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Village of St. Johnsville hosts 2016 Last Night activities

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

St. Johnsville was abuzz with activity, celebrating the Last Night — and day — of 2016.

"We ended up with 11 hours of activity spread over 11 venues at an ap-

proximate cost of \$3,400," said Last Night Committee Chair Dawn Lamphere. "The only charge was a nominal fee for the family and friends photos at the Community House."

Lamphere said that choosing the theme, "Celebrating the Past, Welcoming the Future," prompted the committee to decide early on that they wanted the event to be "family and community centered, have a historical component, and, if at all possible, be free of charge to attend."

"Like mushrooms in the rain, our ideas just seemed to grow and grow!" commented Lamphere.

This year the event began early in the day, at 10 a.m., with "The Way We Were," a photographic tour with Sharon Fuller and Patrick Smith at the Margaret Reaney Library. A "Digital Scavenger Hunt" also began at 10 a.m.

"Mayor Barnes was enthusiastically on board with such a dramatic change in the hours from prior Last Nights, as well as our desire to make the events free," said Lamphere.

Throughout the day, family oriented events took place at the Community House and trolley rides transported folks all over the village, allowing folks to leave their vehicles parked in one place throughout the entire event.

Lamphere said she is "indebted" to Jim Katoavitch and the Fort Plain Activities Council for their support with this year's event.

"Jim provided me with the wisdom of his experience as the coordinator of Fort Plain's event last year and the Council was gracious enough to

lend the lighted ball for the drop."

Cooperation was paramount in the success of the event.

"In early December, I spoke with STJFD Chief Chris Weaver to coordinate the bonfire and ball drop. To paraphrase Chief Weaver, he said whatever we wanted done, the department would do it, just let them know. That same kind of openness and willingness to help prevailed throughout this entire experience. There was not a single venue, performer, volunteer or village department who told us "no." The result

of which was a great experience, blessed with good weather, for everyone who attended. I think we more than accomplished our goals!" said Lamphere.

2016 Last Night was funded by private and corporate donations, support from the St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce, fundraisers and a grant from the Stewart's corporation.

In addition to Lamphere, committee members included Shelley Arduini, Juanita Handy, Judy Swartz, Karen Crouse, and Kim Lansing.

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Linda Lee and the Fox Creek Band had a full house of attendees on their feet and dancing at the Masonic Temple.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin



2016 Last Night Committee Chair, Dawn Lamphere, joins St. Johnsville Mayor Bernard Barnes, right, and Canajoharie's Mayor Francis Avery for a photo during the New Year's Eve celebration.

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## Country Preacher

by Pastor Dan West

It is said that famous boxer Muhammad Ali once said, "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing." There may be some truth in that, but we as believers have another side to the coin.

Risk is a part of nearly every aspect of life, but as a Christian, our relationship with the Lord brings with it assurances of the best decisions to make regardless of the perceived risks. There are many biblical leaders who illustrate

this including Gideon and the Apostle Paul.

Faith is the element that takes much of the uncertainty out of the risk. The Lord told us He will never leave us nor forsake us (**Hebrews 13:5**). In **John 16:13** Jesus tells His followers that His Holy Spirit will come and guide them into all truth.

For believers, He is guiding; are you following? It is so easy to go with our own feelings, avoiding potential risks, than to go with the facts of the Bible.

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## Words Matter

by Troy Bishopp

At the beginning of 2016, I declared it the year of "Thank You". I suggested and laid down some country logic for why the 2 most powerful words should be spoken or written on a regular basis to warm the hearts of humanity and provide inspiration to others for the little things. I'm back again in 2017, like your recent tax bill, to cry even louder that words DO matter.

Words matter was a top attention grabber in last year's tweet-filled, emotional election and is still spilling all over the media outlets. "Experts" seem to relish taking valuable airtime to try and figure out the tone of a word, or groups of words, people text or say, like it was some Morse code. Equal to the task are the "word-smithians" who use diversion words or acronyms to mitigate or tone down the offender of just bad language principles or behavior. But I digress.

The words "thank you", "thanks", "gracias" or "much obliged" have a tone that is unmistakable. I'm still enamored by the saying, "Next to excellence is the appreciation of it." Why don't

we appreciate giving praise in all facets of life? Since my declaration of 2016, I've found little has changed in the thank you department where I inhabit. If words truly do matter, what's the deal?

I've been told by friends and colleagues that it only takes one person's praise for a job well done to mitigate twenty "non-commenders" to stimulate happiness. So they're basically saying, they would be happy with one good bale of hay out of 20 moldy ones. It seems this ratio is way out of whack and indicates there is or must be improvement for folks to have fulfilling relationships with each other.

For there to be a movement towards thoughtful gestures and words in 2017, one must set time aside for practice. With people so desperate for some sort of praise, a little effort can go a long ways. From my experience, handwriting and sharing a personal note of appreciation through snail mail is still a top seller. A close second is offering a helping hand or dedicating some time to the person's charity. Far down the list is any extravagant gift. What I

see are people craving the feeling of being appreciated, not denigrated.

