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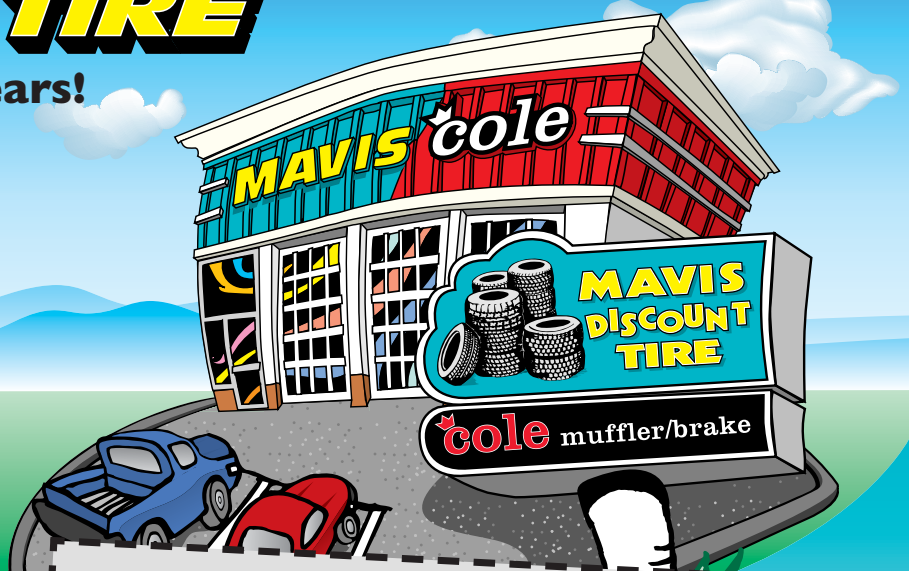
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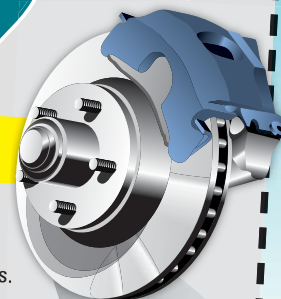
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Arc Herkimer is part of #GivingTuesday to support individuals with disabilities

HERKIMER – Arc Herkimer is hoping to inspire staff, family and individuals in the community to give a donation to kick off the holiday season on #GivingTuesday, slated for Nov. 27.

Arc Herkimer Special Events and Fundraising Manager Kristen Smith said, “Autumn brings many unique days of interest such as an opening day for the hunting season, Veterans Day honoring those who serve our country and Thanksgiving Day for breaking bread and being grateful for friends and family. There are also deal days: Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Let’s add #GivingTuesday as an official day to open the season of giving. On Tuesday, Nov. 27 millions of people will come together to support and donate to the causes they believe in and give back to the communities in which they live. Every act of generosity counts and each means more when we give together.”

Individuals wishing to donate on #Giv-

ingTuesday can go to Arc Herkimer’s website, archerkimer.org, and make a donation online. Choices include giving to residential enhancement projects that will help improve homes for individuals with disabilities. Arc Herkimer supports 20 residential houses throughout Herkimer County that are home to 97 individuals with disabilities. The cost of operating these houses far exceeds the reimbursement from New York State. Donations can help with projects such as updating a house ramp, switching carpeting with flooring or replacing an aging roof. Additionally, individuals can select to have their donation designated to where it’s needed most.

Arc Herkimer’s mission is empowering people with disabilities and enriching lives of others in the community. If there are questions or other forms of payments, contact Kristen Smith by calling 315.574.7353 or emailing ksmith@archerkimer.org.

Did you know?

Nineteenth century political cartoonist Thomas Nast was among the most influential people of his time, and chances are he’s still influencing the lives of millions of young people today, more than a century after his death.

In addition to his political cartoons, which histo-

rians feel are invaluable tools in helping to understand how nineteenth century Americans felt about their country’s civil war, Nast created the now-iconic image of Santa Claus. Nast, who was born in 1840, created the image in 1863 after his wife read him Clement

Clark Moore’s poem “A Visit from Saint Nicholas.” Though the image of Santa Claus has evolved from Nast’s original in 1863, he is credited with forming the basis of the popular depictions of Santa that have become synonymous with the holiday season.

Cogar Gallery to exhibit “Random Frames: Images of Daily Life” by John Miles Cary

HERKIMER – “Random Frames: Images of Daily Life” by John Miles Cary will be on display at Herkimer College’s Cogar Gallery Friday, Nov. 16 through Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019. An artist’s reception will be held on Fri-

day, Nov. 16 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Cogar Gallery.

John (Miles) W. Cary has been a photographer for 40 years. He began his career as a photojournalist, working for newspapers and United Press International (UPI). He was the Photo Bureau Chief in Springfield, IL, for UPI and the Chief Photographer and Deputy Director of Photography at the Chicago Sun-Times. He has been published in every major newspaper and news magazine in the United States as well as in various international news outlets. Currently, Cary is the VP, Digital Products for the American As-

sociation of Advertising Agencies (4As) in New York City.

“I use photography to document my daily life,” said Cary. “For the past six years, I have been living and working in and around New York City, and these images are informed by my time in that urban environment. I am drawn to documenting people in their daily lives. I am drawn to mood, intensity and contrast.”

The Cogar Gallery is open to the public free of charge Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. when the college is open.

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Food \$en\$e is a monthly food-buying program for anyone who wants to stretch their grocery dollars. The program is sponsored by the Food Bank of Central New York is held locally at the Presbyterian Church in Ilion.

Sign-up will be Dec. 3 - 7 at the Presbyterian Church, 90 Morgan St., Ilion, from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Pick up will be Dec. 21 at the same church from 10 - 11 a.m.

The December 2018 cost is \$20.50.

Food \$en\$e shoppers: remember that sites cannot hold any packages after the scheduled pick-up time. If you have a conflict, give your receipt to a friend and they may claim the package for you. If you have any questions, speak to the site volunteers when you sign up.

December package (subject to change):

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- Protein box: \$13.50 (fish sticks 1 lb., pork tenderloin 1.7 lbs. (avg.), chicken thighs 2 lbs. (avg.), ground beef 1 lb., and sliced turkey breast 8 oz.)
- Onion rings: 2.5 lbs. for \$6
- White pasta bake: 4.5 lbs. for \$13.50

Holiday dinner and auction scheduled

It's that time of year again and the Richfield Springs Community Center is preparing for their 11th Annual Holiday Dinner and Auction. This event, the Center's largest fundraiser of the year, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the RSCC at 6 Ann St.

The evening will start at 5 p.m. with a delicious dinner prepared for you

by the Center's many volunteers. Before and during dinner there is time to preview the many auction items that will be up for bid.

The auction begins at 6:30 p.m. with Sid Talma wielding the gavel. Along with all the wonderful holiday items that will be available, you will also have the opportunity to win door prizes. Tickets

for the dinner/auction are just \$9.

In the spirit of giving, consider donating to the Center's efforts if you enjoy making holiday crafts, pine wreaths, pottery, paintings, woodworking items, quilts and the like. All of these items make a perfect donation and would be gratefully accepted for our holiday fare. Come join us on

Saturday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. for an evening of good food, camaraderie and fun.

