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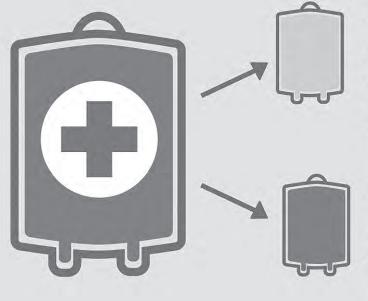
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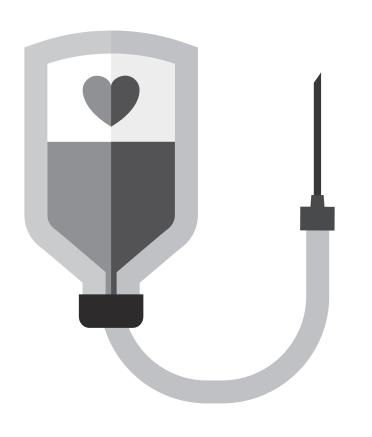
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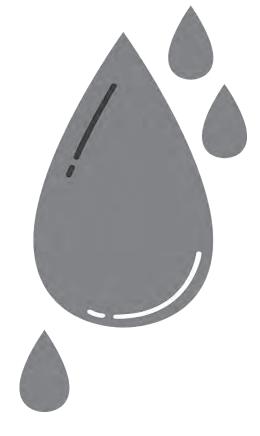
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Giving back to the community with a Red Cross blood drive

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CCBR will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Friday, September 24, 2021, from 11:00am to 4:00pm at CNY Living History Center.

"Hosting a blood drive coincides with CCBR's core values of giving back to the community," said Tracy Koenig, President. "With a simple blood donation, we have the ability to help save the life of someone who could be a coworker, loved one or neighbor."

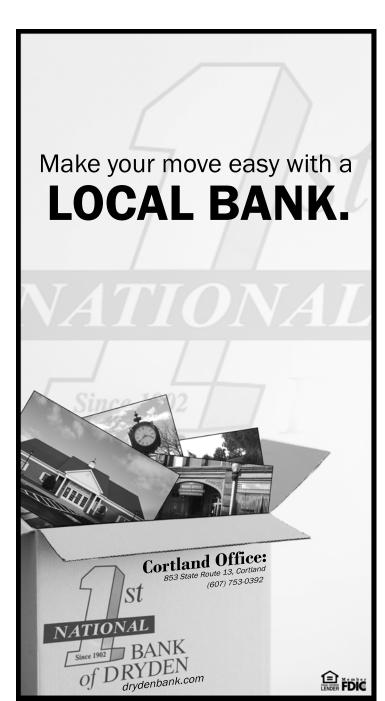
Blood is routinely transfused to patients with cancer and other diseases, premature babies, organ transplant recipients and trauma victims, according to the Red Cross. Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. One donation can potentially save up to three lives. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

"The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. We urge eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood to help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life," said Koenig.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone and is often used to treat trauma patients.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED CROSS or sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=LivingHistory.

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Resources to help restore an old house

If you own a heritage home, you might be interested in restoring it. Here are three resources that can help you with your renovation project and ensure you respect the building's history.

1. CRAFTSPEOPLE

When it comes to old houses, there are a number of repair and maintenance tasks that require specific tools and training. Look for individuals and companies that specialize in traditional trades, as they'll have the know-how to assist you with your restoration. Reach out to local guilds to find talented craftspeople in your area.

2. Technical guides

Restoring a historic building is a major undertaking. Fortunately, there are guidebooks available that outline the steps involved and provide recommendations based on the style of your home. They might also give you a better idea about which types of professionals can help with your project.

3. Building inspectors

To ensure your restoration project is up to code and respects local regulations, you'll need to hire an inspector. The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) is a great resource to help you find building inspectors that specialize in historic houses.

Finally, be sure to contact your municipality before you get started to find out if you need special permits to restore your heritage home.





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How to winterize your home

With winter fast approaching, you need to make sure your home is ready for the season ahead. Here are five key tasks to check off your to-do list this fall.

INSPECT YOUR HEATING SYSTEM

Whether you use a wood stove, electric baseboards or a furnace to heat your home, it's important to have your equipment professionally inspected, cleaned and maintained before the cold weather hits.

CLEAN AND STORE YOUR AIR CONDITIONER

If you own a portable air conditioner, now is the time to remove it from the window, clean the filter and store it in a protected area until the weather warms up.

ENSURE YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE AIRTIGHT

Remove the screens from your windows and check for any drafts. If you feel air seeping in, caulk along the edge of the win-

dow or use plastic wrap to provide a better seal. You should also make sure the weatherstrip on your exterior doors is in good condition and replace it if necessary.

DUST YOUR AIR VENTS

Remove the air vent covers and grilles throughout your home, and vacuum inside and around the openings to remove as much dust and debris as possible.

CHECK SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Whether you heat your home with wood or not, it's important to regularly replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. It's also a good idea to check if your portable fire extinguisher has expired and needs to be replaced.

If applicable, you should also inspect, test and maintain your humidifier, air exchanger and sump pump before the start of winter.

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