This personal thank you sharing is just as powerful for the giver. The joy comes, maybe in months, when you get that hug, smile or pay-it-forward reciprocation. It feels good to provide someone a little pep in their daily step. It can become contagious. Can you over praise? Heck no!

I'm not going to give up on the notion that words matter. In fact I'm making it a priority to become a steward of thanks. For 52 weeks, I am committed to writing a thank you to someone in the audience for something they have done that inspires, encourages or unselfishly helps someone out. In taking on this initiative, I have discovered there are countless people worthy of praise, so it may take on a life of its own.

I'd like to demonstrate that words matter and are not just hurtful tools for the tone deaf.

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## Borrowed Heritage: A journey into imagination

For those who are getting somewhat “long in the tooth” as is the designation for advanced age in the equine species. We will recall a long gone era. Our younger counterparts in most cases are not ready to acknowledge that they too will get there someday. They want to create their own heritage and it is rightly so. Many of us recall when our citizens were not as mobile as they are in the 21st Century. Families took root, so to speak, when members quit school, graduated or returned from war. The home place was almost sacred. Often, fa-

ther and mother and even previous generations still resided close by. We have become a throw away society. Stuff that was once carefully saved and put into the attic or storeroom is now relegated to the yard sale, garage sale or set out for the garbage man. Whoops, there goes the family photo album for two bucks. “Oh well. What’s the difference, I’m the only one left who would recognize some of the images anyway. I never wrote any identification on the ones I knew and my forbearers did not either.” I think the man who bought this

album is an antique dealer. He will separate the photos and sell them for a dollar or two each. That one of the pretty lady or the handsome man can become someone else’s ancestors just by them saying so. They have a ready-made borrowed heritage.

The writer of this story has devoted most of his adult life to preserving the real estate of early Mohawk Valley families, besides making at least a feeble effort to preserve and accumulate the every day possessions of those early settlers. My own ancestors pointed the way, followed by my

wife’s Nellis ancestors. One of the first families I adopted was the Klock family in 1954. When I became active in saving Fort Klock. Or did they adopt me.

The reader must possess a vivid imagination to be a successful heritage borrower. If you have that essential, let’s venture to a few special properties here in our Historic Valley. Lets stop at Fort Klock. Roll back the years to Oct. 19, 1780. There at the loop hole in his own home stands John Klock, musket in hand. The firing from just to the west can still be heard. The acrid powder smoke still lingers here inside from John’s last few shots fired. We now go fast for-

ward to walk with the Klock children to the school on their own farm. Can you hear the sounds of that railroad locomotive as it makes its first trip by Fort Klock in 1836? It is now the 21st Century, some visitors have arrived. So lets now try to help them borrow some Klock heritage.

Stone Arabia would be a nice place to visit next. We will stop at the old Brower family farm where the writer of these lines worked to restore and preserve the historic place for 28 years. Lets help William Brower, that Holland Dutchman from Schenectady, make his first inspection of this land in the 1730s. Watch his gaze at the

trees that forested this land and sift the soil though his fingers. Yes, this place is just right to raise a young family. As the years go by, we can help cut the fields of grain. The family might have needed help in building their house. It will be built of stone so it lasts for many generations. There are lots of jobs for us. Let’s cart stone from that ledge just east of here. We will mix mortar and split shingles for the roof.

Did you gaze over the wall at Fort Paris on that fall day in 1780 as the Brower family watched the smoke and flames from their burning house? Did you help to rebuild on the same

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stonewalls? Those Crown troops, Tories and Indians sure did a lot of damage to all of the Stone Arabia settlements. Rebuild we did and the old stone house still survives. As the years go by we can help harvest the grain and milk the cows. Just look at that apple orchard. Do you remember planting those trees so our children and grandchildren can enjoy the fruit? Down through the ages we have added some of the Brower heritage to our own.

Lets stay here in Stone Arabia for our next attempt at borrowing heritage. Should we visit the Kilts family just a short distance to the Northwest? The writer of this story has been on this old Kilts farm for 50 years. In that time, a lot

of heritage can be borrowed and this has been an ideal place to do it. "Look unto the hills" to the North, South toward Cherry Valley or long to the West. Those evening sunsets inspire those who today see them just as they have those through the ages. The Kilts family bought this land in 1750. They too watched the sunsets. Each especially made by God for those who wish to admire them. So! Do you remember helping to build the first building here or rebuild when enemy hands burned them so long ago? Do you remember helping to dig that well just west of the house? Much of it went deep into the shale below the shallow soil. Can you remember helping to rebuild the great timber barn that replaced the one burned on the fate-

ful day in the fall of 1780? It's now almost mid century in the 1800s. We are proud of the new house. Just behind it is the family burying ground.

