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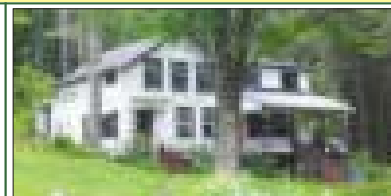
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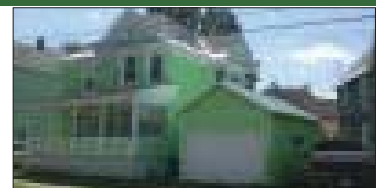


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need to go. The following are some pointers for holiday celebrants who are driving, flying, taking a bus, or shipping gifts.

Shipping dates

If the goal is to purchase and ship gifts near and far, starting early has its advantages. Thousands upon thousands of cards and packages are shipped each day during the holiday season. In 2013, shipping giant UPS projected 132 million deliveries during the last week before Christmas, and actual figures exceeded those expectations.

Many shipping services will get packages to recipients on time, but customers can help them along by sending them several weeks before the holidays. Shipping later in the season may incur additional fees for priority shipping. Always check sellers' "purchase by" dates to ensure items will arrive on time.

Items that will be shipped internationally should include a detailed description as well as the value of the package. Presents under a certain value may be duty-free or tax-exempt. Check with customs to get a better idea of the shipping regulations.

Plane ride

Airlines have specific regulations in place regarding which items can and cannot be brought on planes, at least inside of the cabin. Thanks to increased security measures, restrictions are greater than they once

were. Transportation Security Administration officers may have to inspect items for safety purposes. It may be better to leave gifts unwrapped and then wrap them after the flight to avoid hassles during the screening process. Liquids, including foods, may need to be put in a checked bag if they exceed 3.4 ounces. Consider shipping delicate items ahead of time if you are concerned about breakage.

Packing the car

If a holiday road trip is in your future, space constraints may require you to be a little creative when packing the car. Shop for smaller gifts, including gift cards, which are easier to transport. Advise family and friends that you will have limited space so they should not go overboard with regard to gifts given to you in return.

Heed safety precautions and do not obscure driver visibility in the car by stacking presents too high. Also, secure boxes and packages in the car so they do not slide or move around. Anything that is not secured can become airborne in the event of a collision, increasing the risk for injuries. Items placed on roof racks should be tightly secured so they don't fall off and present a hazard.

Those who will be traveling for the holidays should plan how to transport any gifts they will be bringing along long before the day comes to hit the road.

St. Nicholas Day at Fort Klock



Robert Metzger portraying St. Nick, with youngster Maya LaCoppola, are surrounded by re-enactors Lisa Emden, Amanda Boice and Griffen MaGinnis.

by **Elizabeth A. Tomlin**
St. Nicholas Day at Fort Klock brought children from several counties to enjoy a visit with St. Nick, hand made, wooden ornaments, period music performed by the Liaisons Plaisants and lots of treats.

"Our new St. Nick did a wonderful job," said Fort Klock member Frank Arduini. "The kids seem to enjoy him very much."

A younger St. Nick was portrayed this year by

Robert Metzger, of Fulton County. Metzger filled in for Eugene Wagner, Fort Klock icon, who had performed the part of St.



Four-year-old Josh Bentley and his sister Aryan show the handmade Christmas ornaments they received from St. Nicholas.

Nicholas for more than 30 years.

"There were many comments about Gene and how much he is missed," Arduini said.

Skip (Willis) Barshied, also an icon of the Fort, said he thought the event went well. "I was very pleased that there was a good turnout. I was also

sad that Gene Wagner was not there."

Board member Les "Bear Claw" Stewart, also commented on the event.

"Bob who played St. Nick did a great job," stated Stewart. "It was a great turn out — I would say close to 300 people came. The cookies and

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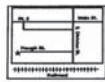
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Christmas at the Fort in Fort Plain

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin
A table laden with a feast of good food, a festive atmosphere and a dozen crafters means that Christmas is in the air at Fort Plain's Museum and Fort.

"This year we have more vendors," said Brian Mack, BOD Treasurer. Local author Heidi Sprouse of Johnstown,

was on hand to sign copies of her latest historical, fictional novel, *Whispers of Freedom*, which is set in Johnstown.

