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Falls can result in lasting, serious injuries, affecting mobility, independence and mental health. Some people think that falls are a normal part of aging and are not preventable. By making changes in lifestyle and following some precautions you can greatly lower your chances of falling.

Prevention strategies

Have your health care provider review all your medications, including over-the-counter medicines. As you get older, the way medicines work in your body can change. Some medicines, or combinations of medicines, can make you sleepy or dizzy and can cause you to fall.

Have your eyes

checked by an eye doctor at least once a year. You may be wearing the wrong glasses or have a condition like glaucoma or cataracts that limits your vision. Poor vision can increase your risk of falling.

Make your home safer by removing things you can trip over (like wires, throw rugs, papers, books, clothes, and shoes) from stairs and places where you walk. Using double-sided tape to keep rugs from slipping. Keep items you use often in cabinets that you can reach easily without using a step stool. Have grab bars installed next to your toilet and in the tub or shower. Use non-slip mats in the bathtub and on shower floors.

Improving the lighting in your home. As you get older, you need brighter lights to see well. Hang lightweight curtains or shades to reduce glare. Have handrails and lights put in all staircases. It's safer to wear shoes inside and outside the house. Avoid going barefoot or wearing slippers.

Begin a regular exer-

cise program. Physical activity makes you stronger and helps you feel better. Exercises that improve balance and coordination are the most helpful. New programs within senior centers throughout New York State have implemented the use of Tai Chi as a way to improve balance, strength and coordination. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise with movements that originate in martial arts practice. While used as a type of self-defense in its most advanced form, Tai Chi is practiced widely for its health and relaxation benefits. It has also been called "Chinese shadow boxing". Ask your doctor or health care provider about the best type of exercise program for you.

For more information on how to prevent falls, call Montgomery County Public Health at 518-853-3531 or visit the New York State Department of Health website at www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/injury_prevention.



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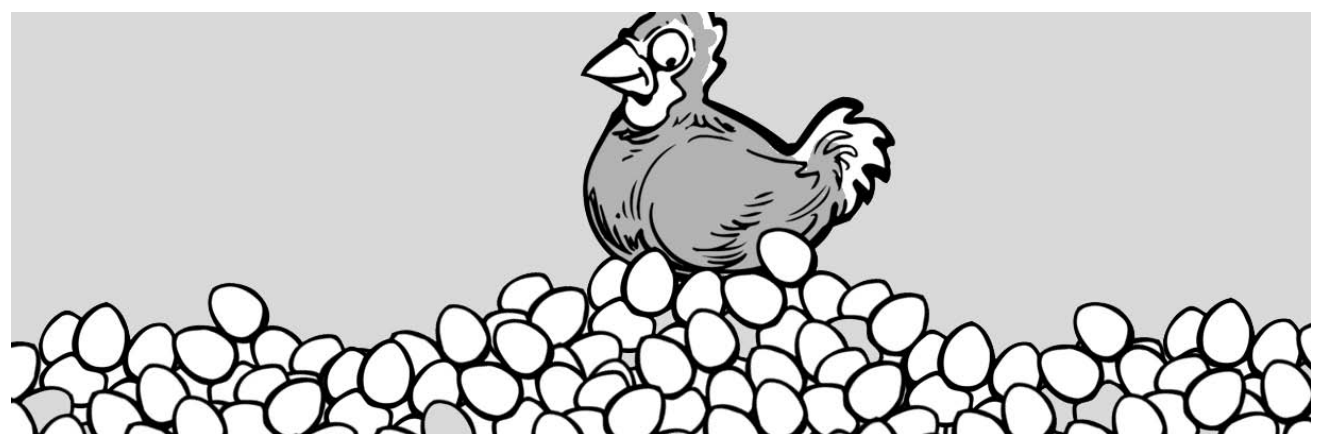
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Couples may feel pressure to choose the perfect song. Yes, this is a song that the couple has selected to represent their love for each other, but it also should be one that will speak to the masses and can be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Couples want to avoid a song that does not seem to fit with the festivities. For those couples who need a little musical inspiration, turn to many of the modern hits you're bound to hear on the radio which may help you to shine in that first dance.

- "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri: "Twilight" fans enjoyed this romantic song during the pivotal wedding scene between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen in the popular "Twilight" movie "Breaking Dawn." Couples looking to recreate the magic of these star-crossed lovers can embrace Perri's delicate tone and tender lyrics.

- "All of Me" by John Legend: It's been hard to escape this popular love song by R&B artist John Legend. An ode Legend wrote to his wife, this song has quickly become a popular choice for a couple's first dance.

- "I Choose You" by Sara Bareilles: This peppy song by singer/songwriter Sara Bareilles is a good choice for couples who prefer being nontraditional. It's faster paced and less sentimental than many other wedding songs.

- "Better Together" by Jack Johnson: Johnson is known primarily for his soft rock and acoustic guitar work blended with catchy lyrics. Also an accomplished surfer, Johnson's work is enjoyed by many but may be especially prized by couples who want to their reception to be a laid back affair full of fun and whimsy.

- "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz: Another acoustic ditty, this song has a country influence and talks about not giving up and staying in a relationship for the long haul.

- "I Don't Dance" by Lee Brice: Speaking of country influences, couples who want a little twang in their first dances can choose Brice's breakthrough hit. Romantic lyrics about spinning his partner around in circles despite not liking to dance illustrates what one partner will do for the other when in love.

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In the first stage,

which lasts two to four days, the individual may have a runny nose, cough, and a slight fever. Eyes may become red- dened and sensitive to light while the fever gradually rises each day, often peaking as high as 103 to 105 degrees F. Small bluish white spots surrounded by a reddish area may also appear on the gums and inside of the cheeks.

The second stage begins on the third to seventh day and consists of a red blotchy rash lasting five to six days. The rash usually begins on the face and then spreads downward and outward, reaching the hands and feet. The rash fades in the same order that it appeared, from

head to extremities. Although measles is usually considered a childhood disease, it can be contracted at any age.

Individuals are not at risk of contracting measles if they are immune. A person is considered immune if they have received two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine OR if they were born before Jan. 1, 1957, OR have a history of laboratory-confirmed measles, OR have a blood test confirming immunity.

