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400: **NEW LISTING!!! ST. JOHNSVILLE:** This is a very nice brick Village home. It has an eat-in kitchen, large dining room, large living room, small office, small bedroom and half bath w/laundry area on the 1st floor. There are wood laminate and carpeted floors on 1st floor. The large master bedroom on 2nd floor has a closet and a full bath. The yard is fenced on one side and there is a one car detached garage. There is a nice front porch and an enclosed porch leading to the side entrance. Also new roof, new furnace and replacement windows. **Asking \$45,500**



402: **NEW LISTING!!! FORT PLAIN:** Large 2 family home with a detached 2-stall garage with a store front and loft. Hardwood floors, Unit 1 has a beautiful new kitchen, front porch and ample off street parking. Ideal property for the owner occupant. **Asking \$70,000**



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961: **FORT PLAIN:** Country in the village. Spacious and well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/a heated 2 car garage. Large yard on a quiet dead end street. Plenty of room for the kids and critters to play. Minutes from downtown and the school. Centrally located in the Historic Mohawk Valley. One hour to Albany, Utica or the Adirondack Mts., 1/2 hour to scenic Cooperstown and the Catskills. **PRICED TO SELL!!! Asking \$49,900**



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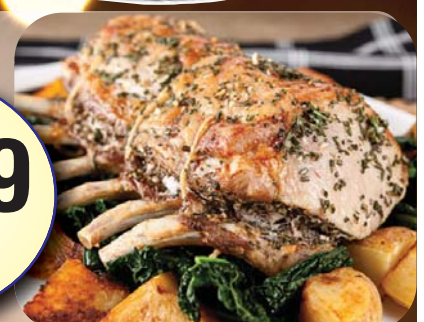


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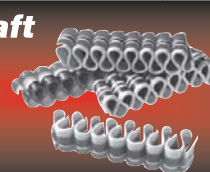


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### Hello Again,

For the first 5 years of my life, my entire exposure to the English language was with Mom and Dad and several of our Irish relatives. They spoke English with an Irish brogue, so naturally I spoke with a brogue. That brogue was a cute little moneymaker. Customers at the general store gave me either pennies or candy so they could hear the little fellow with the Irish brogue. I didn't smarten up until it was too late. By the 2nd or 3rd grade I lost the brogue and the cute little money making scheme was gone. Makes one wonder if education is all it's cracked up to be!

This morning, while I was enjoying a cup of tea and toast with peanut butter, a man sitting a couple of stools away from me paid a very nice compliment referring to "Hello Again." He said, "I don't know if those stories you tell are the truth or not...I don't care, I just love to read them!"

Now I ask you...do you think any self-respecting Irishman would

resort to blarney just to tickle a funny bone? Please read the P.S. at the close of this week's Hello Again.

It seems as we grow older we often turn down memory lane to fill in the quiet times and add to our conversations. Words such as "when I was a kid," or "my grandmother used to say..." seems to come to our conversational rescue quite often.

Christmas time is surely the season of memories. Who doesn't have a Christmas scene or situation, which will be remembered and shared for a lifetime?

For Christmas in 1939 or 1940 I received a beautiful, freshly painted, green hand sled with bright red runners. I wondered how Santa got the sled down the chimney. I was the happiest kid ever. A few years later I started to remember my older brother Wes had at one time a sled just like mine but his was bright red. I wondered what had happened to his sled. Just a little can of green paint made for one happy boy that Christmas.

A few years later I met a young couple that refused to speak of Santa Claus as they said they did not want to have their children growing up believing or dreaming about Jolly Old Saint Nick. In our house we enjoyed Santa Claus and felt very confident that as our children grew up they would know the difference between folklore and the truth about the Babe in Bethlehem.

The Babe, Jesus, was sent to us by our Heavenly Father to live among us in human form; to teach us about the Lord, to instill in us faith, and to give us the promise of eternal life. What would any of our lives be without the teachings of Jesus and without the promise of eternal life?

During a real thunder, lightning and brimstone sermon, the young preacher standing behind the pulpit said, "Brothers and sisters if you want to go to heaven stand up - stand up - I say stand up!!" With that, the entire congregation climbed to their feet. "Amen, Amen," he said in his best preaching voice. "Now brothers and sisters, if you do not want to go to hell, sit down!" With that everyone sat down except brother Smith who remained standing. "Brother Smith," said the young preacher, "you are still standing! Does that mean you want to go to hell?" "No I don't!" replied Brother Smith, "But you are still standing and I didn't want you to have to go alone!"