In our imaginary voyage to borrow heritage, we can reopen trails long overgrown by brush and weeds and carry us across thresholds that have long disappeared into oblivion. Our visions of dim and distant past we must leave there in the past. Let's go fast forward to the beginning days of 2017. We cannot or should not replace our own heritage with that borrowed from other for-bearers. However, walking in the footsteps of those who went before us can broaden our respect for those mortal beings we casually call ancestors. It seems that certain locations instill

in some of us a feeling of serenity not easily come by. I hope the readers

have found such a place and can hang onto it. Skip Barshied, Stone

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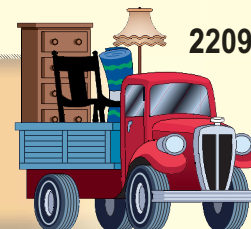
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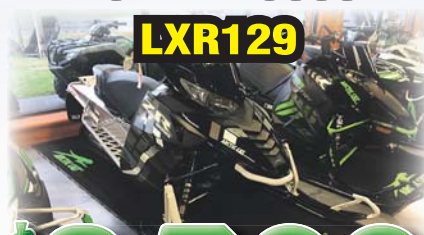
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# Resolutions on the road: Cruising into 2017 with plans for better car care

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resolutions, and Hankook Tire checked out the road-related improvements Americans resolve to make happen in 2017. Whether you're looking to save money or are determined to make that cross-country road trip a reality, the Hankook Tire Gauge Index found Americans are looking to take the well-oiled wheel of 2017 with better car care.

## Under pressure

According to the Hankook Tire Gauge Index, over half (57 percent) of Americans are determined to keep their car cleaner in 2017. Additionally, 35 percent resolve to check the air in their tires more frequently, and doing so can have a significant effect on overall driver safety. Did you know it is recommended to check the air in your tires once a month? Be sure to check your vehicle's owner's manual for the recommended tire pressure for your car, truck or SUV.

## Resolve to rotate

When the snow just won't stop falling and the trees look a little too bare, sometimes it's all too easy to daydream about escaping to a trop-

ical island for a while. Most Americans agree, for tires with good traction or grip. as 84 percent would rather drive to a sunny beach than to a ski resort in the winter months. For those who can't escape the elements, it is more important than ever to make sure your tires are rotated as you navigate the winter roads. A good tip is to rotate your tires when you check your oil — and since nearly a quarter of drivers (22 percent) resolve to change the oil more frequently in 2017, it looks like America is already on the road to good car maintenance.

## Keep on commuting

We might all begrudge our daily commute, but considering 61 percent of Americans drive every day, it doesn't look like many of us are resolving to change it. However, there better be light on the roads during the daily drive. Whether drivers are scared of the dark or not, 48 percent of Americans adjust their commute to avoid driving once the sun sets.

## New year, new tires

Nearly one in four Americans (24 percent) will resolve to get new tires in 2017. While shopping for those, 73 percent note they look

Whether you're already hunting for new tires for the new year, it might be a good idea to do "the penny test" and check your tread. Take a penny and insert it between the tread of the tire, with Lincoln's head facing

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| 17062A | 2010 | Toyota | Corolla S Navi    | 59k | \$9,964  | <b>\$132</b> |
| P1357A | 2010 | Nissan | Maxima            | 94k | \$11,900 | <b>\$159</b> |
| 16740B | 2012 | Ford   | Fiesta            | 48k | \$8,314  | <b>\$105</b> |
| 16830A | 2013 | Acura  | TSX               | 48k | \$17,995 | <b>\$259</b> |
| 17022A | 2013 | Nissan | Sentra SR         | 39k | \$11,989 | <b>\$159</b> |
| P1494A | 2013 | Honda  | Accord            | 34k | \$18,500 | <b>\$265</b> |
| P1496  | 2013 | Toyota | Camry SE          | 22k | \$17,995 | <b>\$259</b> |
| P1475  | 2014 | Toyota | Corolla S         | 25k | \$14,989 | <b>\$209</b> |
| P1493  | 2014 | Scion  | XD                | 24k | \$12,995 | <b>\$177</b> |
| P1516  | 2014 | Lexus  | IS 250 AWD Loaded | 37k | \$25,995 | <b>\$389</b> |
| P1447  | 2015 | Kia    | Optima LX         | 17k | \$12,995 | <b>\$177</b> |
| P3627A | 2015 | Toyota | Prius C           | 20k | \$16,995 | <b>\$241</b> |
| R095   | 2016 | Toyota | Corolla S         | 9k  | \$17,995 | <b>\$257</b> |

