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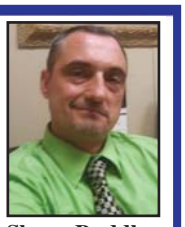

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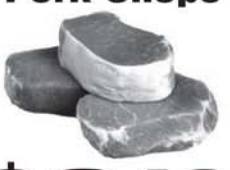

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A year ago I ran as a write in candidate for a seat on the OESJ Board of Education, and was honored to be elected. People say all kinds of things about BOE members and administration officials but it was my obligation to find out for myself. What I found was BOE members who were parents and grandparents of children in our district that take the responsibility the community has entrusted in them seriously. Our board president is a decent, honest trustee with over thirty years' experience in administration. She has made tough decisions for the betterment of our entire student body and I respect her and the rest of the boards courage for doing so. Previous to my arrival, the BOE hired Dave Halloran as Superintendent of Schools, he has been an excellent choice for the district at this time. His professionalism, youthful energy, and positive attitude is just what the district needs.

In the year that I have been on the BOE I have seen the district make great gains in reaching the goal of becoming a truly merged district. By uniting the elementary schools, we have been able to use resources and staff evenly and efficiently. The children are now truly one school from Pre-Kindergarten to graduation. My daughter has made many new friends in elementary school that will last a lifetime. Programs and traditions from both former elementary schools are being blended to create more educational opportunities, experiences, and memories. Instructional staff working together in the same facility, facilitates a better education for all of our children. The fact that people running as BOE candidates voted against and fought the decision to unite the elementary schools should be noted.

I encourage people to call the guidance office to find out what is offered in the curriculum guide at the JR/SR School. Our school, though much smaller than other schools in our area offers a course selection on par or better than larger school districts. All courses offered before the merger were restored, and AP classes offered from both former districts through FMCC and HCCC are mutually available to each former districts students. This year alone AP AB Calculus, Career Finance, Statistics, and Foundations in Geometry have been added. Next year AP BC Calculus, Game: IT (a programming course), and Monsters & Mythology (AP English class) will be added. This is just a smaple of what is in the works. Curriculum takes time to write and approve. Our CTE classes, that include the business, tech, and ag departments are more advanced and developed than a lot of schools in our area. Mr. Smith in the Ag Department has added many classes and is writing curriculum for more. This fall we are working on fielding a golf team, with many students signed up and a bowling team for the winter. A new Archery in the schools program is being implemented by T.J. Jordan and Dan Hart with support it will develop into a competitive team.

After witnessing all the hard work and planning that has been going on I was disappointed to read in an article in the April 9th Pennysaver by an anonymous author who refers to themselves as "the shark" that none of the above was true. Apparently the BOE and administration are a bunch of lying and wasteful fools, and that the Superintendent is a "smooth talker". BOE President Weaver is obviously asleep at the helm as a "certain" BOE member controls the board process and administration. Since the merger of the two schools, fourteen people have served on the board of education. Are we to believe that they have all been under the "control" of one puppet master?

To say that the board, staff and adminstrations have not worked to improve the curriculum development in the school is untrue. Please remember an Advanced Music theory class that had no additional cost to the district and the blessing of the teacher's union was voted against by a current BOE candidate. The record does not match the rhetoric.

The shark, as it or they refer to themselves, claim that a BOE member was forced to resign by the BOE members and superintendent. This too in untrue. The BOE member in question resigned by his own hand for his own reasons. No meeting or discussions were held prior to his resignation and no BOE charges were ever levied against him as claimed. The fact that he is running for a seat four months after he thought it was necessary to resign and is supported by someone or thing that calls themselves the "shark" should be alarming to all parents and stakeholders in the district.

While discussing a potential capital project the "shark" uses the divisive term "in Oppenheim" nine times. Any project that goes before the voters for approval will have the educational needs of the students considered first. Work and improvements will be done where it is needed not based on geographical location. That is the fiduciary duty of any school board.

Lastly, I encourage people to re-read the article written by the person or people who call themselves the "shark" and you will see why no one would sign their name to it. They claim they will be "placing names that you all are faciliar with" on the ballot. Please find out which candidates are associated with this. I will be voting for people who have worked and supported our merged district, students and staff. The trash heap of history is piled high with chicken littles who scream the sky is falling, it won't work, and we don't need it. We shouldn't trust our children and their futures to a group of self-described sharks. This is my opinion and not neccessarily the opinion of the entire board.

~ Jeremy Brundage

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by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

All across the nation folks are climbing aboard Quilt Barn trails. Books have been written about them, folks are following them — and taking photos documenting their travels; and now St. Johnsville has joined the Fulton-Montgomery Quilt Barn Trail.

"The idea was first brought to me by Sue and Jim Race," reports Margaret Reaney Memorial Library & Museum Director Dawn Lamphere. "They had followed the quilt block trail in Schoharie County and were very excited about it! They stopped in at the library and told me about Liz Argotsinger and her work with the Fulton-Montgomery Quilt Barn Trail. We all, of course, were interested in seeing western Montgomery County get on board with it!"

Sue Race and daughter, Becky Wilcox, show the quilt square painted by Jim Race, and the doorstop that inspired it.

The library's quilt square is inspired by an antique log cabin style quilt from the museum's collections.

"The light colors represent the brightness or happiness of life while the darker colors speak to the somberness or sadness in life," said Lamphere. "The bright red represents the "heart" of the home. In our conversation, Sue noted that the library is the "heart" of the village."

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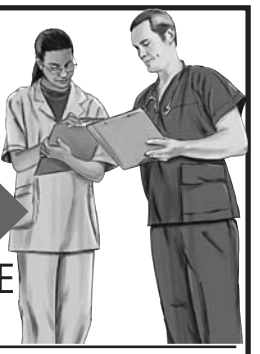

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I am a 55 year old woman, and except for being overweight, I am in excellent health. I exercise daily, sleep well at night and have no complaints whatsoever. I get about six or seven hours of sleep a night, and am a naturally early riser. I do not drink either tea or coffee (don't like the taste), but I have found that if I take one half of a 200 mg caffeine pill immediately on arising, it does wonders for my mood and productivity. On some days I take a second pill in the early afternoon, and rarely, a third in the evening, though never later than 6 p.m.