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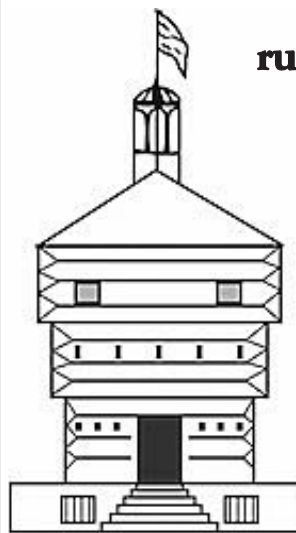
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Citizens for Consistency Party, running for Fort Plain Village Office

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When: Tuesday, February 17th, 7-9pm
Where: Erie Station, 7 Canal St., Fort Plain
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Quality of Life - We believe in the untapped potential of the Village of Fort Plain, and that it should be promoted as a great place to live and raise a family; with excellent schools, beautiful historic homes and quick access to the great outdoors all within an hour of the Capital District.

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Home additions: Up or out?

Homeowners hoping to expand their homes are faced with a number of choices. One of the first they will have to make is which direction to take their expansion. Homeowners can choose to expand horizontally, increasing the footprint of their homes, or vertically.

Professionals urge prospective remodelers to consider the pros and cons to each expansion option, including which direction to build.

One of the first considerations is land space. Building horizontally will cut into yard space that you may have already

earmarked for a pool, shed or another feature. Proximity to neighbors and the dimensions of your property will also help to determine if expanding horizontally is a good idea.

Building codes and neighborhood requirements also must be considered before making any renovations. Some municipalities may have rules in place that govern renovations. Additions may not be allowed to exceed certain height limits, nor may structures be built within a certain number of feet of property lines.

Homeowners who choose to build upward will have to contend with work crews and other staff being in their homes. Raising the roof may require vacating the premises at a certain point. Also, extensive renovation work will be needed on the lower level of the home, whether it's

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Homeowners need to consider whether to build up or out when they add on to homes.

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It may seem easier to expand outward, but this requires laying additional foundation for the new building structure. Bringing in digging equipment and masons can be costly. When you build vertically, such foundation work may not be necessary if your home is structurally sound and can bear the weight of the addition.

Building out typically involves the least disruption to your life and the existing space. Homeowners should keep in mind that any renovation will require permits or variances. In addition, if the project increases the value of the home, home insurance costs and property taxes may rise. Only after all considerations have been weighed should a project begin.

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Monday, Feb. 16th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale. Special should be the last week of Local Grocery Store inventory - don't miss!

Monday, Feb. 23rd - Normal Monday Sale & Organic Day - all organic animals - Dairy, Beef, Cull Dairy, produce, small animals - everything must come with Organic Certificate with proof of slaughter.

Friday, Feb. 27th - sale held on farm. 11:00AM Lowville, NY. D-Riverside Farm Complete Registered & Grade Dairy Dispersal. 95 Head of Outstanding Holsteins (a few Jerseys). 50 milking age in all stages of lactation, 10 bred heifers, balance yrlds. and calves. Cows are avg. 70#. SCC 150,000. Farm has been sold - so be prepared to move cattle immediately. GPS address: 5812 Waters Road, Lowville, NY 13367.

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Chris Sarno is the founding pastor of Relevant Church in Daytona Beach, FL. He also travels across the country and around the world, preaching the gospel and holding healing crusades, leadership conferences, and revival meetings. Many lives have been transformed by his message of God's Kingdom!

Valley Alliance Church is on State Hwy. 5, east of Nelliston, NY. The 10 a.m. Wednesday service will be held at the United Methodist Church, 50 E. Main St., Canajoharie.

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Tax time

Don't miss out on valuable income tax credits

State agencies raise awareness on earned income tax credit worth up to \$8,293

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) on Jan. 30 encouraged New Yorkers to take advantage of the valuable Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Today is EITC Awareness

Day, a national effort sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service and supported by local officials and community organizations across the country. "EITC is 40 years old this year, and yet many New Yorkers still don't realize they may qualify for the tax credit if they make \$52,427 or less," said OTDA Executive Deputy Commissioner Sharon

Devine. "According to some estimates, one in five taxpayers who qualify do not file for it. Let's change that." EITC benefits vary by income, family size, and filing status, but eligible families with three or more qualifying children making under the \$52,427 limit could receive a maximum combined federal, state, and New York City credit of \$8,293.

Cash that counts

"This is cash that counts - additional dollars in your pocket for school supplies, rent, groceries, repairs or much needed savings," said Margaret Neri, New York State Taxpayer Rights Advocate and Deputy Commissioner at the Tax Department. "If you were employed or self-employed, look into this important credit, and file for it!" Every year, thousands of New Yorkers qualify for EITC for the first time as their financial, marital and parental statuses change. Ms. Neri said EITC helps low-income, working families and individuals achieve financial stability during "hard times." She called New York's portion of the credit "one of the most generous in the nation." Last year, EITC was claimed by 1.8 million New Yorkers with an estimated combined federal, state and New York City payout of more than \$5 billion.

Noncustodial parent earned income tax credit

In 2006, New York became the first state in the nation to enact a noncustodial parent EITC. The refundable credit is yet another way that New York encourages low-income noncustodial parents to work and stay current with their child support payments. In 2012, the most recent year for which statistics are available, nearly 7,700 noncustodial parents claimed \$3.6 million in NCP EITC for an average refund of \$472.

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February blast from Schoharie Crossing

Well we have made it solidly through the first month of 2015 and I don't know about you, but it has been an interesting one. We at Schoharie Crossing have begun some deeper conversations about the future - both short term and long term - for the site. As mentioned in previous emails, 2017 will be the bicentennial year for the start of Erie Canal construction and with that comes some pretty awesome opportunities! Some of the 'stuff' on the plate is discussion about updating the Visitor Center & exhibit space. Truly an exciting topic. Expect to hear more about this in the coming months. So far as shorter term goals, we have begun planning the wonderful events of the upcoming season. There will of course be the perennial favorites - Canal Days July 11 and 12 as well as the wonderful Not Just for Kids Storytelling series on

Sunday's through August/early September. There are also the Spring cleanup days such as Canal Clean Sweep on April 18 and I Love My Parks Day on May 2. Patrick and John have agreed to hold a Kayak and Canoeing Expedition again this year on June 6 - which is also National Trails Day. The first two Friends meetings of the year will have wonderful speakers: George Steele on April 28 presenting "Bringing Back the Bald Eagle" and on May 26 Mike Roets will be here to talk about "Fort Hunter Uncovered." For these or any of our events, contact the site or check us out on the web: Schoharie Crossing Parks Page: www.nysparks.com/historical-sites/27/details.aspx. Schoharie Crossing Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Schoharie-Crossing-State-Historic-Site

is a part of an organization or knows of one that might be interested in partnering up in support of our programs, events and activities, please let us know. This will become extremely important as we near that 2017 moment - when the site will gain a great opportunity to be visited and recognized. If you aren't already aware, the Friends Newsletter was put out a couple weeks ago. If you haven't seen it and want a copy either emailed or sent via USPS, please let me know and we can get that out ASAP. Anyone

interested in contributing to either the newsletter or the blog? It would be great to have more voices.