John Abernethy, a famous London surgeon, came out of his house and saw an Irish workman had piled paving stones on his sidewalk. "Remove them! Away with them," demanded the doctor. "But where shall I take them?" answered the worker. "To hell with them!" screamed the doctor.

"Hadn't I better take them to heaven?" asked the Irish workman. "Then they'd never again be in your way."

A couple of Christmas trees ago Santa parked his off season truck and borrowed my little red Spyder motorcycle to tug his Christmas sleigh around. While at the time I was pleased the Spyder could give Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer a break, Santa put too many air hours on. So this year I dressed the Spyder in yellow pj's and hid it out in the barn. I probably will get a lump of coal in my stocking this year.

Something to ponder...It's been traditional at most funerals to quote from the book of Psalms. "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want."

Psalm 23:1

Do you believe the good Lord meant that a lazy person could refuse to work and not suffer "want?"

If you continue reading further in the Bible you will run across this verse in II Thessalonians 3:10; "If any man doesn't work he shouldn't eat." I believe lack of food would quickly help a lazy person have a change of heart!

When privileged to live and travel through our beautiful mountains, hills and valleys how can anyone believe it just happened? Genesis 1:1 says, "God created the heavens and earth." May the heavenly creator bless you and your family this year, believe me, He knows you are here!

### Fred Lee & Family

P.S. I just couldn't resist tossing this bit of chatter. When Hillary Clinton was accused of spreading blarney, do you suppose she meant it to be a bit of Irish humor? I believe the good book admonishes us to forgive. I have often attempted to forgive but does that mean we should or can forget?





# The advantages of last-minute holiday shopping

Tackling tasks well in advance has many advantages, and often it is in one's best interest to be ahead of the game, including when the game at hand is holiday shopping.

But men and women who simply can't get a head start on their holiday shopping need not fear, as waiting until the eleventh hour to do the bulk of your shopping can have some distinct advantages, too.

Consumer Reports' 2012 Holiday Poll found 9 percent of shoppers — an estimated 17 million people — planned to shop in stores on Christmas Eve in 2012. Many stores are still open on Christmas Eve, even if the doors are only unlocked for a limited number of hours. That gives shoppers one last chance to find the perfect presents. In addition to having more time to decide on gifts, here are some other benefits to shopping later in the season.

- **Smaller crowds:** As the holiday season winds down, many shoppers have already completed their shopping. Fewer people tend to be in stores in the final days before Christmas, as they are readying their homes for company or making travel plans. This can be a prime time for shopping and getting through malls or other retailers in less time.

- **Discounted prices:** Anxious to reduce inventory and make the most of end-of-the-year profits, stores may discount merchandise even further for fast sale. Shoppers anxious to save a little bit more or come in under budget may find waiting to shop is to their financial advantage.

- **Lower chance of discovery:** One difficulty of shopping early is keeping all of the gifts hidden for the duration of the month. Waiting until later to shop means only having to camouflage gifts for a few days. When you wait, curious kids are less likely to find their gifts before the big day.

- **Last-minute specials:** Some online retailers offer "doorbuster" sales at various times during the holiday shopping season. These sales may offer additional discounts or even free shipping. Just be

sure to balance the benefits of the discount against the shipping price. If it means having to pay a premium for overnight shipping, it

may not be worth the investment.

- **More time to plan:** By the end of the holiday season you may have a better idea of what you

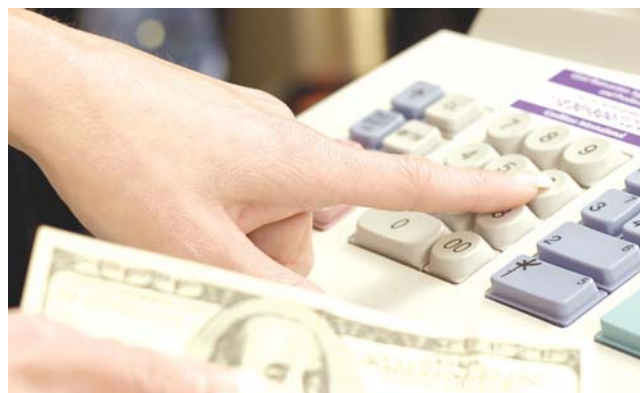
need to purchase. You also may have polled others regarding what they are giving, reducing the chances of giving duplicate gifts.