Children roamed about the museum looking over artifacts of the period, while adults browsed the crafters' booths and viewed demonstrations of

Christmas A11



Re-enactor Jeff Tew, Board of Trustees Chairman Norman Bollen, Board of Trustees Treasurer Brian Maack, and Re-enactor Glenn Bentz pose for a photo at the Christmas at the Fort event.



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Christmas from A10

preparing colonial drinks and then tasting the results.

Seven-year-old Grace McFee attended the event with her grandparents and her sister, Morgan.

"I like the giant doll house!" she exclaimed.

This year, Christmas at the Fort kicked off the 2016 annual membership drive giving first time attendees an opportunity to become involved with the Fort and Museum, which runs mainly with the help of volunteers.

Volunteer re-enactors Jeff Tew and Glen Bentz



Seven-year-old Grace McFee of Fort Plain shows her favorite doll house at the Fort Plain Museum.

were on hand at the event to talk to folks about 18th century life and to pose with attendees for photos.

Tew and Bentz are pictured in costume on the cover of the New York State Mohawk Valley Region Path Through History pamphlet.

Re-enactors are being recruited to perform demonstrations of 18th century at the third annual Boy Scout American History Camporee, which takes place May 20-22, 2016.

"This is a great opportunity to make great impressions on future re-enactors and/or historians."

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Nine-year-old Liam Brooks and his dad, David, examine the spinning wheel at the Fort.

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cider and hot cocoa went fast!"

Re-enactors were on hand to show visitors the historic dress of the time and weapons used.

"It was great to see many of our new members all dressed up in their re-enactor outfits," commented Arduini.

Among the numerous children present was 9-year-old Aryan Bentley, who was attending the event with her 4-year-old brother Josh, for the first



Members of the 1st Tryon County Militia; Christina Sweet, Jeff Tew, Richard Gaydos, Glenn Bentz and Les 'Bear Claw' Stewart greeted visitors at the Fort.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

time. She was very impressed with the Fort, the decorations and the or-

naments.

"I like history," said Bentley, showing the hand made ornament she had received from St. Nick. "It's really nice here! I'll tell my friends to

come next time!"

"There nothing greater than a smile on a young children faces," remarked Arduini. "My wife and I our very proud to be members of Fort Klock."

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Carol, brothers, carol

by Lucie Winborne

It's the week before Christmas in the Whitechapel District of London, 1888. Newspapers have been breathlessly reporting a series of murders attributed to a man calling himself Jack the Ripper. Thus far only

women of the night have been his victims, but who knows where he might strike next?

And a young local girl named Carol Poles is missing.

A group gathers to go from house to house in search of her, but people

are afraid to open their doors. To ease their fears, the searchers sing traditional Christmas songs.

Despite their efforts, young Carol is never found, but her community doesn't give up. Each year just before Christmas they travel from door



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to door with their songs ... and the tradition continues to this day, sharing the tunes now known as Christmas "Carols."

A rather romantic if tragic story, isn't it? Pity there probably isn't a grain of truth to it, as the custom of Christmas caroling existed decades before little Carol supposedly vanished. But then, how did it start?

Well, the exact history is a bit murky. One account dates to the marriage of Germany's Prince Albert to Britain's Princess Victoria in 1840, claiming that after learning the prince thoroughly enjoyed Christmas carols, peasants serenaded him with them, beginning a tradition. The custom has also been traced to Methodists and Lutherans who brought a modified version of it to America, as well as the ancient Romans and the pre-Christian Festival of Yule.

But the most likely explanation appears to lie in an ancient English custom called the "waits" — going from house to house and singing in exchange for food, which resurfaced in Victorian England and America and is best described in the carol "Here We Come a-Wassailing." And if you've ever stopped to wonder just what "wassailing" means, it traces

back to the Old Norse ves heill, meaning "be well and in good health."

Interestingly, it is also said that carol singers went from door to door because they were banned from churches during the Middle Ages for taking the word "carol" (to sing and dance in a circle) too literally, thereby disrupting solemn Christmas masses!

These days, however, it seems as if this beloved old practice has largely gone the way of the dinosaur. What happened?