Also, I encourage anyone who might be on the site during this time of year to snap a few photos and share with us. There are great opportunities to snowshoe, cross-country ski or just trek our trails - and this is a perfect time of year to see parts of the canal covered by all that lush green of summer.

Hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying the snow. Best regards.



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Roseville bookends

Q: I have a Roseville set of bookends in the gardenia pattern. Do you have any idea of its value? — Betty, Merrill, WI

A: I found your bookends referenced in "Warman's Roseville Pottery: Identification & Price Guide" by Mark F. Moran and published by Krause Books. There are at least six Roseville price guides, but this one is my favorite, and I feel it accurately reflects current values. Moran believes your bookends in green are worth about \$140 for the pair.

Q: My dad collected autographed first editions, and I have inherited his collection. Among them are signed

copies of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood" and Gail Sheehy's "Passages." Where can I market my books? — Carole, Buffalo, NY

A: One of the better rare-book dealers is Bauman's, 535 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022; 212-751-0011; www.baumansrarebooks.com. Incidentally, Gail Sheehy has just published her memoir, "Daring My Passages" (William Morrow Books, \$29.99). "Passages" created quite a stir when it was first published in 1976. In fact, the Library of Congress has named it as one of the 10 most influential books of our time.

Q: I have been watching the series about the Roosevelt family on PBS. I found some FDR campaign buttons in my granny's sewing box. I would like to know how much they are worth. — Bill, Spokane, WA

A: One of the better references is "Warman's Political Collectibles: Identification & Price Guide" by Dr.

Enoch L. Nappen and published by Krause Books. It features dozens of FDR buttons in full-color. Dr. Nappen is a political science professor at New Jersey's Monmouth University and a member of the American Political Items Collectors (APIC).

Q: I have three early American paintings that I believe to be quite valuable. Can you recommend an expert who can help me determine values? — Stan, Hartford, CT

A: Jeffrey W. Cooley specializes in American painting and might be able to help you. His contact information is The Cooley Gallery, Inc., 25 Lyme St., Old Lyme, CT 06371; www.cooleygalleries.com. A second source is James B. Bakker Antiques, Inc., 248 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657; www.bakkerart.com.

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FEB 1-28

Arkell Center Events for February

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. Arkell Center Programs for all area Seniors during February are as follows:

Monday-Friday: 11:45 am. OFA Meals of Montgomery Program serves hot meals, suggested \$3 donation for 60 and older. Call 673-2000 for reservations.
Mondays-Fridays: 10-12 noon. Arkell's Indoor Walking Program will continue. Seniors invited.

Mon, Wed & Fri: 10-10:30 am. Arkell Center Senior Exercise Program is in the basement. Coffee after. Feb 12, 19 & 26: 9:45-11 am. The Diet Club will be meeting in the Gallery. Open to all Senior Citizens.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tax Aid Services - Feb. 11 through April 8: 8:15 am - 12:30 pm. AARP Tax Aid, Lucius Gotti Jr. will be available for appointments. Please call 673-2943 after 3 pm to schedule an appointment.

Feb. 18, 25: 12:30-4 pm. Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party, donation \$2, prizes & refreshments. If you would like to sub call Terry-673-5635.

Feb 17: 9:30 am. Madi Gras Breakfast with your

neighbors. Open to all Seniors in the community, bring a dish to share & enjoy the story of Madi Gras. **Feb. 24:** 11:15 am -12:15 pm. Blood Pressure Clinic. Home Health Care Partner's Corp. (Co-Sponsored by St. Mary's & Nathan Littauer Hospital). Home Health Care Partners Corp. also provides health and wellness information.

Feb. 27: 11:45 am. Join Arkell Hall and Arkell Center for a Valentine Luncheon & at 1 pm a special Program with Gary Van Slyke sharing "Love Songs." Meals of Montgomery will be serving Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Tomatoes and Wheat Bread with Applesauce. Please call by Feb. 20 for reservations for meals at 673-2000 or 673-4408.

MEETINGS

Feb 27: 1 pm. Canajoharie Senior Citizens Club Meeting

Feb 24: 10-11 am. Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group meeting.

FEB 13 - APR 3

Fish Fry

Poland Volunteer Fire Dept., 11 Case St., Poland, NY. 4-8 pm. Call 315-826-7141 for take outs.

FEB 15

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Ephratah Rod & Gun Club, Rte. 67, Ephratah, NY. 7 am - noon. \$8 12 & up, \$3.50 ages 6-11, under 5 free.

FEB 17

Meet the Candidates Night: Citizens for Consistency Party, Running for Fort Plain Village Office

Erie Station, 7 Canal St., Fort Plain. 7-9 pm. Fort Plain. Mayor: Tolga J.

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FEB 18 & 25, MAR 4

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FEB 20

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FEB 28

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MAR 7

3rd Annual Chili Cookoff Fort Rensselaer Club, 42 Moyer St., Canajoharie, NY. Noon-4 pm. Judging at 2 pm. \$10 admission. Tickets available at The Plain Food Coop, Fort Plain & The Tourist Center in Canajoharie. For more information call 5180673-2468.

