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The 2017-2018 program will be a full day. The hours will be 8:30am-2:30pm. Transportation is not provided.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the East Hill Elementary School at 673-6310



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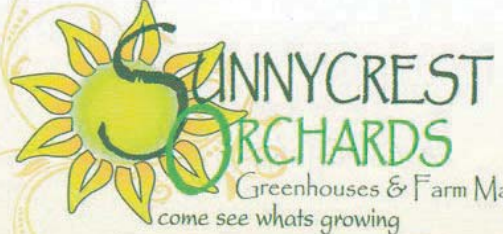
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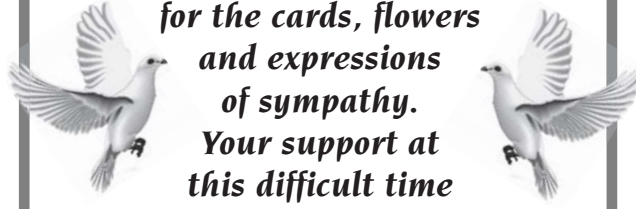
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Ayers Memorial Animal Shelter encourages families

by **Cammie Barden**

Ayers Memorial Animal Shelter has been a stop for countless animals waiting for their “fur-ever” home. However, the employees and volunteers are doing more than just allowing the animals to sit quietly and wait for adoption.

Numerous events and programs have been implemented to help animals find and stay in their new homes. “We pair dogs and volunteers based on their personalities,” Marissa Glacier, a long-term employee, said in regards to the Shelter Dog Program. “The volunteers can take the dogs out for one hour or the whole day.”

The Shelter Dog Program has expanded the number of volunteers to the shelter dramatically over the last six months. The program offers a guarantee the dogs will be able to get out of the shelter at least once a week, accompanied by their “Shelter Buddy”. The Shelter Buddy is able to take the dog for a long walk, to pet stores, to dog parks, to their own homes — anywhere besides the shelter.

Furthermore, the Shelter Buddy can opt in to enrolling the dog in the Shelter Dog Obedience Class to help improve adoptability. Then when the Shelter Buddy is out on the town with their furry friend, it becomes a topic of conversation. “How great does she walk!” can be a great comment to help an interested party adopt a dog. And this does lead to adoptions, and not just from the volunteers who have adopted their assigned dog along the way.

Ayers Memorial Animal Shelter has a total of four full-time employees — Lorraine Fredricks, Claire Custer, Marissa Glacier, and Rich Christman. These busy people will receive strays brought in from Animal Control or by an owner unable to continue to care for their pet. They also keep an eye on Facebook to get the animals who need a second shot at a new home.

When they aren’t rescuing, they are taking care of the animals at the shelter. “We clean a

lot of poop,” Marissa said.

“It’s a specialty,” said Rich, indicating the amount of work which goes into the one task alone.

Marissa and Rich met at a fundraiser four years ago. In a little under two years, the two were having their first date at another shelter’s fundraiser. At the time, both were working at different shelters.

“I’ve been working [at Ayers] for seven years, but I’ve been here for eight,” Marissa said. Marissa’s mother has been working at Ayers for 18 years.

“I’ve been working here for a year,” Rich said, but followed with having volunteered with Ayers before then. “I’ve been doing Adirondack Dog Training for two years.”

Rich is a trainer, working with private classes as well as running the Shelter Dog Obedience Class. His manner with his clients is one of mutual respect and adoration. The dogs obviously feel safe around him and he has the inherent ability to get the dogs to respond to his commands. Although all employees of Ayers have a special relationship with their clients, his is a pack leader and Marissa’s is a playmate.

Last May, the couple became engaged in the presence of a dog the couple were fostering. It wasn’t long before the couple tied the knot, although it was a bit of a surprise for Rich. Marissa kept the details from Rich until about a week from the date. It wasn’t

until Rich jokingly refused to show up at the ceremony before Marissa finally revealed the date and location.

“Where else would we get married?” Marissa said, indicating Ayers Memorial Animal Shelter. Due to the couple’s schedule with working, pet sitting and training,



Rich Christman and Marissa Glacier sit in the room they were married in. With them is Batman, a little Chihuahua who is a recent arrival at the shelter.

Photos by Joan Kark-Wren

the only time and place suitable for the marriage was the animal training center at Ayers.

With the couple currently expecting the arrival of a baby girl, the two have refused to slow down in their efforts. They have a large fur family themselves and are known for fostering shelter dogs nearing the end of their time due to medical reasons. The couple will also pet sit and still arrive at the shelter to care for the animals (although Marissa is restricted from the cats, due to her pregnancy).