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Feeding birds the foods they like

by Dr. Leonard Perry, Horticulture Professor Emeritus, University of Vermont

Unless you have a landscape rich with weeds, perennials and shrubs that produce abundant seeds, you'll need to supplement a bird's diet with birdseeds you purchase. To keep the most bird species around your home, you should supplement with the specific foods that each species prefers and serve the bird food in the appropriate types of feeders for various species. Make sure the feeders can be cleaned regularly and easily, such as with removable bases. Also make sure they are appropriate to the species you have or want to attract. Cardinals, for instance, need larger perches on tube or hopper feeders than chickadees.

Nuthatches and woodpeckers like to cling, so a wire mesh feeder is best for them. If you have a wire mesh feeder, make sure the openings are large enough for the birds to access the seeds you're providing. I've tried some decorative mesh feeders shaped like snowmen or scarecrows, only to have the mesh openings too small for birds to obtain the sunflower seeds.

Some mesh tube feeders are just for shelled peanuts – a favorite of woodpeckers, blue jays, nuthatches and chickadees. They also can be taken over by crows and crackles when these are passing by. You may need to put them out of reach of squirrel access, hanging away from objects they can climb, or using pole baffles. If using a peanut feeder other than in winter, when animals are not hibernating, you may need bring them in at night to prevent raccoons and perhaps bears from ravaging peanut feeders.

If shelled peanuts get wet they can harbor aflatoxins, which can make birds sick, so make sure to either keep them dry, use the feed up in a day or two if it gets wet or replenish and clean feeders well and often. Peanuts in the shell, placed on a platform feeder or just a deck, don't spoil as readily and are attractive to blue jays as well as squirrels.

To attract the most number of bird species, and if you just want one type of food, sunflower seeds are the

food of choice. You can find black oil, striped or the out-of-shell hearts. If you don't want larger birds – such as crackles, blue jays, blackbirds and starlings – to take over the feeders and eat pounds of seeds a day, serve the seeds in feeders such as tube ones with perches for smaller birds.

If you don't want the mess of all the spent sunflower shells on the ground, on a deck or a patio, you may want to feed the more expensive sunflower hearts out of their shells. Without the shell protection these can quickly spoil with bacteria that will make birds sick, so only put out what they can eat in a day or two.

One means to discourage squirrels, and perhaps starlings, is to provide safflower seeds. This has a thick shell which is hard for some birds to open, yet is favored by cardinals and some grosbeaks, chickadees, native sparrows and doves. For these seeds, use a tray or hopper feeder (with wide perch) that some of these birds need.

Nyjer seeds are a common one for small birds, often sold as niger or thistle. Since they are heat sterilized, they won't germinate and spread. Goldfinches, indigo buntings, pine siskins and redpolls like nyjer seeds served either in mesh socks or tube feeders with a fine mesh or small openings.

You'll see dried corn for sale, particularly cracked corn. Dried corn cob pieces, placed on a post with spikes (which you can buy or make quite simply), attract blue jays. Loose dried corn is attractive to larger birds such as quail, turkeys, ducks and pheasants, as well as songbirds such as grosbeaks, cardinals and blue jays. However, it attracts less desirable birds also

such as cowbirds, geese and starlings, as well as bears, raccoons and deer.

Another problem is that corn can spoil quickly when wet, harboring aflatoxins which can be quite toxic even at low levels. Avoid buying corn or storing it in plastic bags where it may stay damp, change it daily during rainy weather and rake up old corn so it won't be eaten. Don't use corn for planting which has red dye as a marker for fungicide treatment. And don't provide buttered or popped corn, which can spoil quickly.

You may find filler seeds in suet cakes, as well as peanuts, corn and even fruit bits and insects. Since the birds are most interested in the animal fat which provides high energy and is easily digested, the rest of the fillers aren't really needed. Since the peanuts and corn can spoil, buy suet from reputable dealers, keep it refrigerated when storing and put outside only when temperatures are below freezing to keep it from becoming rancid.

Another food source that some feed birds is mealworms, which are not worms at all but rather the larvae of the darkling beetle. They are attractive to bluebirds, particularly when raising their young, as well as many other birds – so much so that this food may be affordable only if fed in narrow tube feeders with holes for small birds.

In addition to providing food, birds need water so consider adding a heated bird bath if you don't have one already. As with the feeders, make sure you keep bird baths cleaned regularly.

Wednesday night fly tying class

Are you itching for a springtime feeling already? Join Craig Buckbee and Otsego Land Trust for fly tying demonstrations and lessons on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Otsego Land Trust office, 101 Main St., Pioneer Alley, Cooperstown (this is the same building as the farmers market).

Buckbee, a licensed New York State fishing guide and a Master Certified Instructor with FFI (Fly Fishers International), will lead a lesson in fly tying and anything else you want to know about fly fishing! He will be doing demonstrations for those who would like to watch and will lead a hands-on lesson for

those wishing to participate.

Equipment and materials will be provided, courtesy of HMH Visés in Biddeford, Maine. However, participants are also welcome to bring their own tools – vise, scissors, bobbin and lamp with extension cord.

This is the first of two fly tying classes that OLT will be hosting with Buckbee. Details for the second will be released shortly. The culminating event will be a fly casting/fishing workshop in spring 2019 for participants to return with their handmade flies.

Children ages 11 and over are more than welcome, but must come with an adult. Pizza and bev-

erages will be provided throughout the evening, compliments of the land trust.

The mission of the Otsego Land Trust is to conserve our natural heritage of woodlands, farmlands and waters that sustain rural communities, promote public health, support wildlife diversity and inspire the human spirit.

Pre-registration is recommended. To RSVP and for more information, contact OLT's Communications and Outreach Manager Becky Talbot by email at becky@otsegolandtrust.org or by calling 607.547.2366 ext. 108.

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Jobs and Career Opportunities Task-force

On Oct. 18, the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District Inc. launched an ad hoc committee charged with developing a strategy toward exclusively engaging the nine colleges and universities in the MVEDD service area to provide guidance and advice in planning the future growth of commerce and population throughout the region. The MVEDD executive board named Albert Colone of Oneonta to chair the committee; Colone is also co-convenor of the Greater Oneonta Economic Development Council (GO-EDC). Learn more at www.goedc.org.

Steve Smith, Executive Director of MVEDD, said “the idea was Colone’s, one that he brought to the MVEDD board’s attention back in early 2018.” He continued, “It is about working through our centers of higher learning to help us address the ongoing population loss throughout our Upstate Region.” The idea is to develop a strategy that when implemented could lead to retaining some of the highly educated, skilled, talented and creative young graduates by identifying and possibly courting brand companies to the area whose products and services align with the academic strengths of the nine colleges and universities in the MVEDD’s six county area.

Six of the nine higher educational institutions were represented at the Oct. 18 launch luncheon by career placement representatives from Herkimer College, Hamilton College, Oneonta State, Fulton-Montgomery Community College, SUNY Poly and SUNY Cobleskill; Utica College, Mohawk Valley Community College and Hartwick College were unable to attend but asked to be kept in the loop on the committee’s progress. Also attending were representatives of government, businesses and workforce training professionals. Colone noted that over 35,000 students are enrolled in the nine institutions and if a resulting strategy leads to retaining just 1 percent per year, that would translate into 350 students per year residing here – in 10 years that would grow the regional population by a minimum of 3,500 residents, founded in new, good-paying private sector jobs. The “jobs and career opportunities task force” report will be unveiled to MVEDD in March 2019. M V E D D (www.mvedd.org) is a regional economic development agency headquartered in Mohawk which services a six-county territory in Upstate New York, including Fulton, Montgomery, Herkimer, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie counties, which conducts infrastructure planning and development, business loans and grants and local government training and assistance.