MAR 8

Vivaldi's Gloria on Tap For Concert

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MAY 1-3

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JUN 6-7

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AUG 4-6

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SEP 12-13


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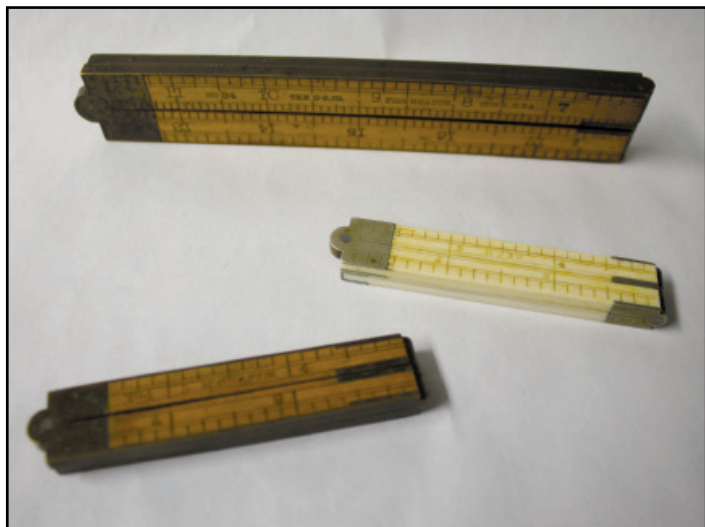
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Whatchamacallit

This week's Whatchamacallit is a clever little folding device called a boxwood ruler. These rulers come in a variety of sizes and lengths, with most being made out of wood and brass. If you look closely, the light colored ruler in the middle is a little different, it's presumably made out of ivory.

This style of ruler was made by a few different manufacturing companies, such as the Stanley Tool Company and Lufkin Rule Company. The largest rul-

er pictured was created by C-S Company, a merged venture between inventor Herman Chapin, founder of the The H. Chapin Company and the D. H. Stephens Company. The merged company was renamed the Chapin-Stephens Co. in 1901 and continued to produce fine quality boxwood rulers, planes, levels, gauges and other small tools. The C-S Company had a reputation for quality workmanship and quality products, however, they went out of business in 1929.



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Collecting

by Larry Cox

Children's Books

Q: I was born in 1947 and grew up reading Golden Books, Elf Books, See Saw Books and my favorites, the Story Hour series. I have started buying the ones I remember when I see them at garage sales or in shops. My problem is I have no idea of values. Can you recommend a good price guide for me? — Darla, Columbia, MO

A: Although there are several excellent guides, my personal favorite is "Warman's Children's Books: Identification & Price Guide" by Steve Santi and published by Krause Books. It has concise histories and hundreds of listings with values for many of the books issued by the major book publishers for children. Major space is devoted to Golden Books, Whitman, Rand McNally, Wonder, Treasure, Holly, Owl, Pied Piper and Star-Bright. Incidentally, the first Golden Book was "Three Little Kittens," issued in 1942 and worth about \$50 in good condition.

Q: I have a glass bowl that is marked "Quezal." I have been told it was given to a distant relative as a wedding present in 1915. Since I have never heard of Quezal glass and can't find it in any of

my reference books, I hope you can help me. — Barbara, Pine Castle, FL

A: The Quezal Art Glass Decorating Company opened in Brooklyn in 1901 and closed in about 1925. I found the mark in "Miller's Antique Marks" by Judith Miller and published by Miller Books. This handy reference documents more than 6,000 marks that make it easier to identify silver, ceramics, glass and other treasures. Priced at \$9.99, it is quite a bargain.

Q: I have a partial set of sterling flatware. I am not certain of the pattern, but since I no longer use the pieces, I would like to liquidate the set. Do you have any suggestions? — Carol, Wausau, WI

A: The Silver Queen silver company has been in business for several decades and buys and sells older sterling flatware.

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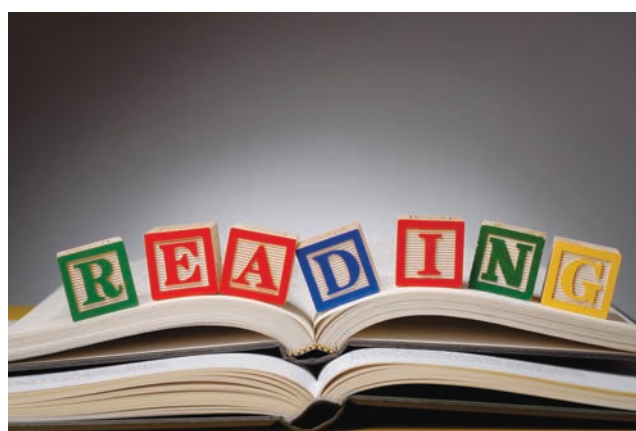
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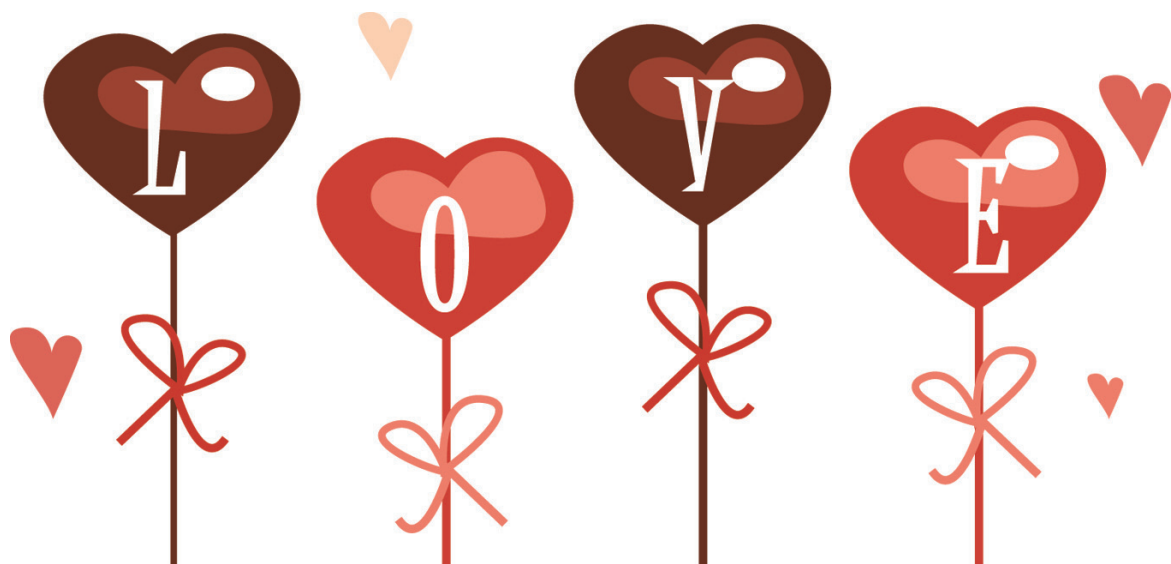
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How you can finance your home improvement projects

Many homeowners recognize that improving and maintaining a property makes a home more livable for its inhabitants and more attractive to prospective buyers when the time comes to erect a "For Sale" sign in the front yard.