Again, there are several theories, ranging from decreased neighbor interaction to simply being too busy or nervous about singing in public. Another claims that caroling was never really as widespread as we assume. But if you get the chance to participate in a strolling holiday songfest this year, I can think of no better advice than this refrain written by William A. Muhlenberg in 1840:

Carol, brothers, carol,
Carol joyfully,
Carol the good tidings,
Carol merrily.

And pray a gladsome Christmas

For all good Christian men;

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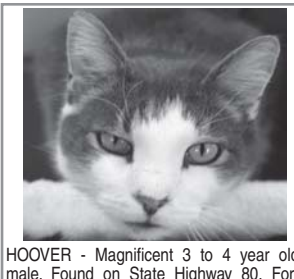
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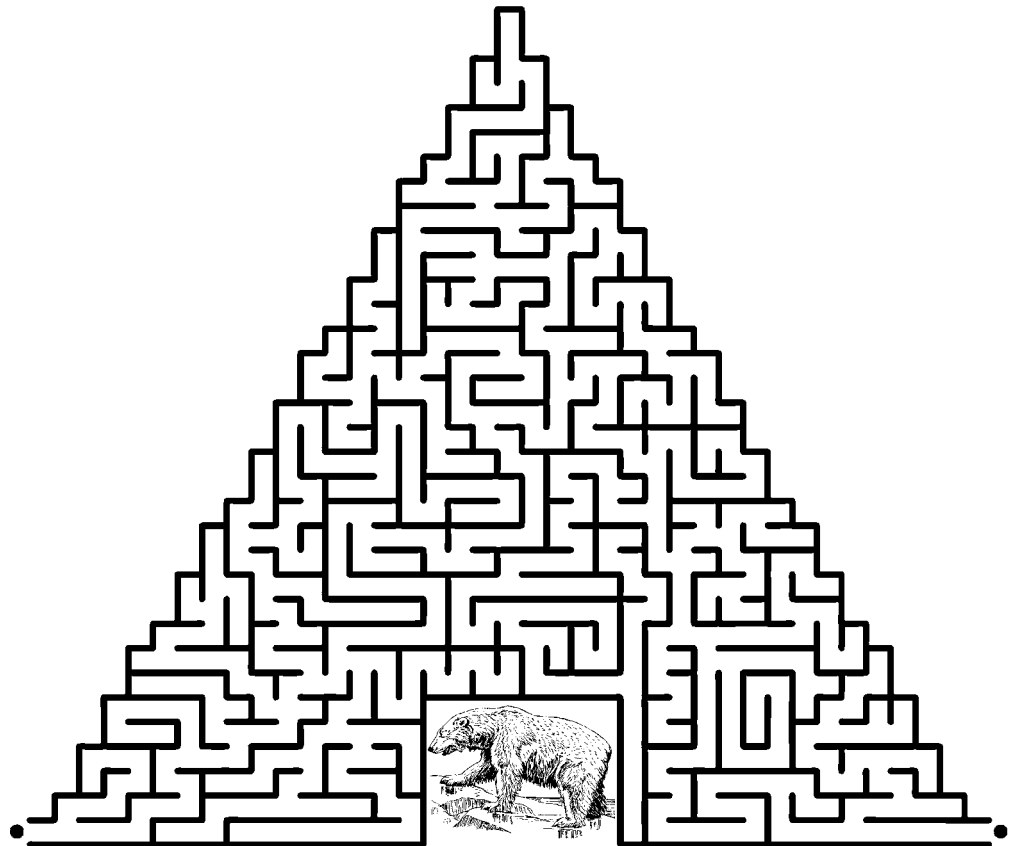
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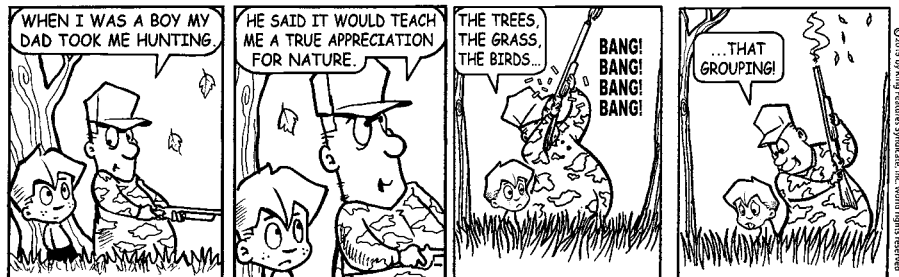
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



"Never confuse movement with action."