## USED TRUCKS

| Stk#   | Year | Make   | Model                  | Miles | Price    | Mo. Pymt.    |
|--------|------|--------|------------------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| P1489A | 2011 | Nissan | Frontier Crew SL       | 53k   | \$21,995 | <b>\$322</b> |
| 17180A | 2011 | GMC    | Sierra 1500 Crew 4WD   | 64k   | \$27,995 | <b>\$418</b> |
| 17082A | 2014 | Toyota | Tacoma TRD Sport       | 16k   | \$30,884 | <b>\$469</b> |
| P1488  | 2014 | Toyota | Tundra Crew Max        | 20k   | \$35,995 | <b>\$547</b> |
| 17220A | 2014 | Ford   | F150 Ext. Cab 4x4      | 19k   | \$29,995 | <b>\$449</b> |
| P1524  | 2014 | Toyota | Tundra Dbl Cab Base    | 29k   | \$28,495 | <b>\$389</b> |
| P1520  | 2014 | Toyota | Tundra Dbl Cab SR5/TRD | 28k   | \$32,995 | <b>\$494</b> |
| 17050A | 2015 | Toyota | Tacoma Sport Crew      | 25k   | \$30,817 | <b>\$469</b> |
| 17201A | 2015 | Toyota | Tundra LTD 4WD         | 9k    | \$39,995 | <b>\$598</b> |

|        |      |        |                        |     |          |              |
|--------|------|--------|------------------------|-----|----------|--------------|
| 16800A | 2009 | Lexus  | RX350 AWD              | 85k | \$14,709 | <b>\$225</b> |
| P1497  | 2011 | Toyota | Venza LE AWD           | 49k | \$16,995 | <b>\$241</b> |
| 16809B | 2011 | Toyota | RAV4 AWD               | 44k | \$14,995 | <b>\$209</b> |
| 17067A | 2011 | Toyota | RAV4 AWD               | 66k | \$13,495 | <b>\$199</b> |
| 16783A | 2012 | Toyota | 4 Runner SR5           | 74k | \$26,989 | <b>\$399</b> |
| P1476A | 2012 | Subaru | Forester X-Prem AWD    | 83k | \$13,995 | <b>\$199</b> |
| 17088A | 2012 | Jeep   | Liberty                | 32k | \$17,995 | <b>\$257</b> |
| 17197A | 2012 | Dodge  | Grand Caravan          | 77k | \$12,995 | <b>\$177</b> |
| 17253A | 2013 | Ford   | Edge SEL AWD           | 52k | \$18,995 | <b>\$273</b> |
| P1507  | 2013 | Toyota | Highlander LE          | 28k | \$22,995 | <b>\$329</b> |
| P1512  | 2013 | Toyota | RAV4 AWD               | 30k | \$18,995 | <b>\$275</b> |
| 16393A | 2014 | Mazda  | CX5 Touring            | 48k | \$16,989 | <b>\$239</b> |
| P1505  | 2014 | Toyota | Highlander XLE         | 32k | \$31,995 | <b>\$483</b> |
| P1506  | 2014 | Toyota | Sienna LE              | 28k | \$22,995 | <b>\$330</b> |
| P1490  | 2015 | Toyota | Highlander LTD         | 22k | \$36,489 | <b>\$549</b> |
| 17237A | 2015 | Jeep   | Grand Cherokee LTD 4WD | 38k | \$30,995 | <b>\$435</b> |

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### Avoid Surprise... Winterize

Be Car Care Aware

Winterizing your vehicle should be a top priority. The non-profit Car Care Council recommends that motorists perform a six-point winter maintenance check of areas that have direct impact on winter driving.

"Harsh winter weather can stress out a vehicle, as well as its driver," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "A vehicle that is properly prepared for the elements can help you avoid an unplanned road emergency when the weather takes a sudden turn for the worse."

**Battery** – Cold weather is hard on batteries, so it's wise to check the battery and charging system for optimum performance. Because batteries don't always give warning signs before they fail, it is advisable to replace batteries that are more than three years old.

**Antifreeze** – Antifreeze (coolant) should be

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flushed and refilled at least every two years in most vehicles. As a reminder, do not add 100 percent antifreeze as full-strength antifreeze actually has a lower freeze point than when mixed with water.

**Brakes** – Have the brake system checked. Brakes are critical to vehicle safety and particularly important when driving on icy or snow-

### Winter Tip

Check the tire tread depth and tire pressure, including the spare. If snow and ice are a problem in your area, consider special tires designed to grip slick roads. During winter, tire pressure should be checked weekly as tires lose pressure when temperatures drop.

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covered roads.

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**Oil** – Be diligent about changing the oil at recommended intervals and check the fuel, air and transmission filters at the same time. Consider changing to low-viscosity oil in winter, as it will flow more easily between moving parts when cold. In sub-zero driving temperatures, drop oil weight from 10-W30 to 5-W30 as thickened oil can make it hard to start the car.

**Lights & Wipers** – Make sure all exterior and interior lights are

working so you can see and be seen. Check the fluid level in the windshield washer reservoir and replace wiper blades that are torn, cracked or don't properly clean your windshield.

In addition, the council recommends a thorough vehicle inspection by a trusted professional service technician as winter magnifies existing problems such as pings, hard starts, sluggish performance or rough idling.

Drivers should keep their vehicle's gas tank at least half-full to decrease the chances of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing and stock an emergency kit with an ice scraper and snowbrush, jumper cables, flashlight, blanket, extra clothes, bottled water, dry food snacks and needed medication.