- **Gift cards galore:** Some people prefer to

give gift cards, which are available all season long. Consumer Reports says 62 percent of last-minute shoppers grab gift cards. If you fall into that category, waiting to buy the cards won't be an issue

so long as you make it to the stores before they close.

Last-minute shopping has its advantages. If time is ticking away, there are still deals to be had.



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# The story of the birth of Jesus

Christmas traditions stories are shared around focus on several different Christmastime, perhaps aspects of family and none bears more significance spiritual life. While many than the origin of

the Christmas celebration. Sharing the Christmas story is an integral part of holiday gatherings, reminding families that faith is foremost during this festive time of year.

## The Conception of Jesus

Mary was a woman living in the Galilee area of Nazareth. She was engaged to a Jewish carpenter named Joseph. An angel visited the Virgin Mary and told her that she would conceive a child — a son — by the power of the Holy Spirit. When the son was born, she would name him Jesus. Mary questioned the angel, who reassured her that anything was possible by God and that Jesus would be God's own son.

Joseph was troubled when he found out Mary was with child and even considered breaking their engagement, which was allowed under Jewish law. But God soon sent another angel, this time to Joseph, in a dream. The angel reassured Joseph that his marriage to Mary and the birth of this child were His will. Joseph awoke from his dream and took Mary as his wife soon after, ready and willing to raise the child despite the public humiliation he may experience.

## The Census

During this time the Romans had control over many parts of the world, including where Joseph and Mary resided. Ruler Caesar Augustus decreed that every person living under Roman rule had to return to his town of origin to participate in a census so everyone could be taxed accordingly.

Joseph, hailing from Bethlehem, had to return to this town with his very pregnant bride.

They traveled for many days and, upon arriving in Bethlehem, found that the inns were full and there was no available lodging. Mary and Joseph took shelter in a stable and prepared to welcome their son.

## Jesus' Arrival

According to the Gospel of Luke, Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son, while in the stable. She wrapped him in cloth and placed him in a manger because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord

shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. -Luke Chapter 2

Many people visited the baby Jesus, including three wise men from the East who traveled by following a guiding star to bestow gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on the baby king.

When Joseph and Mary had performed all the things necessary according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Nazareth with Jesus, who was growing strong in spirit and filled with wisdom and the grace of God.

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# Exploring the colors of Christmas

Decorations adorning homes and businesses in the familiar colors of red and green are popular come the holiday season. Even gift wrap, greeting cards and clothing tend to lean toward red and green as the holiday season hits full swing. It is difficult to think of Christmas without envisioning everything awash in these popular colors, broken up only by the inclusion of gold, white or silver accents.

The colors of Christmas are often taken for granted, and many celebrants are unaware of how these colors became symbols of the holiday season and why they remain so to this day.

Several theories exist as to why red and green became the hallmarks of Christmas. One such theory is that the colors evolved from pagan celebrations similar to the

evolution of Christmas traditions. Prior to the arrival of Christianity, many cultures viewed the color green as the symbol of life. It is believed that, during harsh winters, evergreen trees were cut down and brought indoors to symbolize that life still exists and thrives despite the cold and darkness of winter. Other pagan holidays featured the use of green, red and gold, including the festival of Yule.

As Christianity spread across Europe and eventually other parts of the world, red and green were linked to Jesus Christ. Green still represented life, but now this was the eternal life offered by Christ. Red was said to symbolize sacrifice, namely the blood of Jesus when he died on the cross. Some Christians believe that Jesus wore a crown of holly thorns

whose berries were originally white. As Jesus' blood touched the berries, they turned red.

Some theorize that the red of the holiday season represents the apples on the tree of paradise in the Garden of Eden. Around the 14th century, the faithful would put on Paradise Plays on Dec. 24 to share the story of creation with those who could not read. It is nearly impossible to find a fruit-bearing apple tree in the winter, so a pine tree adorned with red apples was used instead. Bishops also wore red robes, further tying the color red to religious masses and celebrations.

Gold is frequently used in holiday decorations as well. Gold can represent the sun and light, both important ways to ward off the dark winter. In addition, gold was one of the gifts brought to baby

Jesus, making it a color of significance within the Christian faith.

Red and green poinsettias also are a symbol of the holiday season, but they didn't start the colorful tradition. Poinsettias are a relatively recent addition to Christmas symbolism, as they were only first introduced to America in 1828, when they were brought back from Mexico by Joel Poinsett.