For more information, contact MVEDD at info@mvedd.org or 315.866.4671.

Moments in Time The History Channel

- On Nov. 19, 1863, at the dedication of a military cemetery at Gettysburg, PA, President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history. In just 272 words, Lincoln reminded a war-weary public why the Union had to fight, and win, the Civil War.
- On Nov. 21, 1877, Thomas Edison announces his invention of the phonograph, a way to record and play back sound. He used a stylus on a tinfoil cylinder to play back a song he had recorded, “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”
- On Nov. 24, 1932, the FBI crime lab officially opens in Washington, D.C. The single room lab, chosen because it had a sink, had scant equipment and was used primarily as a public relations tool.
- On Nov. 20, 1967, San Jose State College students demonstrate against Dow Chemical, the maker of napalm. Napalm was an acronym derived from naphthetic and palmic acids, whose salts were used to make the jellied gasoline – napalm – used in flamethrowers and bombs.
- On Nov. 23, 1972, secret peace talks resume in Paris between Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, the North Vietnamese representative. The talks deadlocked weeks later, leading President Richard Nixon to order the massive “Christmas bombing” campaign to break the impasse.
- On Nov. 25, 1986, Attorney General Edwin Meese reveals that proceeds from arms sales to Iran were illegally diverted to the anti-communist Contras in Nicaragua. President Ronald Reagan accepted the resignation of his national security adviser, Vice Admiral John Poindexter, and fired Lt. Col. Oliver North, a Poindexter aide.
- On Nov. 22, 2002, the James Bond movie “Die Another Day,” starring Pierce Brosnan as the fictional British secret-service agent 007, opens in theaters. Its debut came almost exactly 40 years after the first Bond movie, “Dr. No,” was released.
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OFA Tai Chi class Dec. 3

Join us for our Tai Chi for Arthritis/Falls Prevention. This class has been shown to improve muscular strength, flexibility, relieve pain and improve immunity and quality of life. It is easy to learn and fun to join in on!

Classes begin on Dec. 3 from 10 - 11 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday for eight weeks with the exception of Dec. 24. The location will be John Guy Prindle Apartments at 80 E. North St., Ilion.

Call Jackie Murphy at 315.867.1371 with any questions and to sign up. There is a maximum of 25 participants for the classes.

These classes are sponsored in part by the Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties and the Wesley & Marion Small Fund. You can find our event listings of Tai Chi classes through the Herkimer County Office for the Aging Facebook page.

Calendar of events

NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com

Nov 29

Home Health Care vs. Assisted Living: Which Option is Right for You? 12 p.m. Valley Residential Services, 323 Pine Grove Road, Herkimer. Lunch and learn program. As there is limited seating and a light lunch will be provided, please RSVP no later than Nov. 20 to 315.219.5700.

Nov 30

Johnson Hall Holiday Open House. 5 - 8:30 p.m. Johnson Hall State Historic Site, 139 Hall Avenue, Johnstown, NY. Call Johnson Hall at 518.762.8712 or visit www.friendsofjohnsonhallny.org.

Dec 1

Holiday Auction and Dinner. 5 p.m. Richfield Springs Community Center, 6 Ann Street, Richfield Springs. 5 p.m. dinner and auction preview. 6:30 p.m. auction. \$9 donation.

Christmas Bazaar, Luncheon & Bake Sale. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Newport United Methodist Church. Treasures, Christmas Cookies, Crafts, Deli Items. Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Soup, Chili, Sandwiches, Beverage & Dessert.

11th Annual Holiday Dinner and Auction 5 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Richfield Springs Community Center,

6 Ann Street, Richfield Springs. For donations and more information regarding the event, contact the Center at 315.858.3200, check out our website at www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org and Like us on Facebook: Richfield Springs Community Center.

Dec 2

St. Nicholas Day at Fort Klock. Noon-3 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. For more information visit <http://www.fortklock-restoration.org>.

Dec 3

Tai Chi Class. 10-11 a.m. John Guy Prindle Apartments, 80 E. North St., Ilion NY. Classes begin on Dec. 3 and continue every Monday and Wednesday for eight weeks with the exception of Dec. 24, 2018. The location will be John Guy Prindle Apartments at 80 E. North St, Ilion NY 13357. Please call to Jackie Murphy at 315.867.1371 to sign up. Limited enrollment.

Dec 3-7

Food \$en\$e Food Bank. Dec 3-7 18. Presbyterian Church, 90 Morgan St., Ilion. SIGN-UP: Dec. 3-7, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. PICK UP: Dec. 21, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. December 2018 cost is \$20.50.

Dec 9

Valley Voices for Christ Holiday Vocal Concert. 6 - 7 p.m. Church of Christ Uniting, 22 Church Street, Richfield Springs. Light refreshments. Free will offering.

Dec 12

Wednesday Night Fly Tying Class. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Otsego Land Trust office, 101 Main St. Pioneer Alley, Cooperstown (this is the same building as the Farmers’ Market). Children ages 11 and up are more than welcome, but must come with an adult. Pizza and beverages will be provided throughout the evening, compliments of the land trust. Pre-registration is recommended. To RSVP and for more information, please contact OLT’s Communications and Outreach Manager Becky Talbot by email: becky@otsegolandtrust.org or by calling 607.547.2366 ext. 108.

Dec 15

December Bus Trip. Dec 15 18. A One Day Bus Trip to Vermont. Bus will be departing from Clinton and Herkimer. The cost is \$50 per person and if you wish to visit Hildene, it is \$65. The trip is a fundraiser for the Dolgeville Forward C.A.T. To sign up or for more information, call Caryl Hopson at 315.429.8660.

Thirty ways to celebrate a merry month

The holiday season begins in late November and runs through New Year's Day. It is marked by various gatherings of friends and family, decadent foods, cocktails, traveling, and gift exchanges. The National Retail Federation says consumers will spend an average of \$967 during the holiday season. However, the joy of the holidays also is about all of the memorable experiences that tend to make the season so beloved.

With that in mind, here are 30 ways to make the holiday season that much more merry.

- 1. Visit with an elderly or housebound neighbor and share conversation.
- 2. Donate gently used toys to a children's hospital.
- 3. Research the history of the holiday and share it with people you care about.

- 4. Make handmade Christmas tree ornaments.
- 5. Donate money to a charity or other good cause.
- 6. Encourage "pay it forward" movements in your community. Start by doing something simple like buying a coffee for a complete stranger.
- 7. Feed birds facing the cold, winter weather.
- 8. Take a ride or walk around the neighborhood to look at decorated houses.
- 9. Make a fire in a fire pit in the yard and toast marshmallows while sipping hot chocolate.
- 10. Binge watch holiday movies.
- 11. Attend the concert of a children's choir.
- 12. Help a friend decorate his or her

- home.
- 13. Host a tree-trimming party.
- 14. Schedule a day for baking cookies.
- 15. Sing Christmas carols at a nursing home.
- 16. Put together care packages of items and send them to troops overseas.
- 17. Share the holidays with a military family whose spouse is in service and can't make it home.
- 18. Offer to shop for someone who is homebound due to age, a chronic illness or injury.
- 19. Visit a large city to look at Christmas window displays.
- 20. Buy and hang real mistletoe ... and use it.
- 21. Make a new friend and invite him or her to a holiday party for the first time.