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# Auto Care: An easy resolution that makes financial sense

With the cost of a new vehicle on the rise, the non-profit Car Care Council reminds drivers that caring for your current vehicle is an easy new year's resolution to keep, making more economic sense than purchasing a new one.

"During the holiday season, many people bust the budget and then resolve to save money in the coming year," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Many resolutions quickly go by the wayside, but it's an easy decision to keep your current vehicle and maintain it at recommended intervals. Auto care makes financial sense, protecting the trade-in value and postponing the sting of new car prices."

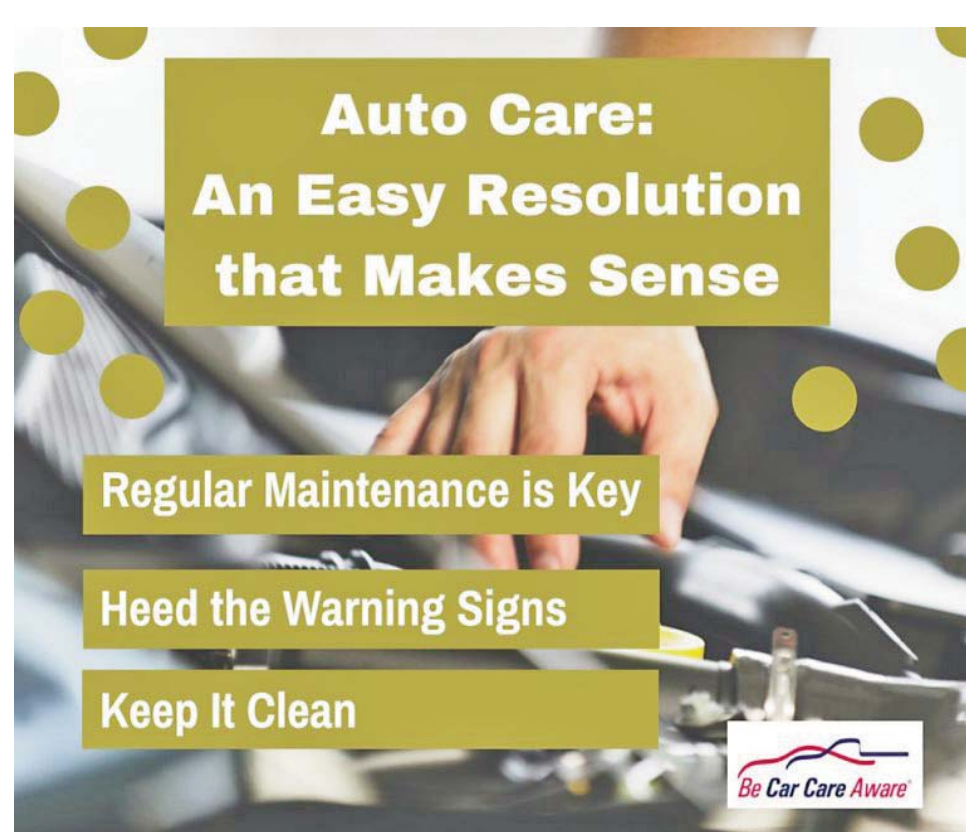
While the average price of a new passenger vehicle has risen to nearly \$34,000 according to Kelley Blue Book, IHS Markit reports that the average vehicle age is

now 11.6 years. The good news for car owners is that today's vehicles are lasting longer than ever before and by following three simple auto care tips, they can protect their vehicle investment and address minor issues before they become more complicated, expensive repairs.

Regular maintenance is key. The best way to ensure a vehicle's longevity is to observe a regular service schedule. Keep up with fluid and filter changes, tire checks and other routine maintenance. Over time, some car parts and components wear out or become damaged, so the smart investment is to replace these typical wear items before long-term damage ensues. In addition to the maintenance schedule outlined in the owner's manual, the Car Care Council offers a free custom service schedule to help remind motorists of essential auto care intervals.

Heed the warning signs. Vehicles have ways of communicating that trouble may be on the horizon. Illuminated dashboard warning lights, such as the check engine light, indicate that key vehicle systems need inspection as soon as possible. Pay attention to any new or unusual vehicle sounds, such as squealing, thumping, hissing or grinding as they can indicate a problem. Unusual smells, such as burnt rubber, hot oil, gasoline, rotten eggs, burning carpet or the sweet smell of syrup can also indicate a serious problem.

Keep it clean. Washing and waxing a vehicle on a regular basis protects its value. A thorough cleaning inside and out prevents the buildup of dirt and damaging chemicals that can harm the finish, reduces the potential for rust from road salt, and ensures proper visibility needed for safe



driving.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular

vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For the latest car care news, visit the council's online media room at <http://media.carcare.org>

To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit the council's consumer education website at [www.carcare.org](http://www.carcare.org).