— Ernest Hemingway

Ernest Hemingway's passport photo. In 1923, Hemingway lived in Paris and worked as a foreign correspondent for the Toronto Star Weekly. His novel *The Old Man and The Sea* won both the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Nobel Prize in Literature 30 years later.

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Monday, Dec. 14th - Sold 403 Head. Cull ave. \$.60 Top cow \$86, bull calves top \$2.90, heifer calf top \$2.00, Lambs 30#- 50# \$2.10 - \$2.43, 51#-80# \$1.00 - \$1.98, 81# & over \$.80 - \$1.20. Abele Dairy Ave. \$1397 with top cow to \$2375. Other consigned Dairy milking age top \$2000, bred heifers top \$1875, open heifers top 1050.


Monday, Dec. 28th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day. Pek-A-Boo Dairy sends 10 Certified Organic Fresh or Springing Cows - 7 Holsteins, 2 Jerseys, 1 Guernsey Jersey X. A few Organic heifers some bred sell. Special: Conventional Oneida County Dairy - Watch for more info. **Selling machinery & equip. at 11AM** for creditor: White 2-70 2WD Tractor w/loader; Belarus 520A Tractor; Wic Bedding chopper; JD MX8 8' Rotary Mower, Cub Cadet SLTX1054 lawn mower w/54" deck; Stall hoops; stall clamps; DeLaval milker claws; DeLaval milker pails; DeLaval DV-300 Automatic shut off units (parts)plus other misc. items found. Items that will be sold in absentee that are still on the farm: Sunset 735 Bulk tank model MC-735PX; A3 Plate Heat Exchanger pre-cooler; Tecumseh Compressor; Vaughn Electric hot water heater; DeLaval 2" stainless pipeline in milkhouse & parlor; Complete DeLaval milking & wash system; 3" PVC vacuum line; Surge Alamo 8HP Vacuum pump; BouMatic 10 HP vacuum pump; Sentinel Mark II vacuum controller. Call Sale barn for an appointment to look at the milking equip. at the farm.

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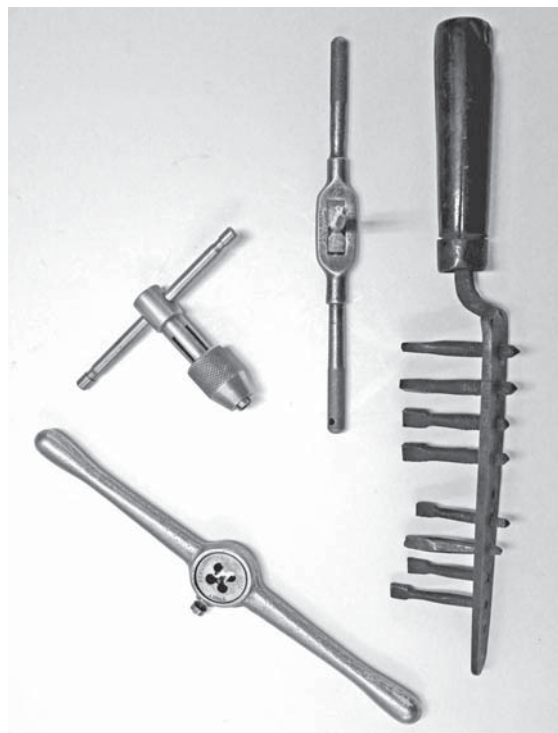
Monday, Jan. 4th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale.
Monday, Jan. 11th - Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale
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Whatchamacallits