Is there anything wrong with this? I've found that many people who drink several cups of coffee a day seem to look askance at me because I get my caffeine from a pill. — A.C.

Answer: Some people drink coffee for the caffeine; some people drink decaf to avoid the caffeine; most people like both the taste and the caffeine effect. You are unusual in only wanting the caffeine effect.

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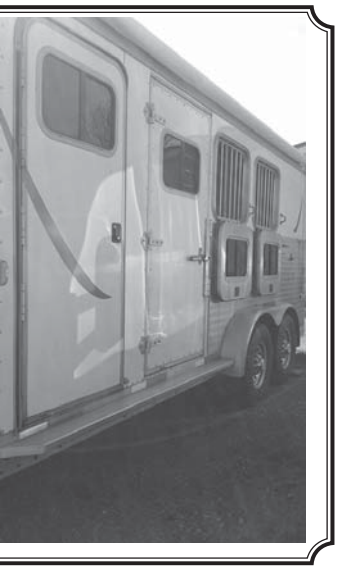

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OESJ SCHOOL BOARD
May 17, 2016

My name is Kathy Smith-Buckley. I am running for one of the vacant seats of the OESJ school district's Board of Education.

Having taught in the elementary school in Richmondville when that school merged with Cobleskill a number of years ago, I am experienced in a school merger.

I believe in the education of children FIRST AND FOREMOST. But, the reason I am running for the BOE is mainly my concern about the division that is present in this current board. When the two school districts merged several years ago, then the two districts became ONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. This is a new district leaving the old district behind, and moving forward with the new district. But that is not the case.

The students are suffering because of this divisiveness and it must STOP. I want to UNITE this Board of Education in order to move forward with the educational opportunities of our students. This is my goal: All of the children, regardless of where they live are OESJ students and must have the opportunity to learn the most modern and useful techniques available to them in order to prepare them for their future. Whether it be college or a trade school, each student must have the proper training in order to be successful in life.

The Children are our future.

I am also concerned about the transparency of this particular School Board. The taxpayer's dollars must be respected at all times both locally, state, and federal. Any agenda must be public, honest, and fair. Remember, when any employee, teacher, or aid is dismissed or changed, EACH EMPLOYEE is a person and has a face. Many depend upon their jobs to support their families. When making decisions that affect a person's life, that is a very serious responsibility.

I am not emotionally attached to any of the schools that make up the OESJ school district. To be emotionally attached would affect the tough decisions that must be made. Each decision must be honestly and fairly made.

I promise you, I will always take the time to answer any and all of your questions and concerns with the utmost respect that each one of you deserve. This is YOUR tax dollars, and you are entitled to know how these dollars are being used.

I am a resident of St. Johnsville and am a professional sales representative with over 10-years of diverse experience in customer service, introduction of new and innovative product lines, and customer and employee training programs. I am a high energy individual who takes initiative in developing best practices and producing innovative results.

Having received a BS degree in Elementary Education in 1981 from Castleton University in Castleton, Vt., I taught at Richmondville elementary school and was there during the school merge of this elementary school with Cobleskill.

I am a member of the Montgomery County Board of Elections and work in Saint Johnsville during all elections, whether local, state, or federal. I am a third generation member of the Board of Elections. My Grandmother, Pearl Carter served 70-years on the Montgomery County Board of Elections, then my mother, Dolly Smith also served on that board.

A VOTE FOR KATHY SMITH-BUCKLEY
IS A VOTE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN.

An unfortunate happening eased by a little Amish girls touch

It was toward evening a few days ago when my Amish friend Emanuel's barn was burning.

When this happens it is a shock to all involved. Stone Arabia has known the destructive effect of fire from long ago. On October 19, 1780 the settlement was laid waste by British troops, Loyalists and Native Americans. The revolutionary war had struck Stone Arabia. In only a few years the destroyed buildings were re-built.

The writer of this story managed a town insurance company in the 1960s. It was founded as the Farmers Insurance Co. of the town of Palatine in 1854. That was an era that much resembled the everyday life of our present Amish neighbors. Local folks gathered together to rebuild the lost structures. The small insurance company helped to some extent financially.

The Stone Arabia Amish do not have insurance except that

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18th Century Stone Arabia barn.

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which their group provides in case of emergencies and the support of relatives and friends. But they do have the remarkable sense of cooperation that makes rebuilding possible.

As I put the last words of this story on paper a new barn has miraculously risen from the ashes of the old. Something else possibly even more important presents itself. That is the knowledge that a little girl took the hand of an old man after the new barn was started. Her name is Elizabeth. As we walked together to look over the new foundation I became very aware that this moment in time is not just the story of a barn, but the hope for a brighter future for us all. A most enjoyable future — bridging yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Skip Barshied, Stone Arabia

April 28, 2016

(A day that would have been my Grandfathers 139th birthday)

With the help of the community, Emmanuel has a new barn.

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If you live in an area with a high amount of dust or industry, you may need to wash your car as frequently as once a week. Garage-kept vehicles may be able to go longer between washes, but in general washing a vehicle every two to three weeks is a good rule of thumb. In addition, a good sealant will protect the paint and other trims throughout the year.

The following are some other car-wash tips to follow.

• Always use a proper washing soap solution. This will preserve the car's finish better than other homemade soaps. Avoid using dishwashing liquid, which can strip protective wax coatings.

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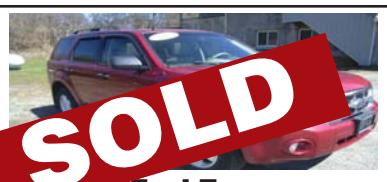

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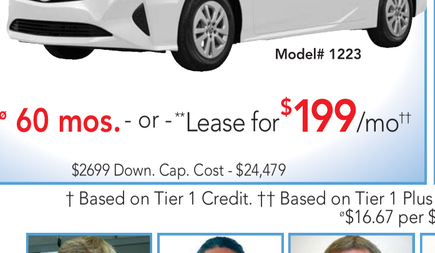

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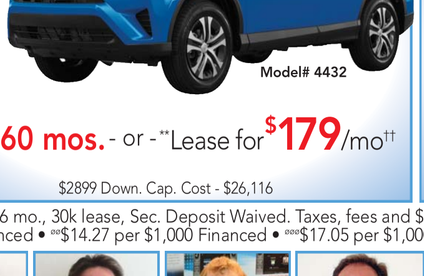