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## Donna's Day: Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

### Fun with recycled ribbons and wrap

There are plenty of things to do with holiday leftovers. And I'm not talking food. Think of all the colorful catalogs, wrinkled gift wrap, ribbons and bows stashed away in your recycling bin this week. To artist and retired art educator Becky Anderson, it's a treasure trove of stimulating materials that can

open doors to expression and creative thinking for her 19 month old granddaughter, Lucia.

"When Lucia comes over, I like to share what I enjoy doing, and that usually comes in the form of making things with our hands," she said while tearing cast-off holiday gift wrap into different shapes. "I'm curious to see what she'll do with paper and a bot-

tle of glue today."

Sure enough, all it took was the sound of the spit and sputter from the glue bottle as Becky dabbed glue on construction paper, and Lucia was engrossed.

"Sticking colorful papers to the glue is just plain fun for her," said Becky. "It's also teaching her cause and effect, a basic skill for life. She discovers by her actions

that something changes. To create is intrinsically rewarding for children, and it also expends lots of energy — all the better for a nap later on," she adds with a smile.

Here are two paper and glue art activities for young kids using recycled stuff from around the house.

Here's the stuff:

- Leftover holiday gift wrap cut or torn into two

to three-inch shapes.

- Leftover ribbon, string and gift tags

- Construction paper
- Household white glue in a squeeze container such as Elmer's

- Art paintbrush, paper plate and leftover tissue paper cut into 1/2-inch x 16-inch strips

Here's the fun:

#### Toddlers

If this is your child's first experience using glue, show him or her how to squeeze the bottle and dab it on the construction paper. Choose pieces of paper one by one and press them into the small puddles of glue every which way. Talk about colors and patterns as you create the collage together.

#### Three and Four years

Squeeze some glue on a paper plate, then stir in some water. Using the paintbrush, your child may "paint" the glue solution on the art paper. Stick paper shapes on the glue.

Crumple tissue strips and press the wads onto the glue in colorful combinations. Add

more glue solution, if needed.

Display the art at home for the whole family to enjoy, or hang it in your office as a colorful reminder of your child.

Extra idea: Make the collages on folded cardstock and use as original thank you notes for holiday gifts. Or glue papers to a box and then use it to store things inside.

Donna Erickson's award winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the new Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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♦ New England Clam Chowder

**Saturday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**  
♦ Prime Rib Dinner w/Potato & Veg 3-7PM  
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**Sunday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**  
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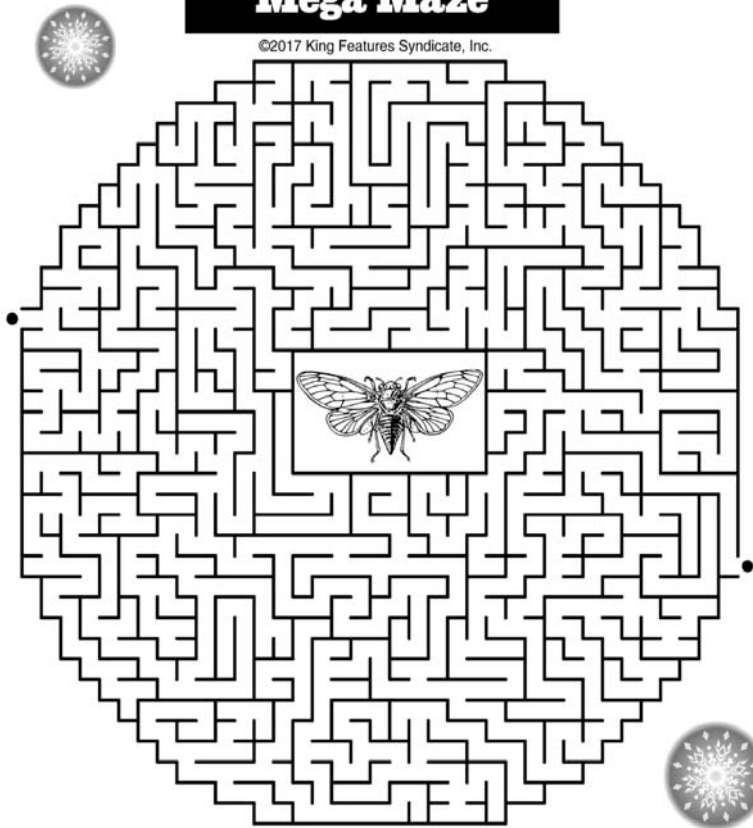
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by Linda Thistle