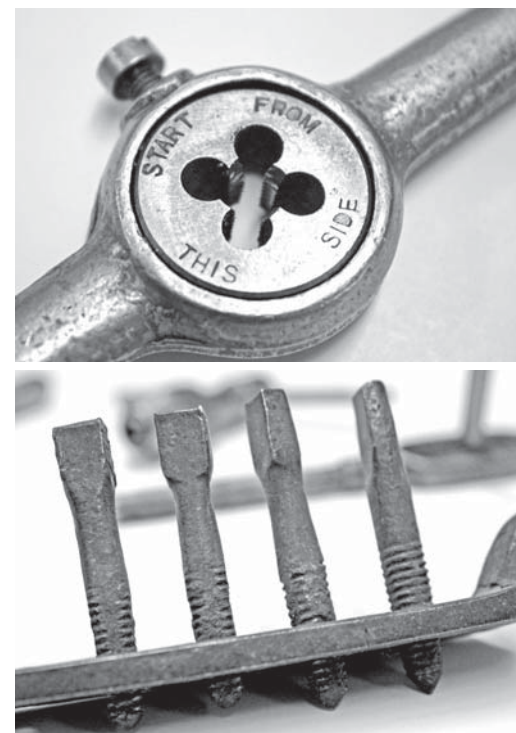


This week, we are featuring a group of tap and die tools that span several decades. I'm sure most of our readers have seen these tools before, but just in case you're a little foggy — let us review.

The long, screw-like pieces of metal are called *taps* and they cut out the inside surface of a hole, this action creates a female surface which functions like a nut. The threads on the tap actually carve out and create the inside threads that will receive a threaded bolt.

To carve out and make the threads, a tap should first be placed in the wrench then twisted into the material. The "T" shaped tool pictured to the left is a more modern version of a tap wrench.

The *die* cuts a thread on a preformed cylindrical rod, creating a male threaded piece which functions like a bolt. If you look to the upper right, the circular metal object pictured is a die, this die model has a side adjusting screw. The adjusting screw allows for slight variations in size, due to material, manufacturer, or die sharpness.



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Tuesday, Dec. 29th
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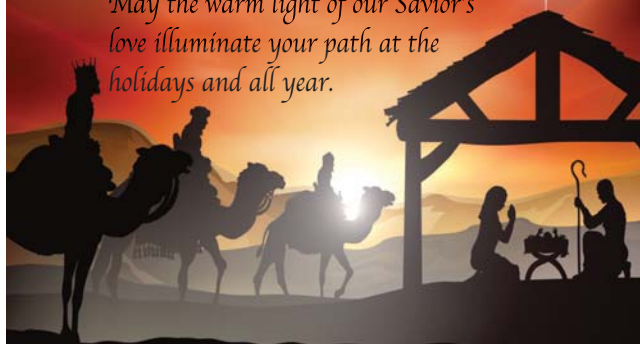
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“Adopt a Pet Stockings” a hit at Ayres Animal Shelter’s Christmas Open House

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin
Christmas stockings for 24 dogs and four cats, each personalized with a photo and name of the designated animal, proved to be a big hit at the Ayres Animal Shelter’s annual Christmas Open House.

Ayres Shelter board Treasurer Melanie Shibley explained that each stocking represented an animal at the shelter that is up for adoption. Folks who attended the event “adopted” the stocking, bringing it home to fill with treats and toys for that animal and returning the stocking to the shelter for Christmas.

Shibley remarked on the thoughtfulness and the amount of time and

work that the stockings took to prepare.

“The stockings were provided by shelter supporter Dana, who would like to remain anonymous,” said Shibley. “All of the stockings were adopted!”

Shibley reports that attendance was considerably higher this year than the past few years. “The

Community Room was a-buzz and a-bark, with an estimated 200-250 people within the four hour time span many of whom brought their pets and children for photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.”

Attendance included three cats, a pot-bellied pig and several former Ayres Shelter adoptees