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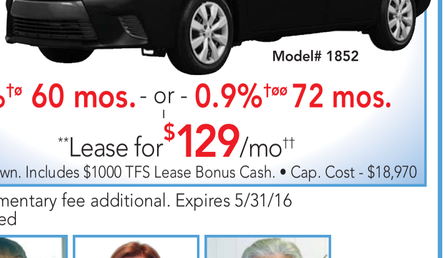

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2006 Pontiac Grand Prix 4 Dr, 6 Cyl, Tan, Auto, Loaded, PB, CD, 72,453 Miles	$6,995
2008 VW Bug 2 Dr Hatchback, 5 Cyl, Lt. Grey, Standard, Loaded, 1 Owner, PB, 83,825 Miles	$6,995
2010 Mini Cooper 2 Dr Coupe, 4 Cyl, Red, Standard, Loaded, PB, CD, Leather, 77,994 Miles	$8,500
2007 Mini Cooper 2 Dr Coupe, 4 Cyl, Blue, Standard, Loaded, 1 Owner, 87,236 Miles	$6,995
2012 Kia Soul Base, 4 Dr Wgn, 4 Cyl, Silver, Auto, Loaded, PB, CD, 72,382 Miles	$7,500
2009 Chevy Aveo LS 4 Dr, 4 Cyl, Blue, Standard, PB, Tilt, CD, 87,589 Miles	$4,995
2013 Kia Soul Base, 4 Dr Wgn, 4 Cyl, Gray, Auto, Loaded, PB, CD, 61,297 Miles	$7,995
2008 Chevy Cobalt LS 4 Dr, 4 Cyl, Gray, Auto, Air, 1 Owner, PB, Tilt, CD, 80,772 Miles	$6,250
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2005 Chevy Aveo LS 4 Dr Hatchback, 4 Cyl, Blue, Auto, Air, Cruise, PB, Tilt, CD, 81,882 Miles	$3,750
2008 Volkswagen Jetta 4 Dr, 5 Cyl, Gray, Auto, Air, Cruise, PL, PB, Tilt, CD, 80,184 Miles	$6,250
2008 Smart Fortwo 2 Dr, 3 Cyl, Silver, Auto, Air, PB, Tilt, Convertible, CD, 63,119 Miles	$6,250
2010 Mini Cooper Clubman 2 Dr, 4 Cyl, Maroon, Auto, Loaded, 1 Owner, 62,000	$9,500
2004 Chevy Silverado 1500 Reg Cab, 4x4, 8 Cyl, White, Auto, Air, PB, AM/FM, Tilt, 107,245 Miles	$6,995
2006 Ford E350 Box Truck, 8 Cyl, Yellow, Auto, Air, 1 Owner, Tilt, CD, 121,159 Miles	$5,500
2004 Chevy K3500 Silverado LS 4 Dr, 4x4, Dual Tan, Auto, Air, Cruise, PB, Tilt, 4 Dr, 120,188 Miles	$16,700
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2005 Chevy Silverado 1500 Supercab, 4x4, 8 Cyl, Gray, Auto, Air, Cruise, PB, Tilt, CD, 136,000 Miles	$6,250
2005 Nissan Xterra O/R, 4x4, 6 Cyl, Yellow, Auto, Air, 1 Owner, PB, Tilt, CD, 86,839 Miles	$7,500
2008 Chevy Uplander LS 6 Cyl, Gray, Auto, Loaded, PB, CD, 72,042 Miles	$7,500
2004 Ford E250 Cargo Van, 8 Cyl, White, Auto, Air, PB, Tilt, CD, Leather, 117,328 Miles	$4,500
2006 Trailblazer LS 4x2, 6 Cyl, Blue, Auto, Air, Cruise, PB, Tilt, 84,110 Miles	$6,995
2010 Jeep Patriot 4x4, 4 Cyl, Black, Standard, Loaded, 1 Owner, 71,785 Miles	$8,500
2012 Jeep Compass 4x4, 4 Cyl, White, Auto, Loaded, CD, 48,282 Miles	$10,900
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2008 Dodge Nitro 4x2, 6 Cyl, Black, Auto, Loaded, PB, CD, 85,731 Miles	$8,995
2008 Ford Escape XLT 4x4, 6 Cyl, Gray, Auto, Loaded, PB, CD, 86,149 Miles	$8,500

Automotive

Get the best deal on an auto loan

Thanks to the high costs of new automobiles, many drivers now take out loans when replacing their existing vehicles. Such loans make it possible for drivers to purchase new vehicles they may not have the cash to buy outright, and making car payments on time each month is a great way for consumers to build their credit.

Drivers want to find great deals on their cars, but they also should make an effort to secure the most consumer-friendly auto loan they can find. Doing so can save drivers substantial amounts of money over the course of their loans, and finding a great deal is not as difficult as it may seem.

• Go to your lender first and foremost. Loan shopping before car shopping, as opposed to relying on dealers to arrange the loan once you find a car you want, can help drivers secure better terms. By prequalifying for a loan, consumers can then go to the dealership knowing exactly how much they can spend, saving themselves time and easing nerves some buyers may have about the car-buying process. Prequalifying with a bank, credit union or online lender does not lock buyers into those terms, leaving them room to secure even better deals by asking the auto dealer to beat the terms of their existing financing deals. Be careful not to apply for too many loans when loan shopping, as each application will lower your credit score.

• Clean up your credit. Creditors take many things into account when determining loan terms, but perhaps no variable is more important than an applicant's own credit history. If your credit history is bumpy or you are currently carrying substantial debt, pay off as much of your debt as possible before applying for an auto loan. Even if your credit history is not great, you may be in line for better loan terms if you have paid off your consumer debt and recently indicated you are capable of making monthly payments for an extended period of time.

• Comparison shop. Lenders compete with one another, and consumers can use that to secure the best possible loan terms. If one lender gives you loan terms that you find attractive, resist the temptation to sign on the dotted line right away. Sleeping on it and taking the terms to the lender's competitors or even auto dealers may ultimately result in you landing even better terms.