- 22. Babysit a newborn so his or her parents can get errands done or just catch up on rest.
- 23. Volunteer at a soup kitchen.
- 24. Share the religious traditions of your holiday with someone of a different faith.
- 25. If weather permits, go sledding, build a snowman or have a snowball fight.
- 26. Share favorite memories at family holiday dinners.
- 27. Remember a deceased loved one with a special tribute.
- 28. Construct a gingerbread house.
- 29. Teach someone how to make a cherished family recipe.
- 30. Surprise a distant relative with an impromptu visit.

VRS cooking with Original Herkimer Cheese

HERKIMER – Alana Basloe, Marketing Director, and Amanda Flansburg, Sales Director of Original Herkimer Cheese, Ilion, visited Valley Residential Services' staff and residents on Monday, Nov. 12 bearing gifts of Original Herkimer Cheese products which VRS staff and residents used in their cooking activity that day.

Basloe and Flansburg provided Original Herkimer Cheese Pumpkin Spread, Chutter and Aged New York Classic Cheddar which VRS staff and residents used to make broccoli cheddar soup, ham and cheese quiche and pumpkin cannoli. The residents enjoyed cooking together and later having a delicious luncheon as a result of their culinary activity. Other residents and staff joined them for lunch, grateful for such a delicious meal thanks to Original Herkimer Cheese and the Basloe family's plentiful product donation.

(L - R) VRS residents Shirley Mosher and Virginia Lee, Original Herkimer Cheese representatives Alana Basloe and Amanda Flansburg and VRS resident Katherine Baker.
Photo courtesy of Valley Residential Services



Whatchamacallits

Last week, our whatchamacallit was a small, lightweight swage hammer. This week, we're looking at something a bit heavier – a swage bar.

To review: Swaging is a forging process in which the size and dimensions of an item are altered using dies into which the item is forced. The process is usually done with unheated items. Swages were originally tools used by blacksmiths to form metal into various shapes too intricate to make with a hammer alone. These have handles for holding or pegs for attaching to an anvil, and often a flat head for striking with a hammer. Swage blocks are anvil-like dies with various shapes forged into them, which are also used for forming metal. Swages called "fullers" are



specific to making grooves in swords and knives.

This swage bar, more than 12 inches in length, is a compact metal items that weighs

about six pounds.

Used to reduce the outer diameter of round, flat, square rod, pipe or tubing, swaging provides a reduced round cross section suitable for subsequent machining and/or forming operations such as tapping, threading, upsetting, welding, etc. Swaged components benefit from increased tensile strength and improved appearance as a result of this hot forging process.

Swaging also minimizes stress points commonly caused by milling ends for threading. If only one end is swaged, the other end can be formed or machined to your specifications. Use swaging to eliminate secondary machining and welding operations.

Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?
Send a photo and short description to cllewellyn@leepub.com or call Courtney at 518.673.0144

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Pastor Pat Andreoli
32 Spencer St.
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Tuesday Bible Study 7 PM

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Paster Len Byarty
12 Van Buren St.
Sunday School (All Ages) 10-11 AM
Morning Worship 11-12:30 PM
Lunch 12:30-2 PM
Afternoon Worship 2-3 PM

DOLGEVILLE UNITED
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Rev. Anthony Bradseth
21 N. Helmer Ave.
Church Phone 429-7381
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Dolgeville @ 11 AM

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Mid-week Service Tuesday 7 PM

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26 E. Faville Ave.
Worship 11 AM

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305 Main Rd., East Herkimer
Phone 866-3272
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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM
Holy Day Liturgy 9:30 AM

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Phone 866-4270
Friday 7 PM

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Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM
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Sunday Mass 10 AM

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6:00PM ~ Lighting of the Christmas Tree & Carolling led by our elementary choir and of course Santa & his elves. (Park is downtown adjacent to Little Mohawk Street, near the dummy light.)

After the Tree Lighting ~ Santa entertains the little ones and hears their "wish lists". Christmas cookies and hot cococa will be served at the Canajoharie Library/Arnell Museum.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides from 5-8:30PM

Basket Raffle - New This Year! Hosted by Canajoharie Reformed Curch at their downtown ministry location - 64 Church St., Canajoharie. See baskets available starting Wed., Dec. 5 @ 3PM.

The Canajoharie United Methodist Church, 60 East Main Street, will be offering face painting, arts and crafts, cider and other refreshments from 4:30-9

50/50 Raffle Tickets will be available at participating downtown businesses All Week Long!

Canajoharie Youth Center will once again be hosting vendor tables in their gym - Interested vendors should contact Amanda Sweet 518-673-5117.

More to come from the Youth Center - watch future ads for details.

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Five reasons it's smart to use credit when holiday shopping

The average American shopper will spend around \$975 on holiday gifts, according to past spending trends and estimates from the American Research Group and the National Retail Federation. Although shoppers have various payment options at their disposal, the use of credit cards remains a popular and financially savvy way to handle purchases, albeit when done correctly.

1. Build your credit history.

Creditors look at how individuals use credit cards when determining credit scores. One of the biggest components of a credit scoring model is payment history, or the pattern of using credit and paying it back on time. Making repeated purchases on credit cards and then paying the bill when it is due can result in a spike in credit score and help consumers build a healthy credit history. The key is to make pay-



ments in full and on time.

2. Credit is safer than carrying cash.

Stores are very busy during the holiday rush, and consumers are easily distracted. Carrying around large sums of cash for purchases can put you at risk for theft or losing the money along the way. There's little chance of having lost or stolen cash returned, but a credit card can be can-

celled and replaced. Plus, financial institutions have security protocols in place to freeze accounts and erase purchases that were made under fraudulent scenarios.

3. Track your purchases.

Credit card companies track all purchases and will itemize shopping excursions on cardholders' statements. This can make it much easier to keep track of your spending. In addition, some stores do not require receipts for purchases made with credit cards.

4. Earn reward points while spending.

Competition in the credit card world is stiff, and many financial institutions are trying to entice customers with special deals for signing up and using their cards. Some credit cards give cash back. Others accrue points based on spending on particular categories, such as dining or travel. Rewards can be redeemed in various ways and can be a big bonus of using credit over cash.

5. Cards may come with warranties.

Credit cards can provide built-in warranties on purchases made on the card, such as replacement coverage for an electronic device or cancellation insurance on a trip. What's more, if you have a dispute with a merchant or aren't happy with something you bought, you can often request a chargeback through the credit card company.

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Workplace gifting etiquette: Get giving right

Gift giving in the workplace can be challenging territory to navigate. And as anyone who has received an inappropriate gift or something that really wasn't useful can attest, he or she probably doesn't want to face a situation in which a gift leads to office gossip.

According to a poll conducted by Harris, around half of workers plan to gift at least one business associate around the holidays but are confused about what to give. Too often it's up to workers to navigate these etiquette minefields on their own, but the following tips can help the process go smoothly.

- **Keep it impersonal.** Impersonal doesn't mean it's acceptable to grab anything off the shelf. But the gift should not be something that would offend tastes or sentiments. Avoid clothing, perfume, jewelry or accessories. Lotions and other scented items are also ill-advised.

- **Skip your boss.** Etiquette experts say that gifts should flow downward, not upward, in the realm of employment ranking. That means it's best to stick with gifting colleagues who are on the same level as you. Buying a gift for the boss may look like you're simply trying to score brownie points instead of offer-



*s*Navigating office gifting can be tricky. It's important to avoid overly personal items.

ing a meaningful gift.

- **Give group gifts.** Rather than gifting individuals, it can be safer to give a group gift from which many can benefit. This can include coffee and pastries from a nearby bakery, or a bouquet of flowers to brighten up the office environment.