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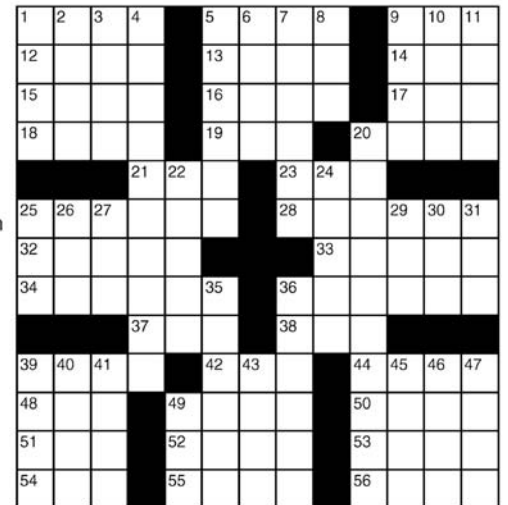
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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Rebuff a masher  
5 Whip  
9 Vanna's cohort  
12 Twosome  
13 Reverberate  
14 Center  
15 — -European  
16 Part of Q.E.D.  
17 "Monty Python" opener  
18 Egg container?  
19 Symbol of intrigue  
20 Hoofbeat sound  
21 Mound stat  
23 Sib  
25 Like wet snow  
28 There  
32 Pot  
33 Of service  
34 Construction pieces  
36 Prepares to propose  
37 Bottom line  
38 Egos' counterparts  
39 Crooked  
42 Under the weather  
44 "G.W.T.W." plantation  
48 Regret  
49 Verbal



- 50 Enthusiastic, plus  
51 "All the Things You —"  
52 Exhaust-pipe output  
53 Undressed  
54 Pantheon member  
55 Unoriginal one  
56 Ball-bearing items  
5 Room to maneuver  
6 Farm fraction  
7 Down-at-the-heels  
8 Stolen  
9 Donahue or Collins  
10 Car  
11 Recipe meas.  
20 Potential winner  
22 Lyricist's specialty  
24 Circular  
25 Take to the slopes  
26 U.K. pol. party  
27 Multipurpose truck  
29 Conk out  
30 Right angle  
31 Scale members  
35 Rouse  
36 Strikingly effective  
39 Boast  
40 Continental coin  
41 Requisite  
43 Like some excuses  
45 Chills and fever  
46 Took the shuttle  
47 Quite some time  
49 Son-gun link

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## LAFF-A-DAY



"I don't want tonight's company staying late, so be ready to play around 10."

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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by Helene Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH - LUNCH TIME

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do polar bears eat for lunch?

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FISH  
HAMBURGER  
HOT DOG  
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Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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## The origins of popular winter sports

For winter sports enthusiasts, the arrival of snow and chilly temperatures means the start of a season of outdoor fun. Those who see winter as a time to embrace their love of sport may appreciate learning more about some of the sports that are most popular during the colder months of the year.

### Ice hockey

Hockey is one of the most popular winter sports. In 1994, Parliament passed the Canada's National Sport Act, which declared hockey the official national winter sport of Canada. The origins of ice hockey are somewhat uncertain, though some historians claim the first set of rules to govern the sport were written by students at Montreal's McGill University in the 1870s.

### Downhill (Alpine) skiing

SnowSports Industries America indicates that, in the 2014-2015 season, more than nine million American Alpine skiers took to the slopes, and the sport continues to attract new devotees each year.

Historians state that skiing evolved as a method to cross the landscape in the winter when marshlands froze over. Cave drawings suggest that man used skis

during the last Ice Age in the Palaeolithic period. Yet the birth of modern downhill skiing is often traced to the 1850s when Norwegian legend Sondre Norheim popularized skis with curved sides and made skiing a sport instead of just a mode of transport. Skiing ultimately became quite popular in Russia, Finland, Sweden, and Norway. Today there are various types of downhill skiing, including mountain skiing, extreme cat skiing and heli skiing.

### Curling

Curling may now be seen as a largely Canadian sport, but it is widely believed to be one of the world's oldest team sports, tracing its origins to Great Britain. The World Curling Federation states paintings by the 16th Century Flemish artist Pieter Bruegel portrayed an activity similar to curling being

played on Scotland's frozen ponds. The earliest known curling stones came from the Scottish regions of Stirling and Perth, dating all the way back to 1511.

### Ice skating

Speed skating and figure skating are derivatives of early ice skating, which is believed to have started in Finland more than 3,000 years ago. Skates were sharpened, flattened bone strapped to the bottom of a shoe and glided on top of the ice. The Dutch added edges to steel blades around the 13th or 14th centuries. Eventually, skating was brought to England from the Netherlands.

Winter sports draw millions of participants each year, giving people a reason to leave the house even when temperatures dip below freezing.



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## Whatchamacallits



Our Whatchamacallit this week is a Stanley Victor No. 20 circular (or compass) plane. If you are a hand tool enthusiast, this is definitely a tool you should try.

Stanley made several versions of the circular plane, numbers 12, 20 and 113, and although the 113 is more available as a vintage item, according to [www.supertool.com](http://www.supertool.com), the Victor No. 20 is by far the best design for this type of plane.

By turning the top center wheel (marked Victor No. 20), you are able to flex the bed in a concave or convex shape in order to shave and shape circular items. The small inset photo, top right (from [picclick.com](http://picclick.com).

[au](http://au)) illustrates how extreme the curve can get.

The idea is to support the bed enough so that the blade will make constant contact with the wood when planing curved surfaces. This type of plane would be used much the same way as a spokeshave, planing down the grain as much as possible.