• Know the terms of the loan before you drive off the lot. Some financing terms may be classified as "contingent," which means the terms can change even after drivers take cars off the lot. That may mean higher interest rates or lengthier loans, which can cost drivers considerably more money in the long run. Drivers can avoid that fate by waiting until the terms have been finalized to accept the car and take it home.

Auto loans make it possible for millions of drivers to purchase new and reliable automobiles. Savvy borrowers who take the time to secure the best loan terms can save themselves substantial amounts of money and still drive the cars of their dreams.

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Automotive

Did you know?

The excitement of driving a new car off of the lot extends beyond the thrill of having a new set of wheels to show off. Some people just love the smell of a new car. But while that aroma may be pleasant to the olfactory senses, it may be wise to eliminate the smell as soon as possible. According to a 2012 study from the nonprofit Ecology Center and HealthyStuff.org, that "new car smell" may include toxic fumes from chemicals used to create the car's interior. There are some indications that the smell is generated from more than 50 volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, that are off gassing in a relatively confined space. While the potential dangers of breathing in all of these compounds continue to be studied, the flame-retardants and plastics used in cars have been linked to illnesses when they have been used in other applications. To speed up the process of removing VOCs from a car, open all of the windows and let it sit in the hot sun. Also, purchasing a vehicle that has been sitting on the lot for a while may mean some of the chemicals have dissipated.

Wash from 14

may stick to the paint and become difficult to remove over time.

• Wait until a car has cooled down before washing. Heat speeds up the drying of soap and water and can make it more difficult to clean.

• Always use a clean, non-abrasive sponge. Resist the urge to move the sponge in circles as you clean. Doing so can create noticeable swirl scratch marks. Instead, move the sponge lengthwise across the body panels and hood.

• Keep a separate rinsing bucket to clean the sponge or washing mitt so that dirt is not mixed into the clean, sudsy water.

• Consumer Reports suggests using a soft squeegee to remove most of the water on the body of the car after washing and rinsing. Blot up any extra water with a chamois.

• Wax the car every season to ensure it has maximum protection. In between, apply a liquid spray wax to touch up spots. Water beading is not an ideal indicator of whether or not the car needs a coat of wax.

• Don't forget to pay attention to the interior. Vacuum the carpets regularly to prevent ground-in dirt and routinely clean the upholstery with a product specific to your vehicle's interior, whether that interior is leather or fabric.

Protecting a vehicle investment involves keeping the car clean. Know the right ways to help a car or truck look and perform like new.

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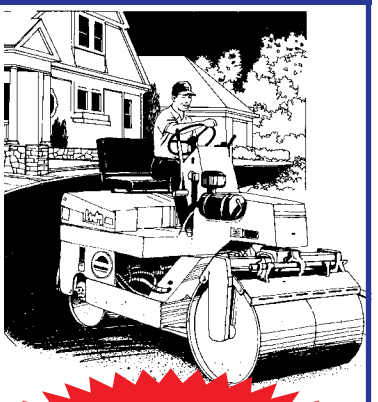

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Quilt from 6

Margaret Reaney Memorial Library & Museum Director Dawn Lamphere and Trustee Sharon Fuller shows the library's registered Quilt Square.
Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Sue Race explained the inspiration for her quilt square. "Years ago my grandmother made a doorstop with a momma cat with three kittens. And since I am a proud mom with three daughters — and I love cats — I thought we had to make our square just like that."

Sandy Nellis Lane, of the Palatine Settlement Society and direct descendant of the original Nellis family, displayed the quilt square now proudly hung at Nellis Tavern. "Our 4' x 4' square was unveiled at our annual fundraiser, Evening at the Tavern," reported Lane. "The design for this square was chosen from a beautiful Nellis quilt from the mid-19th century that is on exhibit inside the Tavern. We would like to thank Liz Argotsinger, Allen Turnbull, Brian Hudson and an anonymous donor for making this project a reality," commented Lane.

"Wooden barn quilt squares can be based on traditional patterns with individual influences making them unique to each property and community," said Argotsinger. "The square is frequently mounted on a barn and is thus called a 'barn quilt', while the building may be called a 'quilt barn'. When several of the squares are displayed throughout a community they create a 'quilt barn trail'."

Sizes vary, with most 4' x 4' - 8' x 8', depending on available space.

For more information contact Argotsinger at 518-774-8717 or email fmquiltbarntrail@yahoo.com. Fulton-Montgomery Quilt Barn Trail can be found on Facebook or Homehttp://www.fmquiltbarntrail.com/.

Chocolate-Macaroon Tart

Three ingredients make this chocolate macaroon tart a simple, decadent desert.

10 ounces coconut macaroon cookies
1 cup boiling heavy cream
1 pound finely chopped semisweet or bittersweet chocolate
Raspberries
Slivered orange peel

1. Press coconut macaroon cookies into a greased 9-inch pie plate, then pour boiling heavy cream over semisweet or bittersweet chocolate in heatproof bowl and stir until smooth.

2. Pour into crust, chill 6 hours, and top with raspberries and slivered orange peel. Serves 12.

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PUT EDUCATION FIRST

My name is Linda Hart, and I am running for an open seat on the OESJ Board of Education.
As a longtime resident of this school district, I, like many of you, am still awaiting the fulfillment of promises made to the students, the taxpayers, and the future of our merged school district. I would like to share with you some of my thoughts and concerns.

I have spent twenty-two (22) years of my life dedicated to the field of education as an intermediate and middle school teacher. My hope was, at that time, to thoroughly educate students, and to instill in them a love for learning that would stay with them throughout their lives. I still hold this philosophy.

In order for this to occur, our students must be provided with a rich learning environment which meets the needs of our diverse student population. We must put education first. It should be the driving force BEHIND any Capital Project which would include repair, remodel, and expand facilities we already have. Our merger money should be used to support EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

FIRST, the Board of Education and administration must commit to a specific educational program and formulate specific goals for that program. SECOND, the building project should, along with making repairs, provide the space, tools, and new equipment to carry out this educational plan.

What about OESJ would entice you to enroll your children in this district if you were part of a young family with school age students? Parents in a good school district should be able to confidently answer this question with specific programming in mind.

I am asking for your vote. If I were to win a seat on the OESJ school board, my goal would be to encourage and help direct the implementation of academic programs. This is the first responsibility of a school trustee.
I am running for a seat on the BOE at OESJ because I want to move our school forward by putting education first.