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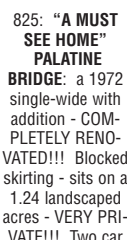
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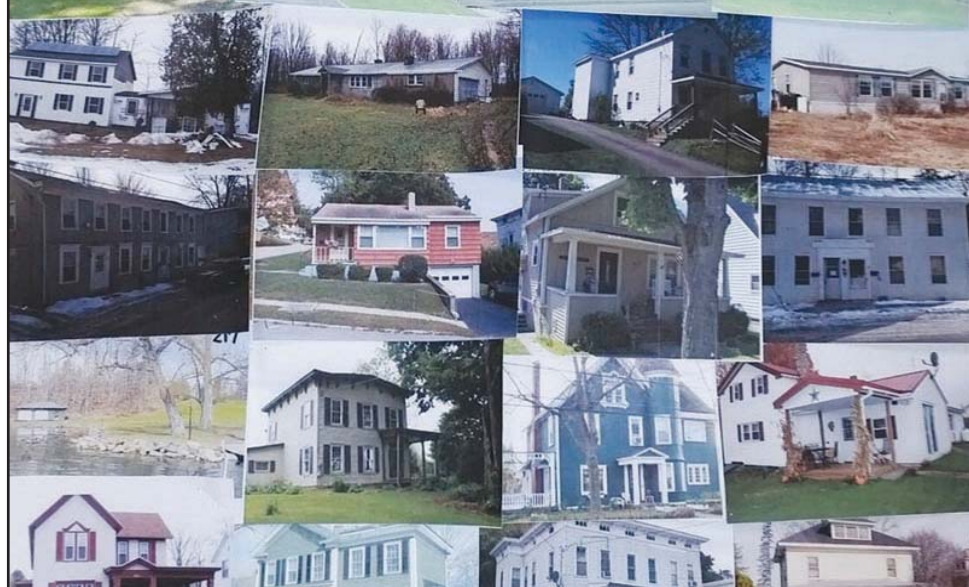
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Real estate...

New beginnings

Adopt from B1

with their "forever home humans."

Shelter manager, Claire Custer, reported that two kittens were adopted the day of the event, with potential for additional adoptions.

Volunteers, shelter staff and members of the Shelter Board manned fund-raising posts, selling baked goods, wreaths and kissing balls provided by volunteers. Tickets were sold for Chinese Auction items. "Among the many items for raffle were decorations, jewelry,



Melanie Shibley shows the display of items donated for the raffles.



Rachael Congdon and Austin Fridenberger, with their twins Mason and Harper and puppy Remi, join Santa and Mrs. Clause for a photo at the annual event.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

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hand crafted items, gift certificates, food and beverage baskets and baskets full of items for cats and dogs. Individuals and local businesses donated all. The raffle alone raised almost \$1,500!" Shibley said, "One hundred percent of the funds raised at this event is used for the health, care and comfort of the animals."

The shelter is currently selling 2016 calendars of historic Canajoharie for \$10. Calendars may be purchased at Wrath of Grapes in Fort Plain, Picture Perfect in Canajoharie or at the Ayres Animal Shelter located on Hill Top Road in Sprakers. Calendars may also be purchased from Shelter Board members.

Ayres is a "Quality of Life" shelter, where "no kill" is the policy. The Christmas Open House has been an annual event for an estimated 20 years.

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The Bill Brust Band: At Ft Plain Senior Center (Canal St): **8:30 to 11:30 pm**

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Victorious Life Church: on Main Street: **6 to 10 pm**

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The Time Machine & Local History Display: At Ft Plain Library: **5 to 7:45 pm**

Children will be able to make their own New Year's Eve Button. Next you will climb into the "Time Machine to 2016" for a photo. Then you will create a special frame for your keepsake photo. Next it's on to the Film Studio to record your New Year's Resolutions (parent permission required). Then at 7:45 pm jump on the Hay Ride to the Firehouse for the next round

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Come pick up a list of things to find. The first, second & third place winners will receive prizes

Masonic Lodge: on Canal Street: **8 to Mid-**

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DEC 1 - 31

Arkell Center Events for December

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. Arkell Center Programs for ALL AREA Seniors during December are as follows:
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Monday-Friday: 11:45 am. The OFA Meals of Montgomery Program

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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 Choraliars 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.

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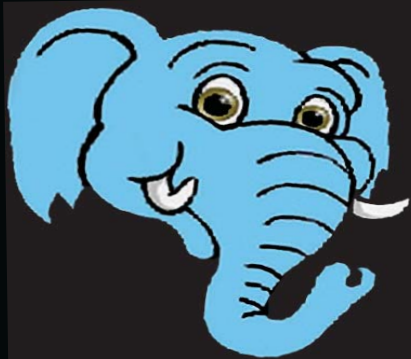
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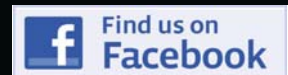
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