- **Keep prices modest.** Office giving is not about illustrating who can afford the most expensive gift. Remember, some people will not be able to reciprocate, and they shouldn't feel uncomfortable for being on the receiving end of a lavish gift.

- **Follow the rules.** Gift exchanges should be cleared with supervisors or human resources professionals. It pays to check if there are rules in place for gifting others.

- **Avoid cash gifts.** Giving cash or checks is not a good idea. Money should only come by way of bonuses from higher-ups. If you're stuck on what to give, a gift card to a store that a coworker visits is acceptable.

Gifting at work is complicated, and certain etiquette should be followed so no lines are crossed.

How to be certain you're buying safe toys this holiday season

Few things compare to seeing the joy on a child's face upon opening a holiday gift. Many adults remember holiday gifts they received as children, and holiday shoppers often try to look for gifts that will be just as memorable to the special youngsters in their lives.

Shoppers might have kids' smiles on their minds when holiday shopping, but it's just as important to focus on safety when buying gifts for children. Prevent Blindness, an organization devoted to ensuring everyone enjoys healthy vision from infancy through adulthood, offers the following tips to toy buyers who want to make sure they give safe gifts to kids this holiday season.

- **Read all warnings and instructions on the box.** Before taking a toy to the checkout line, give the packaging a thorough read-through, paying

particular attention to product warnings and instructions. Such warnings are designed to keep kids safe. When buying toys online, only purchase toys that include the warnings within the product description.

- **Purchase age-appropriate toys.** Kids' toys come with age recommendations, which are typically listed on the front of the packaging. Stick to these recommendations. Kids might not have the ability to use toys designed for older children, and such toys might not be safe for them to use, so it's always best to stick to the age guidelines.

- **Avoid certain toys.** Toys with sharp or rigid points, spikes, rods or dangerous edges can pose a threat to youngsters. Avoid such toys, opting for toys with rounded and/or dull edges instead.

- **Stick to sturdy toys.** Kids do not often treat their toys delicately. Toys will be dropped or thrown, so choose sturdy toys that can withstand being dropped or thrown without breaking into tiny pieces. Tiny shards can pose a choking hazard to curious youngsters.

- **Purchase toys with the ASTM designation.** ASTM International is an international standards organization that devel-

ops and publishes voluntary consensus technical standards for a wide range of products, including toys. Prevent Blindness notes that toys with the letters ASTM on the packaging have been tested and met the toy standards set for by ASTM.

- **Avoid toys with parts that shoot or fly off.** These types of toys can damage the eyes and lead to other accidents or injuries.

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Great gifts for beloved seniors

By the time they reach senior status, many adults have amassed a ton of stuff along with their irreplaceable knowledge. Come their golden years, grandparents and other aging loved ones probably don't need much in the way of material possessions, which can make it challenging to find them holiday gifts.

Finding great gifts for seniors may take a little more effort, but with these ideas at the ready, it's likely gift-givers can make this holiday merry for everyone on their shopping lists.

Family photo memories

Many seniors love to talk about their life histories. What better way to be the catalyst for conversation than to create a photo album that chronicles their lives? Photos can be included alongside historical documents, such as old school projects, military discharge



papers, awards and even genealogical information. Photo puzzles, photo calendars and any home decor with a photo printed on it are variations on this theme.

Assistance gifts

Seniors want to remain as independent as possible. By giving items that help them do just that, you can bring smiles to their faces.

One idea is motion-sensing light switches and fixtures. If and when nature calls in the middle of the night, hallways or bathrooms can be illuminated effortlessly.

Shower and bathroom grab bars are another idea. These provide extra security and stability when getting in and out of the shower or when using the toilet.

For seniors who just need a little extra reach, a grab

tool can easily snag packages from a top shelf or pick up items that may have dropped to the floor, eliminating bending or straining.

Practical technology

Seniors may not be as immersed in technology as young people, but they purchase their share of gadgets and increasingly rely on tech to get through the day. To free up more time for rest and relaxation, invest in an iRobot Roomba Robot Vacuum. This simple device will clean floors easily, moving from room to room without the need for a bulky canister or upright vacuum.

Consider an easy-to-use tablet, pre-loaded with handy applications. Grandparents can use video chatting to keep in touch with grandchildren living across the country. Easily refill prescription medication with a pharmacy app just a click away. Stream favorite movies or channels through video streaming sites, like Netflix or Amazon Prime. Tablets tend to be lightweight, portable and user-friendly.

Personal care

Even independent seniors may benefit from a little extra companionship and assistance when family members are not able to make frequent visits. Hiring a visiting care worker who can do everything from organizing pills to making dinner to tackling some laundry can provide the help seniors need with their daily errands.

Seniors are a thriving and growing demographic. It may seem challenging to purchase gifts for older loved ones, but with a little know-how, it's easy to find the right present.

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Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta
Developing your
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Dear Paw's Corner: I have an 11-month-old Golden Retriever puppy that I adopted from the shelter about six months ago. "Jake" won't listen to any of my commands. My roommate said that I'm too shrill and that I'm not consistent, neither of which make sense to me. How can I get Jake to listen? — Roberta S., via email

Dear Roberta: Without being on hand to see you give commands, I'm going to guess that your roommate feels your voice is too high or doesn't have enough "authority" when giving Jake commands. The other part, that you're not consistent — could be either that the correct command isn't given consistently, or that Jake doesn't get regular obedience training sessions.

You may feel that you work with Jake plenty of times during the week and he should be catching on. A professional trainer may feel differently.

And that's what I'm going to suggest: Take Jake to a professional trainer. Group classes are affordable, or you can schedule

one-on-one sessions. A combination of both is often very effective and provides an opportunity to socialize Jake. You'll need to be present at all the sessions, because you will get training, too.

One thing you'll learn is how to develop a "voice" for giving commands. A trainer can give you instant feedback on how to shape your voice so that Jake recognizes that You Mean Business. You'll learn how often to work with Jake at home on basic obedience. You'll get solid techniques that will have Jake responding quickly to your commands, with no sidelong looks.

Look up a pro ASAP. The faster you and Jake learn to work together, the happier you'll both be.

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Veteran's Day visit to The Mohawk Homestead



John Seymour paid a visit to the residents at The Mohawk Homestead on Monday, Nov. 12, and sang America the Beautiful with them in honor of Veteran's Day. Later, he played his guitar and sang some golden oldies that had the residents dancing, clapping and singing.

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Get the financial facts about timeshares

Many people turn to timeshares as a way to enjoy annual vacations. But is investing in a timeshare a financially sound decision? That depends on who you ask.

Getting the facts about how timeshares work and learning a few tricks can help anyone make an educated decision about timeshares.

In a timeshare, individuals purchase a place to stay in vacation property. They typically can then use this room and the surrounding amenities once per year, and often must travel to the same location time and again. Timeshares long have held appeal because they are marketed toward people who may not be able to buy a vaca-

tion home, but still want to vacation each year.

There are some advantages to timeshares. They provide a guaranteed vacation destination each year in a familiar place. This is great for people who value familiarity. Timeshares also make it possible to afford a vacation in an expensive resort. Sometimes a person can trade times or locations with other timeshare owners, enabling more versatility and new destination experiences. For those who have to skip a year, it may be possible to sublet the timeshare or let family and friends use it if the agreement allows.