VOTE FOR LINDA HART ON MAY 17, 2016. PUT EDUCATION FIRST.

Eighth Annual Fort Klock Blacksmith's Gathering and Hammer-In

June 11-12, 2016 • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day

Come join us at the Eighth Annual Fort Klock Blacksmiths' Gathering and Hammer-in! Once again, this weekend event will be held in the 1811 Blacksmith Shop on the grounds of Historic Fort Klock. The Hammer-in starts on Saturday the 11th and ends on Sunday the 12th of June, 2016. Attend for an hour, or make it a weekend. Admission to the Hammer-In is free.

The Fort Klock Blacksmith Shop is part of historic Fort Klock, a revolutionary war historic site. The Blacksmith shop houses two stone forges in an early 1800's stone building still standing on its original site.

Hammer — In activities planned include Smithing demonstrations, hands-on instruction for beginners, open forge time, a Forging Contest on Saturday afternoon, food for sale and a pot luck lunch each day, camping, and more Smithing!

If you've never tried your hand at blacksmithing but always wanted to do so, now is your chance! Smiths wishing to demonstrate or teach please let event coordinator Steve Gurzler know ASAP. If you have a portable forge set up there is plenty of space for setup and you're encouraged and welcome to do so! Last year we had five additional forges!

For those wishing to make a weekend of it, there is plenty of space for camping. Camping is primitive, in the open fields near the Smithy. Folks wishing to set up on the evening of Friday the 10th are more than welcome to do so, please inform Steve if you plan to arrive on Friday.

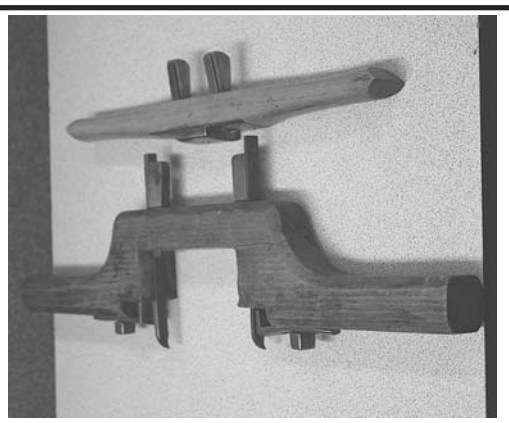
The Fort's buildings will be open to the public this weekend for tours of the fortified homestead, colonial Dutch tithe barn and outbuildings.

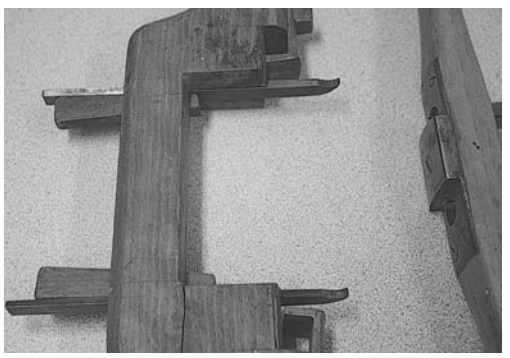
The event is free, but there is a materials fee for the Smithing contest.

Any and all donations to the Fort would be greatly appreciated. There is much to be done here at the Fort to maintain the historic smithy and buildings.

For more information contact Steve Gurzler at 518-877-7148 or stevegurzler@nycap.rr.com , or visit the website at www.FortKlock-Restoration.org .

Whatchamacallits





It was bound to happen! Our Whatchamacallits from last week — pictured left — were incorrectly identified as spokeshaves. They are actually wagon or coach maker's routers.

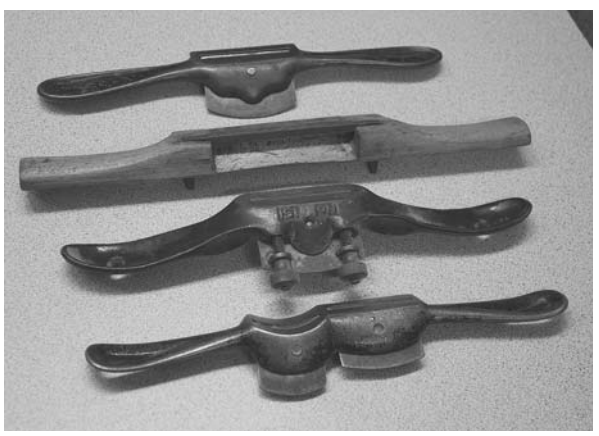
The smaller tool is a coach maker's beading router and the larger one — to the left — is a double pistol router. The double pistol router's stock is yoke shaped and has two irons.

Both of these examples could be worked left-handed or right-handed allowing the user to always be able to work with the grain and not against it.

Many times the cutting irons were mounted almost vertically, some were hooked (as our examples are). The user could cut or scrape by varying the pressure and angle used.

The pistol router was used for cutting a groove in the pillar or frame to hold the panels.

The photos to the right are a few examples of real spokeshaves of various age and manufacture — to which you can apply last weeks' description.



Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?
Send a photo and short description to csuo@leepub.com or call Colleen at 518-673-0145

Mega Maze

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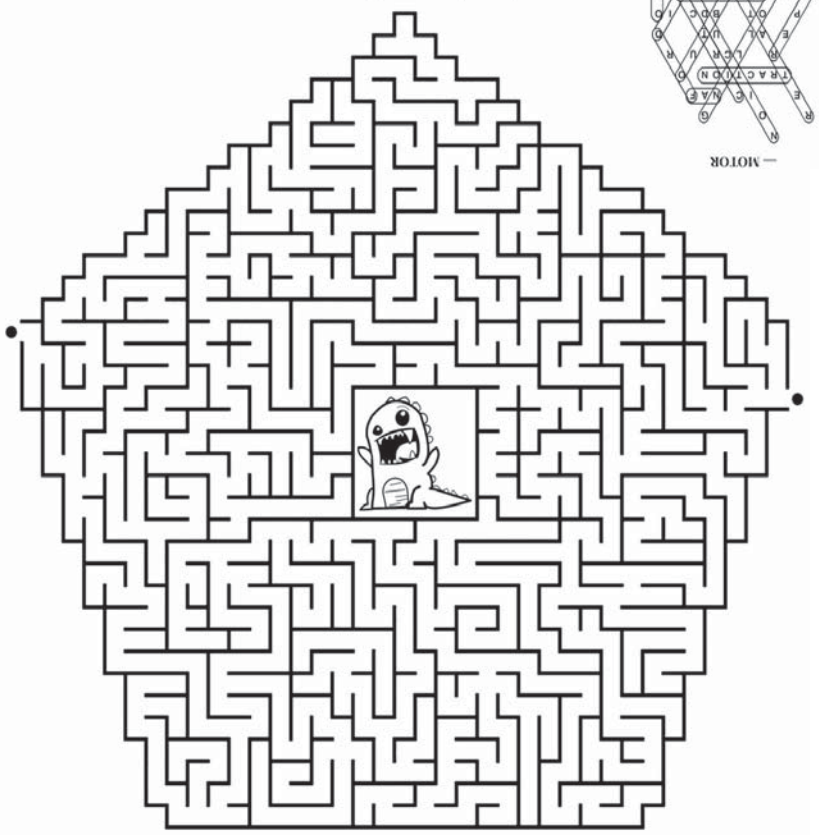