But a well-maintained home also provides additional benefits. According to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, home improvements not only raise the values of individual homes, but they tend to raise neighborhood standards as well. Home improvements can create jobs and help local communities flourish economically.

Maintaining a home can be a costly undertaking. Home improvement projects can be expensive whether homeowners hire professionals or tackle renovation projects on their own. The following are a handful of options homeowners can consider as they look for ways to finance renovation projects.

- Paying outright: Pay-

ing for the renovations upfront and in full is perhaps the simplest way to finance a project. Homeowners who have the cash to pay for renovations outright won't have to worry about interest rates or balloon payments.

- Mortgage refinanc-

ing projects. Refinancing a mortgage means paying off the debt owed and starting over with a completely new loan. Refinancing comes with various fees and can cost between 3 and 6 percent of the loan's principal.

- Home equity loans

and mortgages. When homeowners apply for home equity loans or lines of credit, they are borrowing against the equity value in their homes. A home equity loan is a term, or closed-end, loan. It is a one-time sum that will be

the same payment each month. This is a one-time loan from which a person cannot borrow further. A home equity line of credit, or HELOC, is like having a credit card. It's possible to borrow a certain amount for the life of the loan, which is a set time specified by the lender. During this time, homeowners can withdraw money as it is needed up to the value of the line of credit. HELOCs typically have a variable interest rate that fluctuates and payments can vary depending on the amount of money borrowed and the current interest rates.

- Title I property loan: Residents of the United States with limited equity in their homes may qualify for an FHA Title I loan. Banks and other lenders are qualified to make these loans from their own funds, and the FHA will insure the lender against a possible loss. Title I loans can be used for any improvements that will make a home more useful and livable. They cannot be

used for renovations deemed luxury expenses.

- Borrow against retirement funds: Some people opt to borrow against a 401(k) plan, IRA or another retirement fund. If the retirement plan allows a loan without penalty, it can be another way to secure funds. Because it is the homeowner's money, there will be no credit check required and less delay in getting the funds. Borrowers should keep in mind that taking a loan against a retirement account will usually result in a lower retirement balance than it would have been had they not borrowed money from the account — even after the funds have been repaid.

- Credit cards: Credit cards are an option when improvements are not expensive. Individuals with excellent credit ratings may qualify for cards with a no-interest introductory periods of several months or more. These cards can be a good way to pay off moderate improvements in a short amount of time.



Homeowners are urged to explore all options and find the least costly loan method and the one that will present the best possibility for avoiding debt.

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The following were my remarks at the Town of Palatine Hearing on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the Town Highway Garage at 6:30PM

It is unfortunate that **ALL** of the Council Members and the Town Attorney chose not to attend to hear the concerns and questions of the taxpayers and residents of the Town of Palatine on the proposed building of a New Town Hall.

I will begin quoting Mark Levin, who has a law degree from Temple University and is a syndicated talk show host:

"The nation has entered an age of post-constitutional tyranny" resulting in this attitude by our leaders:

"The public is not to be informed, but indoctrinated, manipulated, and misled".

This speaks to the fact that there was nothing in the press regarding the building project for a new Town Hall, until November of 2014 - ten months after being on the agenda for town business. As some of you are already aware, at the January 2015 Board Meeting, Supervisor Niccoli was met with major opposition from all of the town board members when she requested this public hearing because she wanted to hear what the tax payers of this town had to say regarding this project. Apparently, the rest of the board did not.

I have been vocal regarding my opposition to the spending of hundreds of thousands of dollars on the building of a new town hall in Stone Arabia. I have repeatedly asked the board members... why? Their response is always, we own the land, we have already drilled a well, and we have the money.

What isn't being said is that according to a USDA Soil Survey, the soil composition of the land is not suitable for a commercial building and also a question was recently raised as to the site preparation. The well output at 220 feet deep is less than half a gallon per minute. As for the money, in 2007 bid packages were made up but never put out to bid because the cost was more than they had set aside for the project.

Here we are 8 years later and the building fund has not increased. Yet at 3:00 this afternoon, bids were opened and read regarding the building of a new Town Hall. What has changed to warrant moving forward with this project?

The board has also cited safety of the judge, better record storage, and expanded occupancy as reasons to build. They were presented with plans and cost figures to remodel the current town hall, which addresses all of these concerns, but totally disregarded them because they are insistent upon building new.

It was stated at the January 2015 board meeting by a board member that nothing has ever been done to maintain the current town hall but it's not their fault. So, whose fault is it? If they have ignored maintenance issues to this building, why would a new building be any different?

The proposed location does not have an adequate water supply and no fire hydrants. The minimum response time for a fire truck is approximately 13 minutes. Will this mean higher rates for fire insurance? There are two fire hydrants located across the road at the current town hall and fire truck response time - approximately 3 minutes.

Heating costs could spiral upward as the current town hall uses natural gas and the proposed new town hall, at approximately two times the size, is calling for propane, at a higher price per gallon, as the heat source.

I also have an issue with the proposed location in regards to the fact that most people travel into town to go to work, go to the bank, buy gas, grocery shop, etc. and take care of any business they have with the town clerk or assessor. The population center is in and around the villages. As elected officials, you are to do what is in the best interest of... if not all... then the majority of your constituents. Also, because you were elected by the people, it is your duty to be fiscally responsible. This project does not indicate that you are doing so.

The board's concern for the safety of the judge is admirable but a new building built in a remote area of the town defeats that concern considering there is more of a law enforcement presence on Route 5 in the Village of Palatine than there is on Route 10 and Stone Arabia Road, and a sheriff's substation has just been opened in the Village of Nelliston. There seems to be no shortage of Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies and State Troopers driving through the village and there is usually a deputy parked at the Town Hall watching for traffic law violators. Personally, I would not want to be Judge Dygert, or any other judge, or the court clerk leaving the new building, late at night, after conducting court.