The holiday season is filled with many different colors that brighten up homes and businesses. Combined with the many twinkling lights used on displays, red and green decorations can add vitality to the dark days of December.

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• The color red belongs to Christmas. Fill a clear glass with cranberries and top it off with a few white roses or lilies. Float cranberries and a few floating candles in a silver bowl, or fill some small, stylish bowls with cranberries and place them throughout the house.

• Arrange pears, pomegranates, artichokes and

apples in a bowl with a few pine cones and evergreen cuttings. Add a few ornaments to boot.

• Family photos are a great way to personalize your tree. Put your favorite photo in a simple, lightweight frame and attach it to the tree with a ribbon.

• A grapevine wreath makes a perfect year-round welcome. For

Christmas, dress it with ornaments and red ribbon. For New Year's Eve, add a touch of silver and gold.

• A bowl of ornaments makes a simple and stunning centerpiece or holiday accent for a tabletop or mantel. It's also a great way to put broken ornaments to use. Choose two or three colors of balls and arrange them in a decorative glass bowl or a weathered wooden bowl.

• To personalize a plain and inexpensive evergreen wreath, tuck in small snips of dried flowers or wire on some fa-

vorite trinket or keepsakes such as pieces of costume jewelry or small antique toys.

• To hang a wreath without exposing unattractive wire or putting a hole in the middle of a door, tie a length of pretty ribbon around the wreath and then tack the ribbon to the top of the door.

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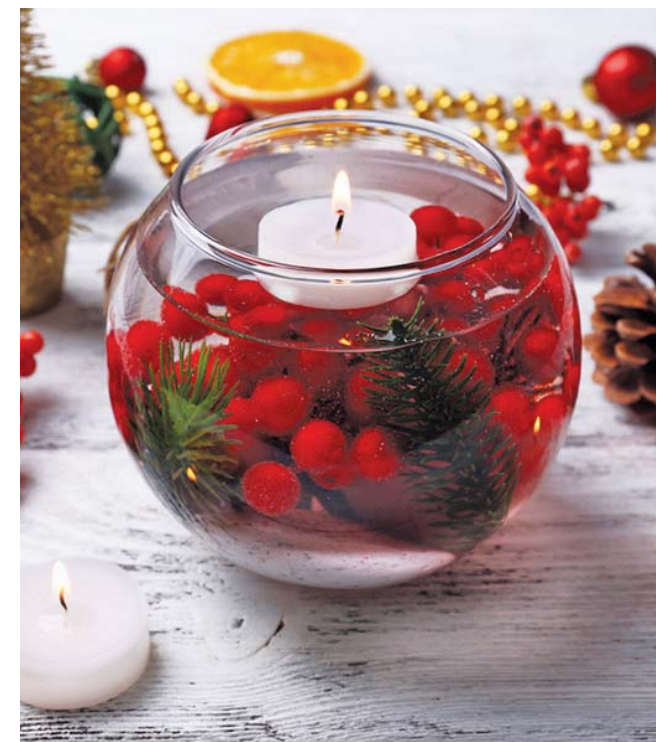
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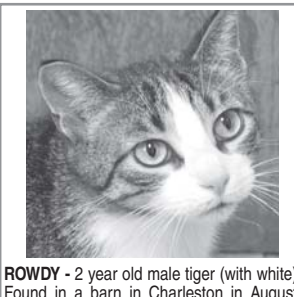
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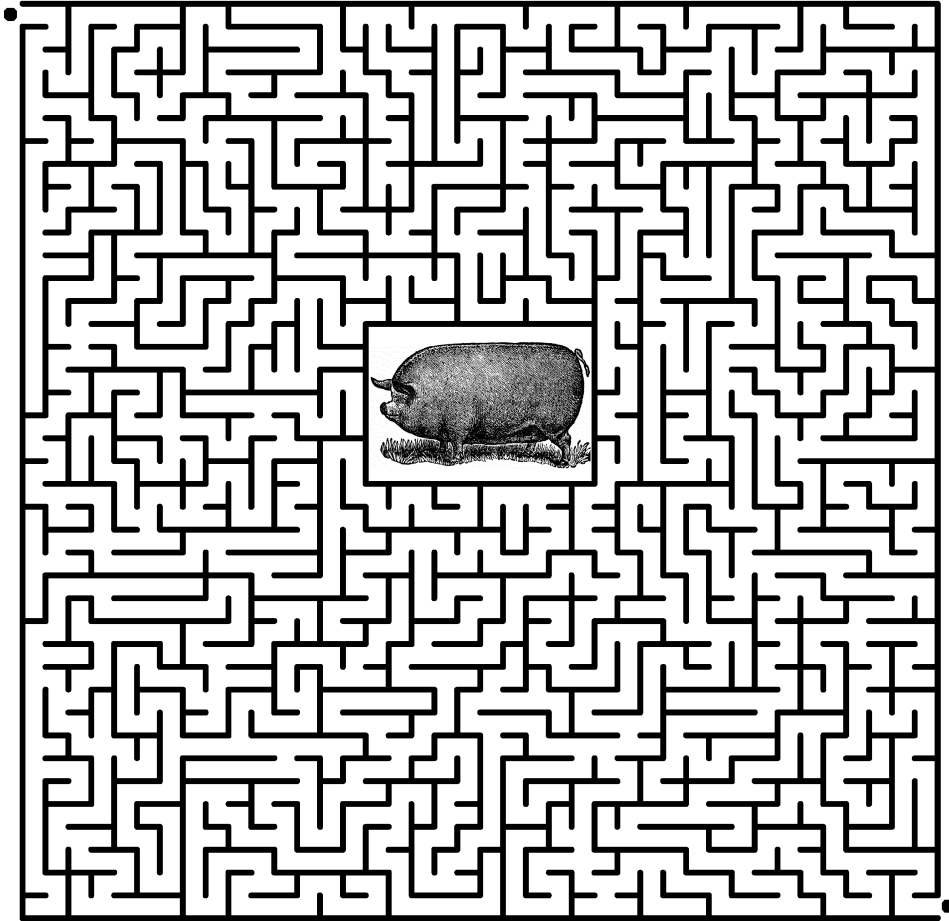
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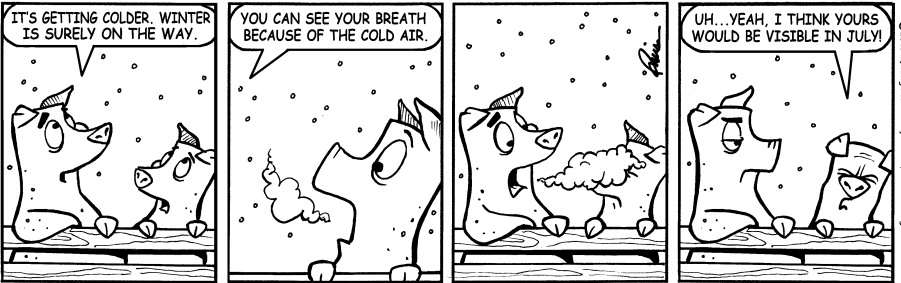
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



