



31,995 Miles • Stk# 952750
White, 3.6L V-6, Auto, Cruise, Tilt, Lthr., 3rd Row Seats, Front Dual Zone A/C

\$25,995 \$359/mo.

2017 RAM 1500 SLT QUAD CAB 4X4



78,394 Miles • Stk# 952500A
Blue, Auto Cruise, Tilt, A/C, Heated Door Mirrors, Pwr. Equipment

\$25,995 \$379/mo.

2018 TOYOTA TACOMA SR



54,085 Miles • Stk# 952020A
Black, 3.5L V-6, Auto, Cruise, Tilt, Trailer Sway Control, Ext. Parking Camera, Lane Departure

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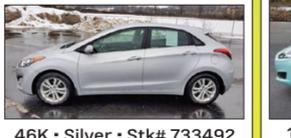
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2016 EQUINOX LS FPNS AWD  71k • White • Stk# C733493A \$14,495 \$209/mo.	2016 EQUINOX LS FPNS AWD  57k • Blue • Stk# C733536 \$15,995 \$239/mo.	2016 EQUINOX LT FP AWD  41k • Black • Stk# C733502 \$16,995 \$259/mo.	2019 EQUINOX LS FWD  3k • White • Stk# C733528 \$18,995 \$263/mo.	2017 EQUINOX LT FP AWD  32k • Maroon • Stk# C7078A \$18,487 \$269/mo.	2017 ENCORE PREMIER FP LTHR NAV  35k • Maroon • Stk# C733487 \$18,858 \$276/mo.	
2018 EQUINOX LT FP DIESEL  44k • Gray • Stk# C7122A \$19,600 \$276/mo.	2018 EQUINOX LS FP AWD  34k • Blue • Stk# C733539 \$19,660 \$277/mo.	2018 EQUINOX LT FP AWD  34k • Gray • Stk# C733495 \$19,995 \$281/mo.	2018 EQUINOX LT FP AWD  34k • Gray • Stk# C733495 \$19,995 \$281/mo.	2020 TRAX LS AWD FPNS  3k • Black Cherry • Stk# C733546 \$21,459 \$297/mo.	2017 TERRAIN SLE-2 FP AWD  42k • Silver • Stk# C733523 \$20,395 \$297/mo.	2018 EQUINOX LT FP AWD  28k • Gray • Stk# C733549 \$21,225 \$299/mo.
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