In June of 2014, a representative from the New York State Department of State - Division of Local Government Services attended the monthly Town of Palatine meeting and explained to the board members options available to them in regard to shared services and merged courts along with the Towns of Minden, St. Johnsville, and Canajoharie. He also stated that the state would pay a large portion of a consolidation study and the construction of a building, leaving only a small portion to be divided among the four townships. A merger still enables each township to have their own judge and retain their revenues. They would only be sharing the building.

The issue of the building of a new Town Hall has gone through the leadership of three different supervisors and we are currently on the fourth. The only thing to be accomplished is the wasting of thousands of dollars on the purchase of inadequate land, drilling of a substandard well, architects, blueprints and bid packages, to name a few. Also the time that has been wasted which should be used toward resolving other issues for the betterment of the community.

At present, the state is strongly encouraging the merging of services. In the future it may become mandatory. Building a new Town Hall in Stone Arabia is counter-productive to a future merger. You will not have only closed the door on the possibility - you will have slammed it shut and nailed it closed. This foolishness has gone on long enough. Thank you for listening.

Paul Spencer

Turn up the chocolate on Valentine's Day

Few desserts are more universally enjoyed and coveted than chocolate. It is the flavoring for sweet and savory cakes, cookies and pies, and chocolate can be enjoyed entirely on its own. Chocolate is particularly prized on Valentine's Day, when it is enjoyed as a special treat, whether it is given as a gift or eaten as an aphrodisiac.

With so many varieties of chocolate desserts available to tempt the taste buds, it can be difficult to decide on which treat to serve to that special someone. Cheesecake is versatile and works well with chocolate as the centerpiece. It also can be prepared in advance and enjoyed later on for the best taste and results.

Cherry-Chocolate Cheesecake Pie Serves 6 to 8

- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup (8 ounce container) sour cream
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 to 5 ounces semi-sweet baking chocolate
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 12 to 18 chocolate sandwich cookies, like Oreos(R)
- 1 container cherry pie filling/topping

Preheat the oven to 350oF.

Prepare the crust by melting 1 stick of butter over low heat on the stove or by using the microwave. Do not overcook. Separate the halves of cookies and remove the cream filling. Put the chocolate cookies into a large zipper-top bag and use a rolling pin to crush

the cookies into crumbs. You may also pulse the cookies in a food processor to create crumbs, if available. Mix the crumbs with the melted butter in a bowl until they begin to clump. Press the cookie crust into a 9-inch pie plate, coming a little bit up on the sides. Allow the crust to set in the refrigerator.

Soften the cream cheese by leaving it at room temperature for a little while and massaging the unopened packages with your hands. Otherwise, microwave the cream cheese on low power until slightly warm and softened.

Add the cream cheese, sour cream, eggs and vanilla to a large bowl. Using a stand or hand mixer, blend the cheese mixture until all ingredients are well incorporated. Then continue to mix for 2 or 3 minutes more to make the mixture more creamy.

In a microwave-safe bowl, place the squares of baking chocolate and use low to medium power to melt the chocolate. Mix thoroughly until all the chocolate has liquified. Let the melted chocolate cool off before adding it to the mixture, so the hot chocolate will not curdle the eggs and cream when added to the cream cheese mix.

Blend the chocolate with the cream cheese batter until thoroughly incorporated. (Note: If you prefer marble cheesecake, swirl the chocolate through the cream cheese instead of mixing thoroughly.)

Pour the batter into the pie plate over the crust. Bake for around 1 hour, checking the cheese cake to see if it is firm and set. Place the finished pie into the refrigerator and allow to cool for 3-4 hours, or overnight.

Do not worry if cracks have formed in the top. Use the cherry filling to top the pie. If desired, decorate with chocolate curls. Serve and enjoy.

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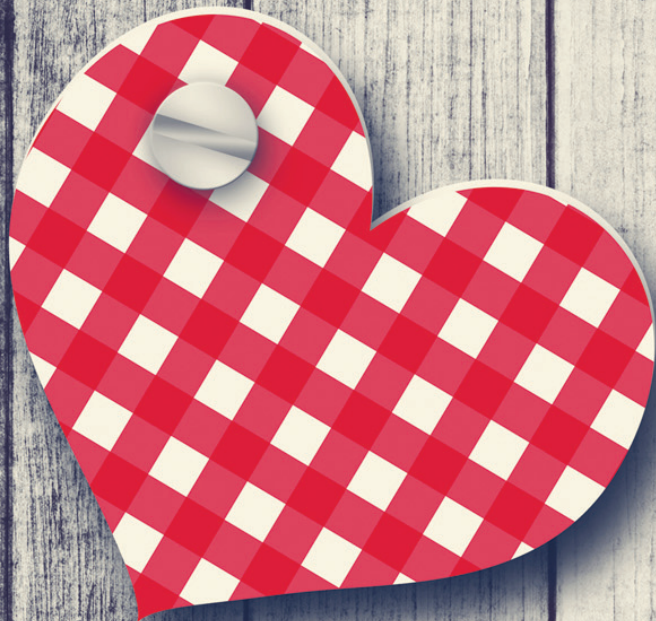
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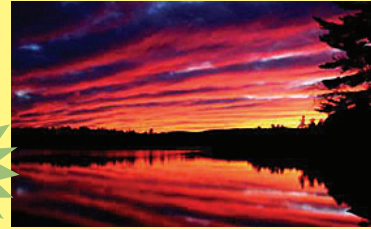
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The many ways to recycle or repurpose a wedding gown

Brides want to look their best on their wedding days. In addition to professional hairstyling and makeup, many brides invest in extravagant wedding gowns.

But even the most expensive dress will only be worn once by the blushing bride. Fortunately, there are a variety of ways brides can reuse or recycle their wedding

gowns.

Heirloom

One of the easiest ways to get more from your gown is to pass it down to another bride after your wedding day. Brides frequently save and preserve their gowns with the intent of passing it down as an heirloom to a daughter or another family member. Maintain the beauty of the gown by

hiring a professional dry cleaner or wedding gown preservation service to treat and package the gown before storing it for some lucky lady's future use.

Religious outfit

If you feel the style of the gown won't keep up with the times, the fabric of the gown can be repurposed into a baptismal outfit or a communion

dress or suit. Christian children are welcomed to the faith in white clothing, which is a symbol of purity and cleansing of sin. Seamstresses can fashion beautiful dresses or suits from original wedding gowns.