“Don’t give up. Don’t lose hope. Don’t sell out.”  
— Christopher Reeve

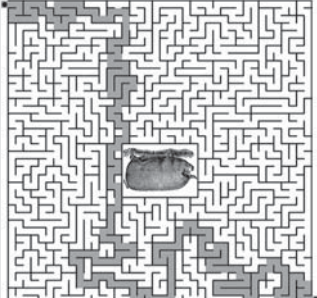
Christopher Reeve after the opening night of Marriage of Figaro in NYC, 1985.

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# Christmas tree varieties and care

An evergreen tree decked out in lights and ornaments is one of the universal symbols of the holiday season. The Christmas tree tradition is believed to have originated in Germany in the 15th or 16th centuries, when trees were decorated with edibles, such as nuts and fruits. They were later decorated with candles and eventually lights.

Through the centuries, people have trekked to forests, Christmas tree farms and commercial lots to pick the perfect trees for their holiday displays. The National Christmas Tree Association says more than 33 million real trees are purchased each year, making the tree business a billion-dollar industry. While there are scores of evergreen varieties, certain tree types are more popular than others and thus more available for purchase. The following are some of the more popular trees come Christmastime.

- **Eastern Redcedar:** Branches of the tree are compact and form a pyramid-shaped crown. The trees should be a dark, shiny green color. The eastern redcedar is not a true cedar tree, but a member of the juniper family. This tree can make a great cut tree with a homespun look and a pungent fragrance.
- **Leyland Cypress:** This

cypress is one of the more popular Christmas trees in the southeastern United States. The tree will be very dark green to almost gray in color. It has little aroma. Some people choose the Leyland because it does not produce sap, which is great for those with sap allergies.