Timeshares have some notable drawbacks as well. Cost-

efficiency is one notable drawback of timeshares. The American Resort Development Association, a trade group for timeshare companies, offers that the average cost of a timeshare is around \$20,000, with an annual maintenance fee of \$660. Those fees are paid even if the resort isn't used that year. Chances are a person can get a comparable vacation elsewhere for a lower cost – especially with the abundance of vacation property rentals available from traditional hotels as well as sites such as Airbnb.

A timeshare is not like a traditional real estate investment. According to Investopedia, it is an illiquid asset that is likely to lose value over time. Those who

decide to sell their timeshares often find they must do so at a deep discount. Furthermore, those who sell a timeshare at a loss may find the Internal Revenue Service doesn't let them claim a capital loss, which is often the case with other investments and property.

To make timeshares work, individuals can opt to buy used, which is often at a fraction of the cost offered new by resort developers. Also, realize that a timeshare is a lifestyle purchase, not exactly a real estate investment. Timeshares are not a way to turn a profit. Try to purchase in desirable locations as well. Doing so increases the likelihood of resale in the future.



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idea is to rely on stamped concrete. Stamped concrete, often called textured or imprinted concrete, is textured, patterned or embossed to mimic the look of other materials, notably brick, slate, flagstone, stone, tile, and wood. Stamped concrete can

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Herkimer College Criminal Justice Club conducts park clean-up

HERKIMER – The Criminal Justice Club at Herkimer County Community College recently held a park clean-up at the Tony Baggetta Mini Park, located at the corner of West Smith and William streets in the Village of Herkimer. Under the leadership of club advisor Katie Stables, the Criminal Justice Club has helped prepare the park for the annual traditional holiday tree lighting ceremony for many years.



Students who participated in the park clean up included (front) Debra Ferhatovic, Herkimer; (back, L- R) Abdulla Al Shamlan, Doha, Qatar; Wyatt Ditton, Cooperstown; Nicholas Coffin, Dolgeville; Dacey Flannagan, Herkimer; Karolina Karwowski, Sidney Center; Pearson Myers, Burlington Flats; Gina Rodriguez, Utica; Gregory Mack, Shrub Oak; Shelby Koralewski, Chesterfield, MI; Aleesha LaBow, Gouverneur; Noah Weideman, Johnstown; Vanessa Racht, Selkirk; Victoria De La Cruz, Whittier, CA; Ashley Allen, Utica; Dylan Utter, Cumming, GA; and Jonathan Vizcarrondo, Utica.

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Stay safe when stringing holiday lights



Lighting displays are one of the many things that help make the holiday season a special time of year. Often awe-inspiring, holiday lighting displays present a perfect opportunity for communities and individuals to showcase their festive sides.

Safety should always be a priority when stringing holiday lights both inside and outside a home. The National Fire Protection Association notes that between 2009 and 2014, fire departments in the United States responded to an average of 210

home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. Lighting displays strung on home exteriors also can pose safety risks if homeowners do not exercise caution. Fortunately, various strategies can help homeowners safely decorate their homes' interiors and exteriors this holiday season.

- Choose a fresh tree. The NFPA recommends celebrants who prefer natural Christmas trees choose ones with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Dry trees are more likely to

catch fire than freshly cut trees. Adding water to the tree stand each day will

keep trees fresher longer. When placing the tree, avoid placing it too close to heat sources, making sure it is at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

- Check all lights before stringing them. All lights, including those going on trees inside a home and those being strung outside, should be inspected prior to being strung. Look for any worn or broken cords and replace any defected lights.

- Employ the buddy system. When stringing lights, always work with at least one other person. This makes it safe for homeowners who must climb ladders to string lights on especially tall trees and/or on their home exteriors.

- Avoid working in in-

clement weather. The weather during the holiday season can sometimes be unpleasant or unpredictable. Check the forecast before stringing exterior lights to ensure Mother Nature won't pose a threat. Avoid hanging lights if the forecast predicts wet, icy or windy conditions that can make ladders unstable.

- Turn lights off when going to bed and/or leaving the house. Interior and exterior holiday lights should not be left

on when no one is home or everyone inside is sleeping. If left on overnight or when no one is home, lights may contribute to fires that damage homes and may even prove fatal.

Holiday lighting displays help make this time of year special. Following some simple safety procedures when decorating with lights can ensure everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday season.

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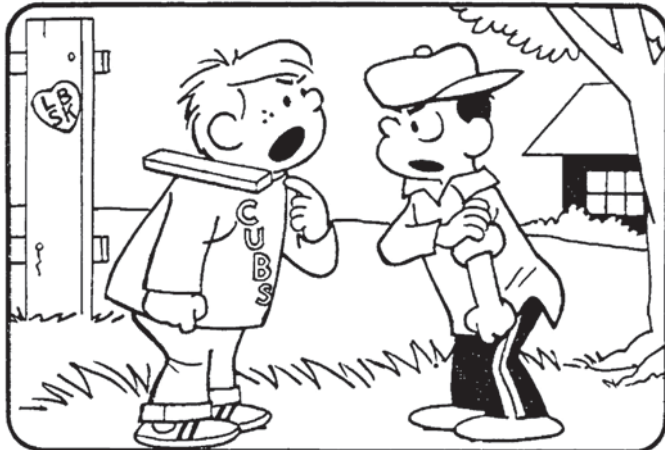
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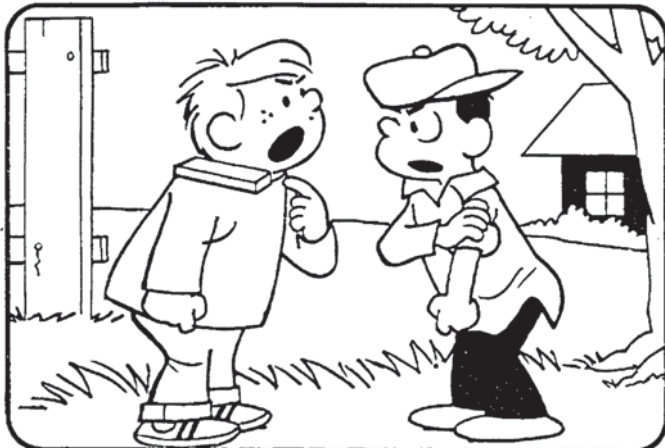
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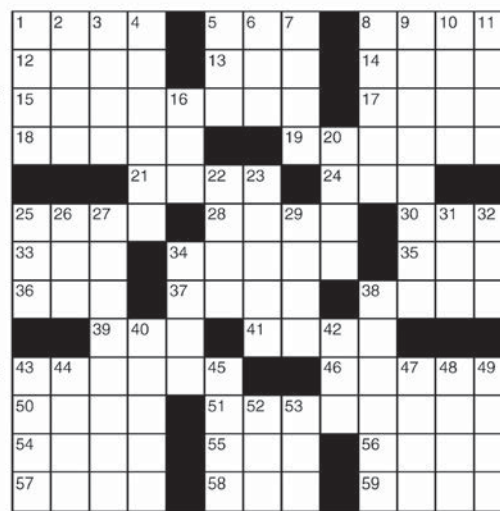
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Differences: 1. Heart is missing. 2. Block is missing. 3. Team name is missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Stripe is missing. 6. Window is different. 7. Window is different.