Ayers works with other shelters in the area who share the same ideologies about rescuing. Yet,



Marissa sits with Hal, an American Eskimo mix. Although Hal is a senior, he certainly has plenty of energy and an award winning smile.

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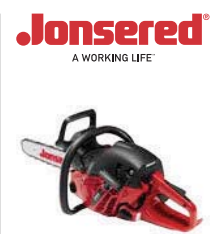
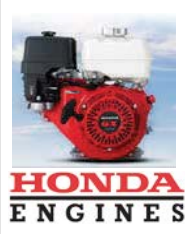
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Local history buff Willis “Skip” Barshied talks about the history of a vintage hand woven coverlet (bedspread) that he presented to the Fort Plain Free Library for a fundraiser in support of Phase II construction. A raffle for that purpose kicks off at the 19 Willett Street library on May 19 and 20 during the annual Book, Bake and Plant Sale.



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Coverlet from 11

annual Book, Bake and Plant Sale at its 19 Willett St. location. The spring sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20. The drawing for the beautifully crafted textile will be take place during the holiday open house in December.

Barshied bought the locally made antique coverlet from the Showerman auction in Stone Arabia during the early 1950s.

In addition to the bed-spread that he donated

Coverlet 22

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Saturday, June 3, 2017 - Ice Cream Social 6-8pm

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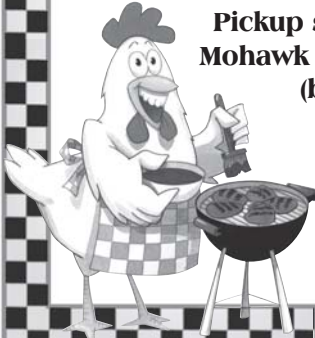
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Tuesday, May 23rd
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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2016

Village of Canajoharie

75 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie, NY 13317 • Public Water Supply ID# NY2800137

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Village of Canajoharie will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact: Mr. Jeff Swartz, Supt. of Water, 75 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie, NY 13317; Telephone (518) 673-2007. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings. The meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Village Office Building, 75 Erie Blvd., Canajoharie, NY 13317 at 7:00 PM.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by

public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water source is a surface water source consisting of several upland springs. The Hill, Gray, Sand, Young, and Plank Springs comprise the "springline" in addition to the Sprite Creek which feeds water to our reservoir. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 93 million gallons. The water is filtered at our Slow Sand Filtration plant. The plant consists of three slow sand filters. After passing through the filters the finished water is disinfected by injection of a sodium hypochlorite solution. Water not consumed by our customers is stored at the Smith Street Reservoir, East Hill Tank, and Palatine Clearwell, providing us with 2.63 million gallons of water storage to meet consumer demand and provide adequate fire protection.

The NYS DOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how rapidly contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility of a water supply source to contamination is dependent upon both the presence of potential sources of contamination within the source's contributing area and the likelihood that the contamination can travel through the environment to reach the source. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See section "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information

for protecting source waters into the future.

Our water is derived from several spring sources and a reservoir. Based on the analysis of available information for these spring sources, there are no water quality concerns found in the assessment area. No land cover water quality concerns, permitted discharges, or other discrete facilities were identified in the assessment area using GIS. It should be noted that springs in general can be highly sensitive to petroleum products and solvents. An assessment of the reservoir found no noteworthy risks to source water quality. It should be noted that reservoirs in general are highly sensitive to phosphorus and microbial contaminants.

Please note that our water is filtered and disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets New York State's drinking water standards for microbial contamination.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our water system serves approximately 2,300 people through 868 service connections. The total amount of water produced in 2016 was 88,854,391 gallons. The daily average of water treated and pumped into the distribution system was 243,436 gallons per day. Our single highest day was 506,000 gallons.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. In addition, we test 2 samples for coliform bacteria monthly. The table presented prior depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or the New York State Department of Health Herkimer District Office at (315) 866-6879.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no maximum contaminant level violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2016, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

INFORMATION ON LEAD

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Canajoharie is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.
- Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Simply turn off all taps and water using appliances, then check the meter after 15 minutes. If it moved, you have a leak.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions at (518) 673-2007.