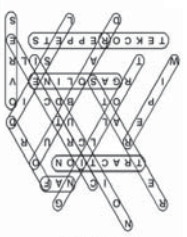

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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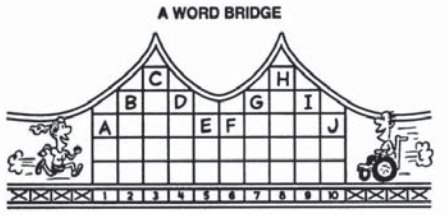
Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE WORD ON THE SPOOKY GUY'S CARD means to EXIST. If you read this word backward it means WICKED. What word is on the card?

Answer LIVE.

A WORD BRIDGE



Illustrated by David Coulson

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. A high mountain.
2. A group of quail.
3. To hit and bounce off.
4. A stunned condition.
5. A specific period of history.
6. To be in good health.
7. The way a horse walks.
8. A safe place.
9. A type of flower.
10. A wide-mouth vessel.

Answers: 1. Alp. 2. Bevy. 3. Carom. 4. Daze. 5. Era. 6. Fit. 7. Gait. 8. Haven. 9. Iris. 10. Jar.

LISTEN UP, STUDENTS! Professor Flunkum is concluding his "Puzzles Old and New" course with a classic riddle. You have until the bell rings to come up with the right answer

Answer: The letter "M."

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 2 through 17 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 38. We've filled in the four center squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error – and a good eraser!

	3	8	
	17	10	

[38]

Our answer: First row: 9, 12, 15, 2. Second row: 14, 3, 8, 13. Third row: 4, 17, 10, 7. Fourth row: 11, 6, 5, 16.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

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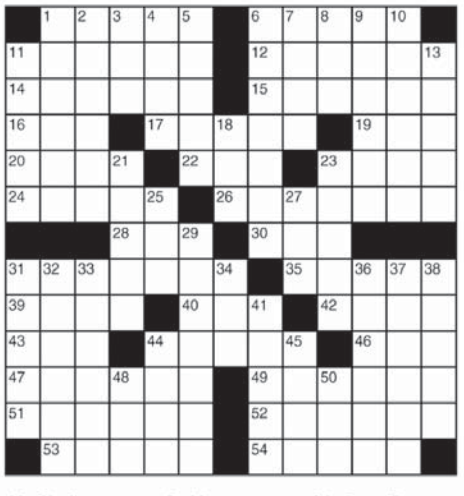

ACROSS

1 Nervous person?
6 Pack animal
11 Hold together
12 Each
14 Glanced
15 Drunk
16 Shade provider
17 Urge
19 Muhammad or Laila
20 Symbols of intrigue
22 A billion years
23 Laugh-a-minute
24 Attack from concealment
26 Arid areas
28 Third-party abbr.
30 Longing
31 "The Faerie Queene" writer
35 People of Cardiff
39 Lion's pride
40 Coquettish
42 Ridge on corduroy
43 List-ending abbr.
44 Nibbles
46 Shell game need
47 Appeared ominously
49 Pillaged
51 Long, loud speech
52 Slues
53 Genders
54 Rebuffs a masher

DOWN

1 Fleecy
2 Diamond shapes
3 "A mouse!"
4 Algonquian tribe
5 Small anchor
6 Nonsense
7 Topping
8 "Flying Down to --"
9 Fix
10 Spotted wildcat
11 Balls of yarn
13 Redacts
18 Deity
21 Backbone
23 Freshen, maybe
25 Type measures
27 Stitch
29 Makes up one's mind
31 Do refinery work
32 Non-standard dialect
33 Concert call
34 Deteriorate
36 Computer style
37 Winter forecasts
38 Coin toss option
41 Shrill barks
44 "Adam --"
45 Earth
48 Upper limit
50 Lab eggs

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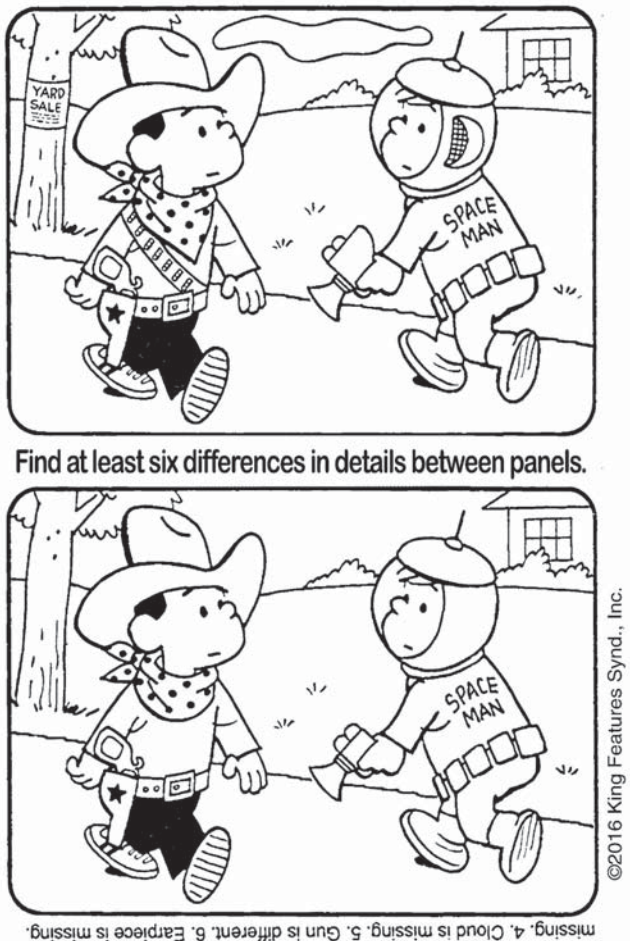
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Bandana is different. 3. Bullet belt is missing. 4. Cloud is missing. 5. Gun is different. 6. Earpiece is missing.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8					3	9		
	2		1					6
		6		4			5	
	8		4					9
3				5			2	
		7			9	1		
	6			8				4
		1	6				7	
5					2	6		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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BRANDI - 2 - 4 year old female Bulldog mix. Found at the Dunkin' Donuts in Fultonville on May 22nd. Good with some dogs, not cats. Fine with older kids.