Play clothes

Many little girls and boys like to play dress-up. And rather than have a gown sitting in the closet,

use it to make play clothes for little ones. The gown can be turned into a dress for a fairy princess or an ice queen.

Ornaments or favors

Lace from gowns can be turned into doilies, accents on other clothing, undergarments or decorative pieces for the home. A lace-covered lampshade can be a creative way to commemorate your wedding day for years to come.

about any pattern.

Anniversary tablecloth

Measure out the length of a dining table, and cut and sew the gown into a special occasion tablecloth. Take it out each year on your anniversary.

Donation

Some less fortunate people cannot afford a gown. Work with a church or shelter and find out where you can donate the gown to be used by someone who

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Wedding gowns do not need to be relegated to closet once a bride has said "I do." Turn that dress into something useful for years to come.

Art

Use the gown as a background for artwork. Simply stretch it across a wooden frame and staple on the back. You then have a handy canvas at the ready.

Nursery décor

Decorate a baby's nursery with a portion of the wedding dress, which can be turned into a crib skirt or pillow. The dress can also be used to create frilly curtains. A white dress will blend with just

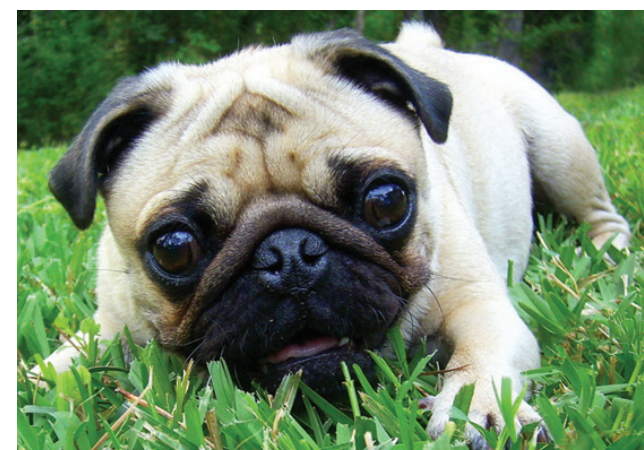
normally would not wear something so lavish.

Theater prop

Many plays and musicals feature wedding scenes. An upstart theater company may benefit from having a wedding gown in their costume department.

Handkerchief

Cut out a piece of the gown and sew the hem. Offer it as the "something old" or "something borrowed" for a loved one's wedding.



How to decide between a band or deejay

Few things set the tone for a wedding ceremony and reception better than music. Music establishes ambience and serves to transition guests through the various components of the day.

Music is played in various ways throughout a wedding. For example, the wedding ceremony may be accompanied by a pianist or violinist, while music during the reception is usually provided by a band or deejay.

The decision of whether to hire a band or deejay often comes down to personal preference and budget. The following are some things couples should consider as they make their decision to go with a band or deejay.

Band

Live musicians spend years honing their crafts, and watching a band play at a wedding reception can be akin to attending a concert.

A live band can bring with it a sense of sophis-

tication. Performers can tone the music to the crowd and improvise if necessary to meet the needs of the room. A good bandleader also will serve as a master of ceremonies at the reception.

Many wedding bands can competently play songs from various genres of music, while some are especially skilled at recreating the sound of a particular group.

Bands tend to be more expensive than deejays, and that's something couples must factor into their budgets if they prefer a band to a deejay.

Deejay

The deejay is one of the first vendors people think of when they envision a wedding reception. Perhaps because they are less expensive, deejays tend to be more popular than bands among today's couples.

Deejays are advantageous for various reasons. Thanks to the accessibility of digital mu-

sic, deejays can often procure just about any song a couple desires for the reception. That's a significant benefit for couples who want to hear the original versions of their favorite songs, and not a band's take on those songs.

Deejays also can read the crowd and make adjustments to the music at any time. If a particular

genre is not working, deejays can easily transition to another type of music to get guests back on their feet. That's not always possible for bands whose repertoire is exclusive to a particular genre.

Many deejays also blend songs seamlessly and may incorporate lights and other effects into their performances, which can encourage

guests to loosen up and hit the dance floor.

Deejays also tend to travel with less equipment than bands, so they will take up less space in a party room.

No matter which road a couple chooses to travel, it's a good idea to listen to a deejay or band perform in a live situation before making a final decision. Couples also should con-

firm that the performers they meet or audition will be the ones who will perform at their weddings. Make sure this is written into your contract.

Couples should provide a list of songs they want to hear well in advance of their wedding day. This affords a deejay ample time to find each song or bands to learn the songs before the big day arrives.