The markings on the cast nickel plated frame and design of the adjusting wheel indicate that this plane was made between 1900 and 1920. In the '20s, Stanley began black japanning the planes, as complete nickel plating became too costly.



### Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?

Send a photo and short description to [csuo@leepub.com](mailto:csuo@leepub.com) or call Colleen at 518-673-0145



# Antiques & auctions...

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### Calendar of events

#### ORIGINAL VALLEY PENNYSAVER

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#### JAN

**Arkell Center Programs** for ALL AREA Seniors during January 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:** 10-11 am. Tai Chi Workshop. Sponsored by Montgomery County Office for Aging. No fee.

**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.

**Fridays:** 9-10 am. Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Bonnie Fiore and Sharon in the Gallery. \$10 fee.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**Jan. 19:** 10 am. Alz Org. with Megan DeMento "Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors". Rsvp by Jan. 16. Call 518-867-4999 ext. 200.

**Jan. 26:** 1 pm. Watercolor with Joann Resch.

**Jan. 27:** Mont. Cty. OFA is celebrating Chinese New Year with the follow-

ing menu. Chicken, Broccoli Stir Fry over Rice with Oriental Veg, Rye Bread, Pineapple & Fortune Cookie. Call to reserve at 673-2000.

**Jan. 27:** 12:30 pm. Gary Van Slyke performing Winter Songs. Bring A Friend!

#### MEETINGS

**Jan. 19 & 26:** 10:15 am-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.

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

#### JAN 15

#### Pancake Breakfast

Ames Firehouse. 7 am-2-pm. Adults \$8, Children \$4, 5 and under free.

#### JAN 19

#### Board of Education Meeting

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, Room 145. 7 pm.

#### JAN 21

**The Wells Fish and Game Clubs Annual Sportsman Swap Meet**  
Wells Community Hall, 1382 Route 30. 9 am-1 pm. Admission \$2 for adults and children get in free. For more information or to rent a table contact Nancy Lewis at 924-2110.

#### FEB 16

#### Preliminary Budget Presentation

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, Room 145. 7 pm.

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#### APR 27

#### Board of Education Approves Budget

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, Room 145. 7 pm. Cooperstown-FarmersMarket.org .

#### Calendar 22

### WEEKLY SALES EVERY MONDAY HOSKING SALES – CERTIFIED ORGANIC MARKETING AGENCY

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**Monday, Jan. 16th** – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb & Goat Sale

**Monday, Jan. 23rd** – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day

**Monday, Jan. 30th** – Normal Monday Sale

Mark your calendars for these upcoming sales:

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**Sat., Jan 28th - Consignment Auction ~ 6:33pm**  
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# Senior News Line: Waiting on first check from Social Security

by Matilda Charles

If you'll be eligible for Social Security soon and are counting on having the money in hand on your birthday, beware. That's likely not when you'll receive it, especially not your first check. The month is broken down into thirds. If your birthday is somewhere between the first and the 10th, expect the money on the second Wednesday of the month. Between the 11th and 20th, you'll get your money on the third Wednesday. After that, you get yours on the fourth Wednesday. Those who began receiving benefits before 1997, however, get their benefits on the first of the month.

Starting in 2013, Social Security stopped sending out checks. You now have two ways to get your money:

- Direct deposit (electronic transfer) into your bank account on the day you're supposed to get it. This is your best bet because it's free. This is not to be confused with an ETA account that is only for electronic transfers. Ask at your bank to be sure which one you have.
- Money applied to your Direct Express Debit card. While it's supposedly free to handle your money this way, it often isn't. You get one free withdrawal each month, can check your balances and can use the card wherever debit

cards are accepted. (Probably not to pay your landlord, though.) After that, you'll start getting dinged for small amounts, depending on what services you ask for. Additionally, you won't receive your money until the month following your birthday — unless you file at age 62 and your birthday is the first or second of the month. Meanwhile read the details before you apply for Social Security so you know what to expect. To view the 2017 payment schedule, go online to [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2017.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2017.pdf). (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

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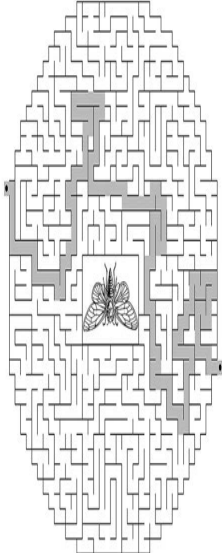
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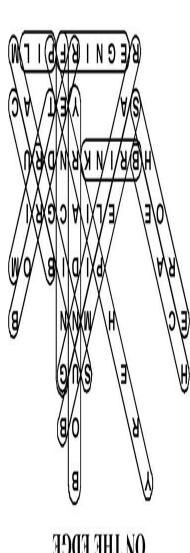
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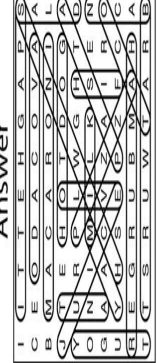


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