- **Colorado Blue Spruce:** An attractive blue-green foliage and a good symmetrical form is what attracts many people to the blue spruce. The Colorado Blue Spruce has an excellent natural shape and requires little pruning to look like the perfect Christmas tree. It's not very fragrant, but the tree needles may give off an unpleasant odor when crushed.

- **Scotch Pine:** A classic conical shape and very good needle retention help make the Scotch pine a popular tree to cut for the holidays. Scotch pines also are quite prevalent thanks to the tree's adaptability to a wide range of climates.

- **Eastern White Pine:** A delicate green color and long needles are found on this tree. Another popular pine, the rich fragrance of the white pine may make it preferable to those who like their homes to smell of evergreen.

- **Douglas Fir:** The Douglas fir is one of the foremost Christmas tree species in the United

States. It has soft needles that are dark green in color. Those needles radiate in all directions from the branches to give the tree a full look. The needles, when crushed, have a sweet fragrance. Douglas firs tend to live long when cut.

- **Fraser Fir:** Another popular fir for Christmas is the Fraser fir. The needles are bicolored, with dark green on top and silver on the bottom. More fragrant than its cousin, the Douglas, the Fraser also boasts a slender profile, which makes it suitable for smaller rooms.

Christmas tree maintenance

Nothing can guarantee the health and appearance of a tree after it is brought into a home. But choosing a recently cut tree that has good needle retention can help. Here are other tips for a long-lasting tree.

- Use a sharp saw to cut an inch off of the trunk base to remove the sappy covering that forms from cutting. This will improve water intake.

- Fill a tree stand reservoir with warm water. Expect the tree to drink heavily in the beginning.

- Keep the reservoir filled every day and check to see how much water the tree is using.

- Place the tree far from heaters or other drying sources.



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## The history behind some beloved Christmas songs

Holiday traditions vary from family to family, but one component of the holidays that seems to be universally enjoyed is a good Christmas song. Music is piped throughout malls and stores to entertain shoppers, and favorite tunes may be on the radio or streamed through a digital music service as families decorate their homes.

Many people may love Christmas songs and carols, but not everyone shares the same favorites. Thankfully, there's no shortage of material when it comes to Christmas songs, ensuring there's something for everyone.

In 2014, Time magazine researched records at the U.S. Copyright Office to determine the most popular and most recorded Christmas songs since 1978 when copyright registrations

were digitized. The following are some of the more beloved holiday tunes and a bit of history about each song.

- "Silent Night": One of the most rerecorded songs in history (733 versions since 1978), "Silent Night," was composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber and put to lyrics by Joseph Mohr. It was first performed on Christmas Eve at St. Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, a village in Austria. Today's version is a slow lullaby, but it's believed the original was a dance-like tune in 6/8 time.

- "O Holy Night": This popular song was composed by Adolphe Adam in 1847 to a French poem titled, "Minuit, chrétiens (Midnight, Christians)." Many notable performers, including Perry Como, Céline Dion, Josh Groban, Michael Crawford, and Lea Michele, have performed "O Holy Night."

- "Silver Bells": Now a



Christmas songs continue to endure and attract new fans.

Christmas classic, "Silver Bells" originally was written for the Bob Hope film, "The Lemon Drop Kid." Songwriter Jay Livingston wanted to title the song "Tinkle Bell," but his wife dissuaded him from using the word "tinkle."

- "White Christmas": Irving Berlin believed his song "White Christmas" would be an instant hit. His prediction was correct, especially after singer Bing Crosby

recorded it.

- "Jingle Bells": Although it has become one of the more popular Christmas songs, "Jingle Bells" really was written for Thanksgiving. It's also one of the oldest holiday songs of American origin. James Lord Pierpont, the song's author, was inspired by the famous sleigh races of Medford, MA.

- "Do You Hear What I Hear": Noel Regney wrote this song as a call to peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The original context has long been forgotten, and "Do You Hear What I Hear" is now a staple of holiday celebrations.

- "Santa Claus is Coming to Town": James Gillespie wrote this tune while riding a subway and reminiscing about his childhood with his brother. It became a hit after being performed at the famed Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

- "The Christmas Song": This classic Christmas song was written in 1944 by Bob Wells and Mel Tormé. It's usually subtitled "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire." The song was written during a heat wave as a way to think cool thoughts. It only took 40 minutes to write the music and some of the lyrics. Nat King Cole's rendition of the song is among the more popular versions.