RYLIE -2 - 4 year old female Pit Bull mix. Came to the shelter in May 2015. Knows "sit" and "shake". Not good with other dogs or with cats. Fine with older kids.

FAY - 1 - 2 year old female Boxer mix. Found in Rockwood State Forest in August 2015. Good with some dogs but not cats. Older kids only.

POPPI - 1 year old male Rottweiler. Nice and friendly, Came to the shelter February 28, 2016. Good with other dogs and with older kids.

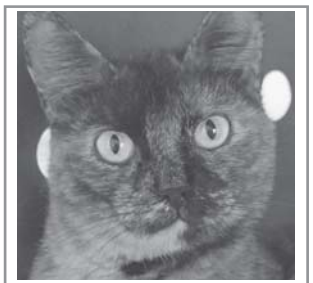
JORDAN - 5 year old female Catahoula Leopard Dog. Active and playful. Super personality!

BERNIE - 7 - 10 year old male Bulldog. Found on Dygert Road, Town of Palatine on March 13, 2016. He's a sweetheart! Not good with dogs, cats or young kids. Deaf.

HUNTER - 5 year old tricolor male Coonhound. Found on Route 80, Minden on February 22, 2016. Good with dogs, cats and kids.

FERD - 5 1/2 year old black and white male. A very lovable feline Adonis! Fine with other cats.

OLLIE - 8 month old black male. Adorable, very playful and inquisitive.



PIXIE - Pretty 6 1/2 year old female Tortie. Came to the shelter because her family could no longer care for her. Fine with other cats.

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HOOVER - Magnificent 3 to 4 year old male. Found on State Highway 80, Fort Plain on January 4, 2015. Very affectionate. Good with some dogs. Hoover has FELV.

JENNY - Lovely 1 year old female with classic tabby markings. Found on Mohawk St., Canajoharie on February 19, 2016. Fine with other cats.

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Calendar of events

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MAY

Arkell Center Events for May

Arkell Center Programs for ALL AREA Seniors during May are as follows:

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.

Tuesdays: 10 am-11 am. Tai Chi Workshop continuing on April 26. Workshop No. 8 begins May 17th. Sponsored by Montgomery County Office for Aging.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 16, 23 & June 6, 13, 20 & 27: 1-3:30 pm. We will be holding a free diabetes workshop sponsored by Bassett Healthcare. Reservations. Call 518-853-3531.

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

May 20: 1:30 pm. Directly following our Senior Meeting Jim Okey presenting Magic Comedy. Senior Citizens welcome, bring a friend.

May 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.

May 26: 1 pm. Arkell Center, Water Color Class with instructor Joanne Resch. $10 fee includes all supplies needed to complete a picture the same day. Call 673-4408.

COMING JUNE 16. Canajoharie Sr. Cit. Club trip to McCadden Theatre. "NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT". Cost $47 members, $52 nonmembers. Call 673-5588.

MEETINGS

May 19 & 26: 10:15-11 am. The Diet Club meets in the Gallery at Arkell Ctr. The goal is to be accountable while losing or maintaining your weight. Call 673-2112.

May 20: 1 pm. Canajoharie Senior Citizens Club Meeting.

May 24: 10-11 am. Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group. Please join us.

MAY 14

Gloversville Farmer's Market

Elm Street Pavilion. 8:30 am-12:30 pm on Saturday's through Mid-October.

Free Clothing Giveaway at Valley Alliance Church.

9-11 am. Doors open at 8:45 am. Refreshments will be provided.

MAY 21

Dolgeville Farmer's Market

M&T Parking Lot. Open every Saturday, rain or shine. 9 am-1 pm.

MAY 22

Around the World in Song with the Mohawk Valley Choral Society

Central Valley Academy, Ilion, NY. 3 pm. The chorus will perform traditional songs from Zimbabwe, Israel, Hungary, Russia, Mongolia, Ireland, Korea, Ecuador, Mexico, Canada and the United States on its musical tour. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Tickets are available at the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts in Little Falls, Center Stage Pianos in the New Hartford Shopping Center, or at Weisser's Jewelers in Herkimer or may be reserved by calling 315-823-1615 or 315-826-3092 or www.mvchoral.org .

The Valley Choralaires Spring Concert "A Night For Music"

United Methodist Church, East Main Street, Canajoharie. 7 pm. A special song will be sung to honor those who protect and serve our nation. A free will donation will be taken. Call Diane Littrell at 332-1124 for more information.

MAY 23

"Healing Strong" Natural Healing Support Group - MONTHLY

River of Jubilee Church, 5057 Route 5S, Sprakers. 1 pm. This group provides information and encouragement for those desiring to heal naturally. Meetings will be on the 4th Monday of each month. For more information call Jane 518-673-3016.

MAY 24

Johnstown Farmer's Market

West Main Street. 3-6 pm on Tuesday's through Mid-October.

MAY 30

Opening Day, Fort Klock

St. Johnsville. 10 am-4 pm. Call 518-568-7779 for more information or visit www.fortklock-restoration.org .

JUN 3

Chicken Barbeque

Save-A-Lot parking lot. 2 pm until sold out. 1/2 bbq chicken and choice of soda/water.

