

8/2/18-ABRAHAM HOUSE IS EXPANDING ITS SERVICES TO ROME. OFFICIALS WITH THE GROUP SAY THEY'VE PURCHASED THE FORMER ROME HOME AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RENOVATING THE BUILDING. WHEN IT'S COMPLETED THEY'LL PROVIDE SIX BEDS FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR HOSPICE CARE. THE MOVE MARKS A MAJOR EXPANSION FOR ABRAHAM HOUSE, WHICH CURRENTLY RUNS A FACILITY IN UTICA PROVIDING END OF LIFE SERVICES AT NO COST TO PATIENTS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS SHOULD VISIT THE ABRAHAM HOUSE DOT ORG.

8/15/18-LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE WARNING RESIDENTS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RABIES. THE DISEASE IS ENDEMIC ACROSS CENTRAL NEW YORK THANKS TO THE LARGE POPULATION OF WILD ANIMALS. OFFICIALS SAY PET OWNERS SHOULD MAKE SURE ALL OF THEIR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST THE VIRUS, AND RESIDENTS SHOULD AVOID CONTACT WITH ANY ANIMALS ACTING STRANGELY. AND THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO MAKE SURE YOUR WINDOWS AND ATTIC ARE PROPERLY SEALED. COLDER TEMPERATURES DRIVE ANIMALS LIKE BATS INTO HOUSES SEEKING WARMTH.

8/23/18-NEW YORK HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST VACCINATION RATES IN THE NATION. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, WHICH FOUND THE STATE HAS AROUND NINETY PERCENT OF IT'S STUDENTS VACCINATED AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, AND MENINGITIS, WHILE THE RATE FOR MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA, AND PERTUSSIS WAS EVEN HIGHER. OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO MAKE SURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE FULLY VACCINATED AS THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL OR OFF TO COLLEGE.