Christmas songs are enjoyed and performed year after year. Popular songs continue to endure and attract new fans.

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## DEC 1 - 31

### Arkell Center Events for December

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Seniors during December are as follows:

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE CLOSED DEC 10, DEC 25 & DEC 31ST DUE TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**Monday-Friday:** 11:45 am. The OFA Meals of Montgomery Program serves hot meals, suggested \$3 donation for 60 and older. Call 673-2000 for reservations.

**Monday-Friday:** 9 am - Noon. Arkell Center's Indoor Walking Program will be open to the local Senior Citizens. Please join us through the winter months.

**Tuesdays:** 10 am - 11 am - Continuing through December 15. Tai Chi Workshop with Earl O'Brien. This is provided by Grant Monies to OFA making it free of charge to all seniors who wish to participate. OUR NEXT TAI CHI WORKSHOP WILL START JAN 12, 2016.

**Mon, Wed & Fri:** 10 - 10:30 am. Senior Exercise Program is in the basement. Open to all area Seniors. Coffee after.

**Wednesdays:** 2:30 - 3:30 pm. Gentle Yoga with instructor Patty Pietrowicz in the basement. Open to all Area Seniors. \$5 donation.

All programs subject to closure when Canajoharie School is closed due to bad weather.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Dec. 2, 16, 23 & 30:** 12:30 pm - 4 pm. Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party, donation \$2, prizes & refreshments. If you would like to sub, call Terry-673-5635.

**Dec. 2:** 10 - 11 am. We will be holding "Meditation with Harold Rolls." All are welcome.

**Dec. 14:** 7 pm. The Valley Choraliers will be sharing their Christmas Program.

**Dec. 18:** 11:45 am. Montgomery County OFA Meals program is having a Christmas Dinner. Call 673-2000 for menu and to make reservations.

**Dec. 22:** 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.

## MEETINGS

**Dec. 3, 17:** 10:15 am - 11 am. The Diet Club meets in the Gallery at Arkell Center. The goal is to be accountable while losing or maintaining your weight. Call Grace 673-2112.

**Dec. 4:** 1 pm. Canajoharie Senior Citizens Club Meeting.

**Dec. 8:** 6 pm. Canajoharie Palatine Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

**Dec. 22:** 10 - 11 am.

Alzheimers Caregiver Meeting. Please join us.

## DEC 12

### Free Clothing Give-Away

Valley Alliance Church. 9 - 11 am. Doors open 8:45 am. Refreshments will be provided.

## DEC 13

### 5th Annual Holiday Tea & Fine Craft Fair

Van Alstyne Homestead, 42 Moyer Street, Canajoharie. 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm seatings. \$10 members, \$15 non members. Tickets available at the Plain Food Coop in Fort Plain and the Mohawk Valley Regional Center in Canajoharie. Call 673-4186 for seating availability. Craft Fair open to the public from 10 am - 4 pm.

### The Valley Choraliers Christmas Concert "Our Winter Gift"

United Methodist Church, E. Main St., Canajoharie. 3 pm. There is no admission fee but a free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Free punch and cookies will be offered after the concert.

## DEC 16

### Healing Service

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# Whatchamacallits

This week's Whatchamacallit is a cutting device patented in the year 1866. It's a Tobacco Cutter, created by Elijah Holmes — a prolific craftsman from Lynne, MA. This cutter is made of iron and has a hard maple wood base.

The handle is roughly 10" long and has a cutting blade affixed to trim the tobacco.

Shade tobacco is grown around the New England states of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Early colonists acquired the habit of smoking tobacco in pipes from the Native Americans. Early Americans began cultivating the plant commercially soon after.

By the mid-1800s, Elijah Holmes was well established in the tool making business; he had diversified his manufacturing products into shoe tools, pipes and various tobacco tools and machines. Holmes died in 1872.

To read the U.S. Patent application: [www.google.com/patents/US55861](http://www.google.com/patents/US55861)



## Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?

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## Tips for visiting a store Santa

Christmastime is filled with many different traditions. Many people decorate their homes with Christmas trees, and songs are sung with family members who come from near and far to share gifts and companionship.

Families with young children often make visiting Santa Claus a part of their annual traditions. During the holiday season, Santa can be found taking up residence in department stores and malls across the country. Thousands of children and their parents will wait in line to get some face time with jolly old St.

Nick. The following are a handful of ways to make kids' visits with Santa even more pleasant.