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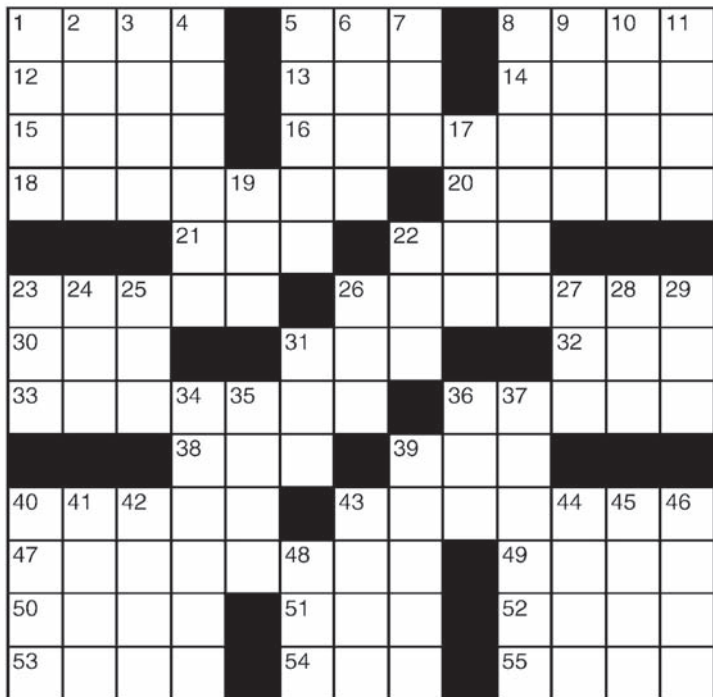
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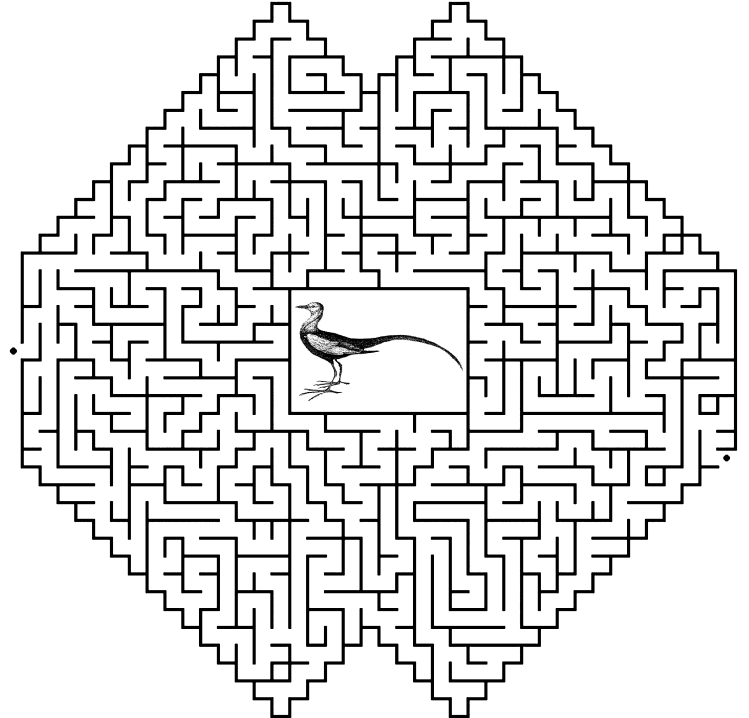
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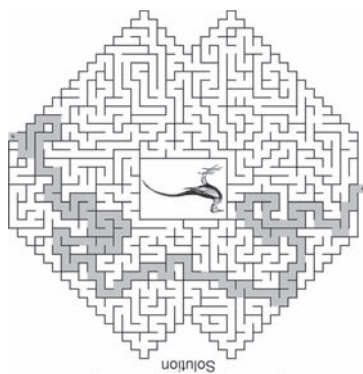
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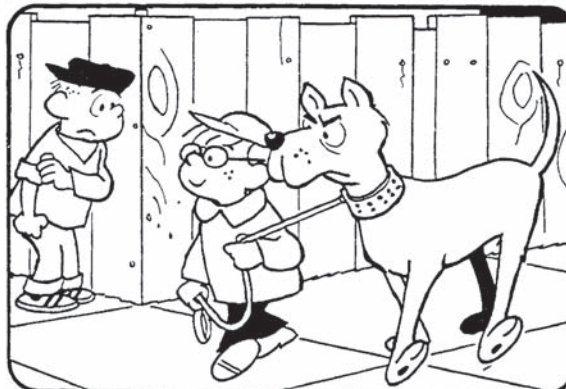
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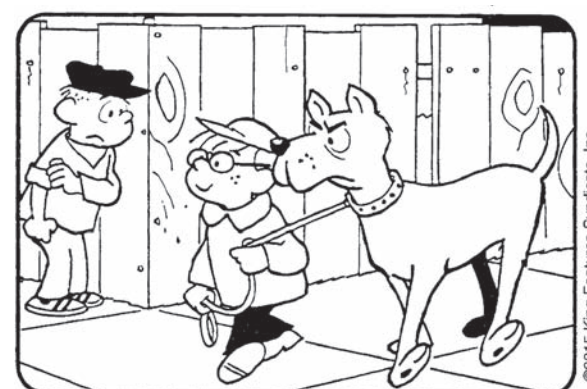
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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How to address ceiling stains

Many stains are instantly noticeable. But while a wine stain on a light-colored carpet or a gravy stain on a white shirt tend to jump out right away, other stains sneak past our radars every day. Ceiling stains are one type of stain that tend to go unnoticed for long periods of time. But ceiling stains can be unsightly, and some are

stains are often indicative of much larger problems, and the longer those problems are allowed to fester, the bigger they become. Some water stains on ceilings result from cracks or joints that have not been adequately sealed or caulked. Reseal or recaulk any cracks you suspect are leading to ceiling stains. If you

stains, but only apply such solutions on days when you can open the windows and air out your home. Larger stains may require the application of a stain blocker, which may need to be applied with a roller and brush. No matter the stain, you need to leave time for the ceiling to dry before you can move on. Opening the windows

• Apply a fresh coat of paint. After the primer has dried completely, you can then repaint the ceiling. Some paints may blend in even if you only paint the affected areas of the ceiling, but others will require a complete repainting of the ceiling. The eye test will help you determine how much work you have to do in that regard.



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• Start with the source. Low kitchen ceilings tend to fall victim to oil stains, which are an unfortunate side effect of cooking. But not all stains can be so easily traced to their origins. Some ceiling stains, such as those in bathrooms, may be a byproduct of mold, while others may be indicative of plumbing problems. Identifying the source of a stain is often the first step toward eradicating it.

• Fix the problem. Once you have identified what's causing the stain, fix the problem as soon as possible. Ceiling

have determined a leaky roof is behind your stained ceilings, then have the roof inspected for damage, and prepare yourself to finance a new roof if the inspector determines that's the best solution.

• Cover nearby furniture. If you find ceiling stains above living areas, then be sure to cover the furniture below such ceilings with a tarp. Even if your stain solution will be made primarily of water, you don't want to risk compounding your ceiling stain problem by staining your furniture as well.

• Remove the stains. Different stains require different treatments. A solution made of water and bleach may be effective at removing ceiling

can prevent your home from being overcome by the smell of bleach and also speed up the time it takes the ceiling to dry.

• Cover the ceiling with primer. Once the ceiling has completely dried, you can apply a stain-blocking primer to prevent future stains. Allow the primer ample time to dry.

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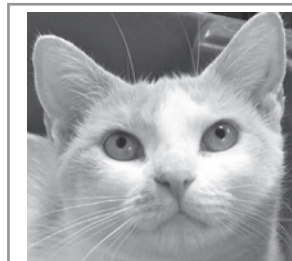
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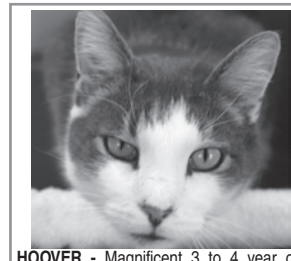
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