JUN 4

The Ames Museum

Ames, NY. 9 am-3 pm. Visit our website at www.amesmuseum.weebly.com . Vendors needed for Sept. 17 summer's end celebration. Space is free. For more information call 518-673-5820.

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JUN 15

Amsterdam Farmer's Market

St. Mary's Hospital Memorial Campus. 3-6 pm on Wednesday's through Mid-October.

JUL 4

Independence Day

Fort Klock, St. Johnsville. 12-4 pm. At 1 pm an old fashioned salute to showcase American History as the Declaration of

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Calendar of events

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Independence is read. The Second Tryon County Militia salute will follow to honor those who fought for freedom. Strawberry festival. Bake sale. Call 518-568-7779 for more information or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org .

JUL 9

The Ames Museum

Ames, NY. 9 am-3 pm. Visit our website at www.amesmuseum.weebly.com . Vendors needed for Sept. 17 summer's end celebration. Space is free. For more information call 518-673-5820.

JUL 9 - 10

2016 Canal Days

Visitor Center in Fort Hunter, NY. This annual event is a fun mix of games, food, music, education, recreation, a car show and more. For more information contact Janice at 518-829-7516 or email Schoharie.Crossing@parks.ny.gov .

JUL 24

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Fort Klock, St. Johnsville. 7 pm in the Dutch barn. Call 518-568-7779 for more information or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org .

AUG 2, 3 & 4

Young Pioneer Program

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AUG 27

7th Annual Herkimer County Family Day

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SEP 1

Rabies Clinic

Salisbury Fire Department, 2549 St. Rt. 29, Salisbury Center. 5:30-7 pm. Pre-register at www.herkimercounty.org . A $5 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.

SEP 10 - 11

Craft Fair

Fort Klock, St. Johnsville.
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• Sunday, 10 am-4 pm.
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SEP 17

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DEC 7

Village of Ames Tree Lighting at the Museum

Ames, NY. 6:30-7 pm. Refreshments to follow at the Ames Fire Department.

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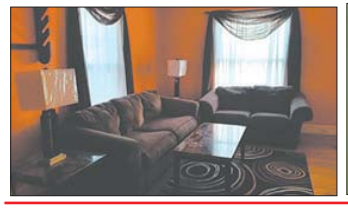

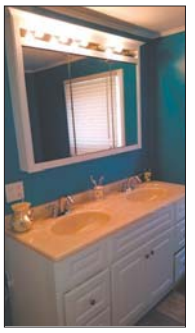

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Five mistakes new homeowners make that attract pests

(Family Features) — Spring is house-hunting season and with warmer temperatures and increased rain, it is also the season when pesky creatures can invade homes. Even minor flaws in a new home should not be ignored as they can potentially lead to pest damage.

Ron Harrison, Ph.D., entomologist with Orkin, recommends new homeowners avoid making these five mistakes:

Overlooking tiny cracks

Even tiny cracks and crevices in the foundation, doorways and walls where pipes enter the home could be inviting ants, roaches, spiders, rodents and other pests inside.

A rat can squeeze through an opening as small as a quarter and a mouse can fit through a hole the size of a dime. Cockroaches, ants and spiders can enter through tiny crevices, too.

Pests are attracted to shelter, food and water. Homeowners should promptly clean up all water and food spills, seal any cracks and crevices around doors, windows and pipes and install weather stripping around and under all doors, including garage doors.

Obtaining second-hand furniture

Buying a home is an expensive investment and it may be tempting to save money with furniture from a thrift shop or garage sale, but bed bugs, spiders and even scorpions have been known to dwell in second-hand upholstered

Mistakes 31

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furniture.

Once inside, they can spread from room to room. That's why it's important to inspect and quarantine – for several months if possible – all second-hand furniture before bringing it inside your home.

Ignoring insulation

A home's attic can be a gateway inside for many pests, such as rodents and cockroaches, that nest in insulation. It's important to inspect insulation for pest activity and damage: insulation that is wet, matted down, chewed or covered with droppings.

New insulation technology incorporates materials specifically designed to help deter household pests.

Ignoring flooring and siding damage

Termites are called "silent destroyers" because they may be secretly hiding and thriving in a home or yard without immediate signs of damage. They cause more than $5 billion in damage every year in the United States, according to the National Pest Management Association.

House foundations, wood framing, furniture and shelves are all possible feeding sites for termites. In spring, termites can be seen swarming around windows or doors. Other signs of termite activity include buckling wood, swollen floors and ceilings and areas that appear to be suffering from slight water damage.

Brick and mortar homes are not termite-proof as they have wooden components, such as framing and flooring, that can host termite infestations. It's important to work with a licensed professional to provide regular inspections.

Not repairing leaks

Minor leaks may seem to be just that – minor – but leaks or condensation, combined with increasing temperatures in the spring, can create ideal conditions for cockroaches and other pests.

American cockroaches, "camel crickets" and springtails can enter homes through tiny cracks and are attracted to damp areas, both in the attic or crawl space and indoors in the basement, kitchen or bathroom.

Small steps make a big difference. Fix leaking faucets, water pipes and A/C units and eliminate standing water on the roof or in gutters to help prevent an infestation.

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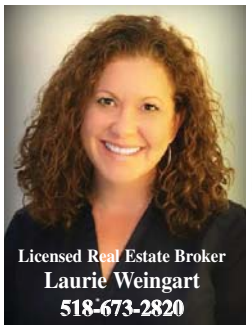

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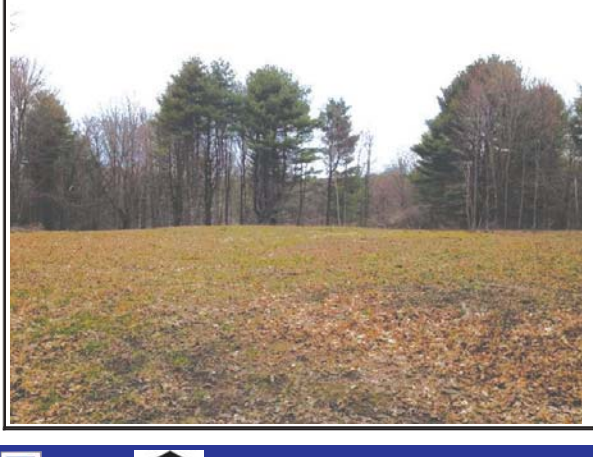

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