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- 1 Nitwit
5 High-arc shot
8 Book after the Gospels
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19 However
21 Frog's cousin
24 Business abbr.
25 Rate of speed
28 Part of a Batman costume
30 Height of fashion?
33 "Born in the —"
34 Gem
35 "— Got a Secret"
36 Recipe meas.
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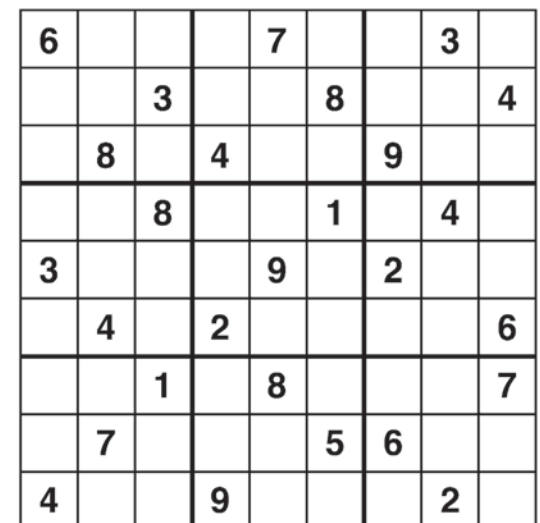
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56 Satan's forte
57 Pirate William
58 Gasoline stat
59 Hunt for
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9 Type of monkey
10 Advanced math
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16 Commotion
20 Any of Rome's seven
22 High pair
23 Wooden pin
25 Deposit
26 Donkey
27 Overturned
29 Existed
31 11-Down's mom
32 Kitten's comment
34 Bound
38 Pueblo structures
40 Fix the Constitution
42 Type of humor
43 Diner employee
44 Arizona tribe
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47 Donated
48 A Great Lake
49 Chat
52 Matterhorn, e.g.
53 "— o' My Heart"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

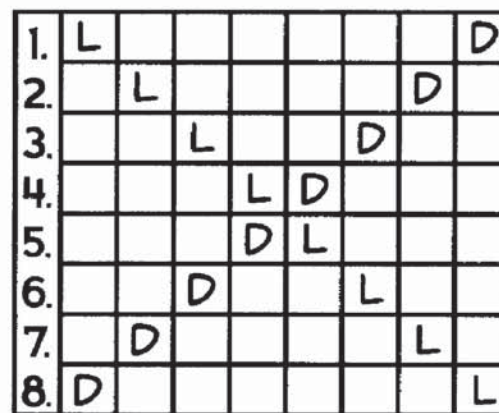
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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A RHYMING RIDDLE!

"In marble walls as white
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Within a liquid crystal clear
A golden apple doth appear.
There are no gates to
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Yet thieves break in
and steal the gold."

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Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend**FIND THE BIG WORDS!**

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT the answer to the Jolly Jester's Rhyming Riddle!

Answer: He's talking about an egg.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN how a baseball pitcher could win a nine-inning game without once pitching to a batter?

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answer: He could if he were a substitute pitcher brought into the game at the top of the ninth inning with the score tied, two outs, and a man on first base. If he then picked the man off at first base, the side would be retired and his team would come to bat. If his team then scored the winning run, in the bottom of the ninth, he would be the winner without ever having pitched to a single batter.

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. JAB	ALE
2. ERA	OWED
3. GARB	BED
4. FIN	END
5. HALL	SING
6. LEG	LED

Answers: Jabbbed, erasing, finale, garbled, hallowed, legend.

DEFINITIONS:

- What the shipbuilder did.
- Found in toothpaste.
- Used to reckon time.
- A large kettle.
- Found in newspaper.
- Campers need them.
- Eccentric people.
- A wooden interlocking joint.

ANAGRAM:

hand + clue
dour + file
land + acre
laud + corn
nail + heed
orbs + dell
dabs + doll
viol + date

Answers: 1. Launched. 2. Fluoride. 3. Calendar. 4. Cauldron. 5. Headline. 6. Bedrolls. 7. Oddballs. 8. Dove tail.

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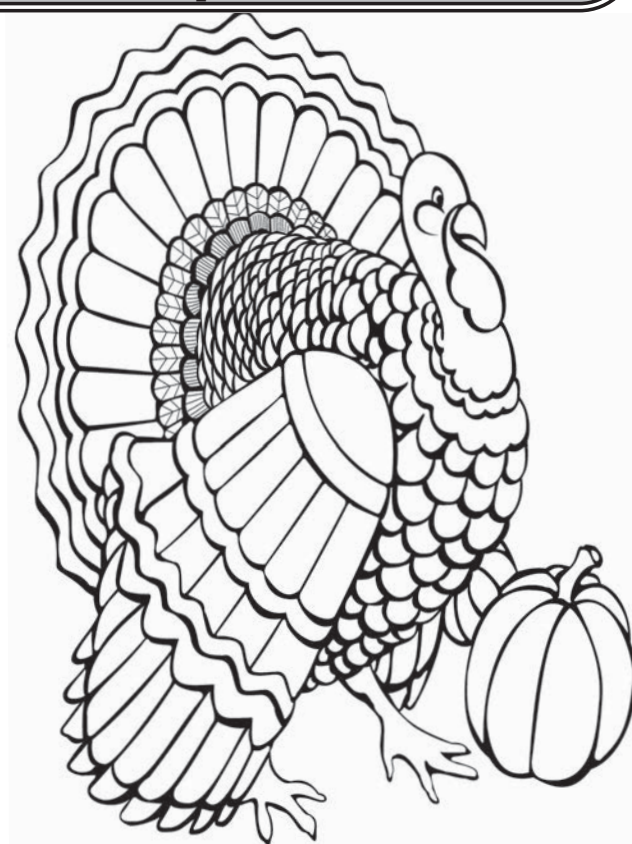
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Protecting roses and other November gardening tips

by Leonard Perry, UVM Horticulturist, and Charlie Nar-dozzi, Garden Consultant

Protecting roses for winter, draining hoses and wrapping young tree trunks are some of the garden activities for this month.

Once the ground begins to freeze and you have consistent temperatures in the low 20s (F), it's time to protect modern hybrid roses from winter's wind and cold. The simplest method is to mound bark mulch around the base of the rose (soil or compost is less attractive to field mice), covering the graft union (the swollen part of the stem near the ground). The mound should be about one foot tall. Wait until spring to cut back the canes above the mound.

If a plant is rated for a zone warmer than the one shown for your site, you might consider mulching. An example of a "tender perennial" is crocosmia – a summer bulb producing spikes of (usually) red flowers in mid-summer. Although usually listed as hardy to zone 6 (average winter minimum of 0 to -10 degrees), these can be grown even in a cold zone 3 (-30 degrees and below winter minimum) with plenty of mulch or snow cover. You can find your hardiness zones online from the USDA (planthardiness.ars.usda.gov). Some plants are better off without any mulch, especially in winter, when it can compact and encourage rotting of the crowns. These include coral bells, delphiniums, oriental poppies, iris, violas and sedums.

Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti develop buds when night temperatures are 55 to 60 degrees. If nights are warmer, place your plant where it receives no light from about 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. (such as in a closet) for 30 days. Don't forget to move the plant to light

during the day.

It's time to bring hoses inside, or drain them if you leave them outside. If the ground is frozen, the water in your outdoor hoses will be too. If this happens, bring them into a garage where they can warm up enough for the ice to melt. Then, coil them and store for the winter. Avoid hanging them on a hook, which can cause kinking. Make sure outdoor faucets are drained as well, and wrap them for winter. Otherwise, they will freeze and may crack, or may leak next spring.

Ceramic and clay pots left outside can crack when the soil inside, or water absorbed into the clay, freezes and expands. Empty them and bring them into a shed, garage or basement for winter. Also bring in ceramic birdbaths and statuary. If too large to move, empty pots and cover them with a tarp.