- Do a test run. If your child has not taken a photo with Santa before, he or she may be frightened and the result will be a poor photograph. The beard and the red coat coupled with the fact that kids are sitting on a stranger's lap can be terrifying for youngsters. Acclimate your child to the experience by visiting the mall to see Santa and become familiar with what he looks like and how he acts. It may take a couple of visits before your child is ready to wait in line for

the real visit.

- Go off-peak. Visit Santa when the store just opens or when lines are not as long, such as during school hours or dinner time. This should cut down on the wait and create a less tense experience. Confirm visiting hours so you don't arrive only to find he's out to lunch or feeding his reindeer. Do not schedule anything after the Santa visit, so you don't feel rushed.

- Dress comfortably. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing so neither you nor the kids will be uncomfortable. The goal is to look nice for the photo, but not at the expense of the children's comfort level. And while you should be comfortable as well, be sure to look presentable, in the event you

have to hop into the photo if that's the only way your son or daughter will tolerate the experience.

- Pack some supplies. Bring snacks and drinks for the kids so hunger does not make them antsy. Bring along a change of clothes in case someone spills food or spits up before your turn.

- Get Santa recommendations. Ask friends and neighbors which Santas they visit. Many stores will have a Santa on hand, but not every Santa is as adept at handling children. You want someone who is used to making children feel welcome and comfortable.

Above all, try to have a good time and don't expect perfection. Sometimes the best Santa-visit moments are the ones that are unrehearsed.



Discover the ways to make a visit with Santa a pleasant experience.

## Christmas at the Fort

The Fort Plain Museum will be hosting its annual "Christmas at the Fort" event on Saturday Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a variety of holiday activities such as a craft fair, colonial festive drink demonstration and tasting, book signings, and more. This event will also kick off the start of the Museum's 2016 Membership drive. Museum memberships will include free admission to the Museum and events, dis-

counts to the Museum Shop and Book Store, and more.

Heidi Sprouse a local author from Johnstown will be singing copies of her latest book, "Whispers of Liberty," a historical fiction set in Johnstown. A young woman who is a history buff wanders into the Colonial Cemetery on the anniversary of the Battle of Johnstown and she is transported back to the days before the battle at the tail end of the

Revolution. She'll meet her ancestor, a Revolutionary soldier, notables from the time, and try to turn the tides of war.

The Museum will have a colonial drink demonstration and tasting that will include drinks consumed during the holidays during the 18th century. Various local crafters and artisans will be selling holiday themed and non-holiday goods. The Town of Minden Historian, Rob Carter will be on hand with historic photographs of the Town on display. There will be a photo opportunity for families with Santa's Sleigh. Our

Museum Shop and Book Store will be open; it is stocked with a variety of local and national history books, colonial toys, and much more. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

The Museum is located at 389 Canal Street, Fort Plain. Please check our Facebook page for more information or email [fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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# How drivers can reduce fuel emissions

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, many cities across the country can claim automobiles as their single greatest contributor to pollution. While emissions from individual cars are somewhat low, emissions from millions of vehicles can

add up to a substantial amount of pollution, and it takes residents working collectively to reduce those emissions and improve their local air quality.

Hydrocarbons are among the many exhaust pollutants that find their way into the air. When

fuel molecules in a vehicle's engine do not burn or burn only partially, the resulting hydrocarbon emissions can contribute to ground-level ozone, which can irritate the eyes, damage the lungs and aggravate existing respiratory problems. Carbon dioxide is another

exhaust pollutant that can affect air quality and human health.

Reducing fuel emissions is an effective way for drivers to improve air quality and preserve their own health, and the following are a few simple steps motorists can take to do just that.

- Rearrange your work habits. Technology has

changed how many businesses approach the traditional office environment, and men and women who are looking to reduce fuel emissions and cut costs may want to approach their bosses about rearranging their work habits. Telecommuting to work, even if you only do so for one or two days per week, can drastically reduce your fuel emissions over the course of a year. In lieu of



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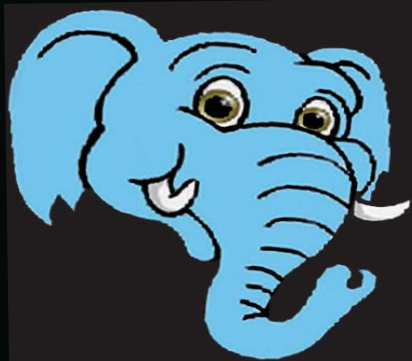
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