Plastic spiral tree wraps and brown paper wraps can protect tree trunks from sunscald and gnawing by rodents. Put them in place before the snow falls so they will extend all the way to the ground, or else the critters can sneak underneath the snow and feed on the exposed lower bark.

This is a good month to stock up on birdseed to keep your birds around during winter, and nourished. Although some birds favor some seeds more than others, you can't go wrong with black oil sunflower seeds which most like and which you often can find on sale in large bags. Avoid the "filler" seeds found in the cheaper mixes that birds don't eat. Peanuts out-of-shell are another food that is a favorite of blue jays, woodpeckers, nuthatches and chickadees. These are usually provided in a mesh tube feeder, which these

birds can cling onto.

Other gardening activities for this month include cleaning and getting garden tools and equipment stored for winter, planting spring bulbs and garlic if you haven't already, checking houseplants for pests and planting some paperwhite bulbs in pots for holiday blooms indoors.

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Certain models top the charts among the longest kept vehicles, according to iSeeCars, an automotive industry group. These include the Toyota 4Runner, Chevrolet Corvette, Mercedes-Benz SLK, Porsche Boxster, and the Toyota Land Cruiser, which is the longest kept vehicle and also is the automaker's longest-running SUV. This vehicle is held onto for an average 10.6 years after being bought new.

To hold on to their vehicles as long as possible, drivers should follow maintenance schedules, keep their cars and trucks clean and make repairs promptly. When it comes time to get a new

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



"Whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul, I shall recall the memory of warm, sunny, late summer afternoons like this one, and be comforted greatly."

- Peggy Toney Horton



Holiday Basket Celebration taking place

The Mohawk Homestead is having their annual Holiday Basket Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 17. The Mohawk Homestead is a not-for-profit Adult Care Home located at 62 East Main St. in Mohawk. The public is invited to attend to participate in the donation auction for opportunities on many colorfully decorated baskets. Additional possibilities will be offered for items such as a decorated Christmas tree, a television and gift certificates for many local services and retail businesses.

The Board of Directors is sponsoring this event for the benefit of the residents at the Mohawk Homestead. Staff and area businesses along with the board members donated many of the baskets. The public is invited to stop at the Home anytime from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to see what the Mo-

hawk Homestead has to offer.

For information contact the Admissions Coordinator at 315.866.1841 ext. 306.



Residents Lois Dillon (left) and Theresa Pagnotta check out one of the baskets available for the silent auction.

Photo courtesy of The Mohawk Homestead

Strange but True

by Samantha Weaver

- In an odd coincidence, President Abraham Lincoln had a secretary named Kennedy, and President John F. Kennedy had a secretary named Lincoln. Kennedy the secretary told Lincoln the president that he shouldn't go to Ford's Theatre the night he was shot; Lincoln the secretary tried to convince Kennedy the president not to go on a trip to Dallas, where he was shot.

- If you're like the average man, your beard grows about half an inch every month.

- Those who study such things claim that an average bank robber in the United States nets about \$4,000 for every job. No info at hand on how the researchers acquired their data.

- You might think that hot dogs are a relatively recent food offering, but you'd be wrong. The first sausages were created more than 3,500 years ago when ancient Babylonians began stuffing spiced meat into the intestines of animals.

- The fastest of all non-domesticated canines, the African wild dog can sprint faster than 40 mph.

- Many people make provisions in their wills for their pets; it's the compassionate thing to do. Singer Dusty Springfield went a bit further than most, though; she specified that her cat was to be fed only imported baby food.

Thought for the Day: "Every man possesses three characters: that which he exhibits, that which he really has, and that which he believes he has." – Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr

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The benefits of LED holiday lights

Many people put significant effort into their holiday lights. When a bulb goes out, all that effort can seem like it was for naught. Replacing a single bulb or multiple bulbs can be a lot of work. Fortunately, LED holiday lights provide a more user- and eco-friendly alternative to traditional incandescent bulbs. According to the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (OEERE), the following are some of the attributes that make LED holiday lights a superior alternative to traditional incandescent bulbs.

• **Safety:** LED lights burn a lot cooler than traditional incandescent lights, reducing the risk of combustion. And be-

cause they burn cool, they also reduce the risk of burnt fingers, which may make them more appealing to parents of curious youngsters and people who will be hosting family and friends during the holiday season.

• **Sturdiness:** Because they're made with epoxy lenses and not glass like traditional incandescent bulbs, LED holiday lights are less likely to break. That can be especially beneficial to people with pets who might bump into the family Christmas tree.

• **Longevity:** LED lights are initially more expensive than more traditional lights. However, the OEERE notes that lights bought today may still be in use 40 holiday seasons from now. That longevity makes them well worth the higher initial investment.

• **Ease of installation:** LED lights are easily installed, and the OEERE says as many as 25 strings of LEDs can be connected end-to-end without overloading a wall socket. That can ease the nerves of home-

owners concerned about the potential hazards of elaborate holiday lighting displays.

• **Energy savings:** LED lights consume considerably less energy than incandescent lights, saving homeowners money on their energy bills, which can skyrocket in December thanks to interior and exterior holiday lighting displays using incandescent lights. In fact, the OEERE estimates that by 2027, widespread use of

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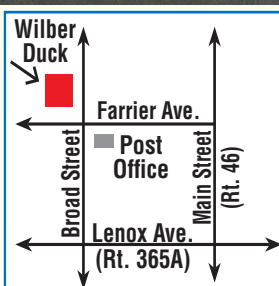
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How to find more time to read

For many people, few activities are more enjoyable than nestling up with a good book. But even the most devoted bookworms sometimes

have trouble finding time to read. In a 2017 survey conducted by the market research firm YouGov that focused on trends regarding New Year's resolutions, 18 percent of respondents indicated they were committed to reading more books in 2018. That's a lofty goal, and one that can do more than just provide readers with some daily escapism. Studies have shown that reading can develop neural networks in the brain that can help readers understand more complex thought. In addition, a 2013 study led by neuropsychologist and researcher Robert Wilson found that a mentally active lifestyle may make it less likely that the presence of plaques and tangles associated with Alzheimer's disease will impair mental functioning. So picking up a good book and finding time to read may protect

readers from some of the neurological issues associated with aging.

If you're among the masses resolving to spend the year ahead reading more than you have in the past, consider these tips to find more time to cuddle up with a good book.

• Turn off your devices. Think of how much time you now spend each day fiddling with your devices. If you're a parent, the statistics might surprise you. A 2017 survey from Common Sense Media found that parents of children between the ages of eight and 18 spend an average of nine hours and 22 minutes each day in front of various screens (i.e., smartphones, tablets, televisions, etc.). While not all of that is downtime, chances are a good portion of it is. Whether you're a parent or not, turning off your devices is perhaps the single most effective way to find more time to read.

• Schedule time to read. Clear your schedule to read much like you might do to watch a favorite television show. Both books and television are forms of entertainment, so why clear time for one form of escapism but not the other?

• Turn books into travel buddies. Carry a book with you whenever you leave the house, whether you're going to a doctor's appointment or to get work done on your car or even to go to work. Time spent in waiting rooms or commuting via mass transit provide perfecting opportunities to read books.

• Read first thing in the morning. A recent survey from the global market research firm IDC found that 80 percent of smartphone users check their mobile devices within 15 minutes of waking up in the morning. Instead of scrambling to read your alerts or overnight messages when you get out of bed, spend the first 10 or 15 minutes after waking up immersing yourself in a good book.



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