Table of Detected Contaminants
Village of Canajoharie Water Works PWS ID#NY2800137

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants							
Turbidity (Highest value from 3/16/16)	N	Daily	0.03 ¹	NTU	N/A	TT=5.0	Soil Run-off
			100% < 1.0 ¹			TT=95% of samples < 1.0 NTU	
Inorganic Contaminants							
Chloride	N	04/27/16	15.2	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
Copper ² Range of values	N	09/03/15	.44 .04-.55	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits;
Lead Range of values	N	09/03/15	3 ³ ND-6	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	N	07/28/14	2.8	ppb	N/A	N/A	Discharge from steel mills/ metal factories
Sodium ⁴		04/27/16	7.5	ppm	N/A	N/A	Geology; Road Salt
Sulfate	N	04/27/16	8.72	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally Occurring,
Barium	N	04/21/15	7.8	ppb	2000	2000	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection Byproducts							
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] Range of values	N	1/26/16 4/12/16 7/12/16 10/13/16	13.125	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
			5.7 - 21				
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] Range of values	N	1/26/16 4/12/16 7/12/16 10/13/16	34.65	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
			9.7 - 28.2				
Chlorine Residual (average) range	N	Daily	1.42	ppm	MRDLG	MRDL	Used in the treatment and disinfection of drinking water
			1.01-1.87		N/A	4	

Notes:

- 1-Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Level detected represents the highest level detected. Our average turbidity is 0.01 NTU and our lowest level detected was 0.01NTU. The regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 1.0 NTU
- 2 - The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 samples collected. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the 10 sites tested.
- 3 - The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 samples collected. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the 10 sites tested.
- 4- Water containing more than 20 mg/l should not be consumed by persons on severely restricted sodium diets
- 5- The average is based on a Running Annual Average. The average shown represents the highest RAA for the 4 quarters in 2015 with the highest quarterly average for both TTHM and HAA5 in the 4th quarter.

Glossary

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
90th Percentile Value - The values reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system
Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination
RAA - The RAA is calculated each quarter by taking the average of the four most recent samples collected.
Treatment Technique (TT)-A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
N/A-Not applicable

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GROVER - Male Rottie mix found on Button Road, Sharon Springs. Very playful.



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SPARKY - Male Cattle Dog mix, 55 lbs. High energy. Good with some calmer dogs.



GIORGIO - 1 year old male Pit Bull mix. Good with some dogs. Crate trained and good on car rides.



BRUTUS - 7 year old male Pit Bull, 57 lbs. Knows "sit, shake, lie down". Great on leash. Sweet personality and that famous "Pittie" smile! Not good with cats or kids.



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - CELL PHONES

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: **How did the cell phone propose to his girlfriend?**

APP	F	K	E	Y	P	A	D	A	T	A
CALENDAR	H	L	E	P	A	G	E	R	S	L
CAMERA	O	G	A	C	H	A	R	G	E	R
CHARGER	M	E	S	S	A	G	E	N	A	E
CHAT	E	A	D	V	H	E	S	D	R	M
CODE	M	H	E	I	P	L	N	L	C	I
DATA	O	E	R	A	V	E	I	A	H	T
FLASHLIGHT	R	D	M	P	L	A	N	G	R	X
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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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|------------|------------|------------|------------|
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| Broad Peak | K2 Qogir | Makalu | Rakaposhi |
| Cho Oyu | Kamet | Manaslu | Tirich Mir |
| Chogolisa | Kanjut Sar | Nanda Devi | |

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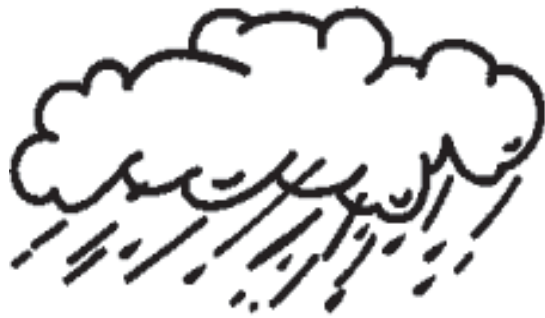
STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Can you match the nicknames to these famous people?

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Papa | a. Ronald Reagan |
| 2. Father of the Nation | b. Gen. Erwin Rommel |
| 3. Desert Fox | c. Thomas Edison |
| 4. The Gipper | d. Mohandas Gandhi |
| 5. Wizard of Menlo Park | e. Ernest Hemingway |

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Amber Waves



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King Crossword

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ACROSS

- Fundamental
- Land
- Guru
- Stated openly
- Chant
- Take away
- Bambi, e.g.
- Symbol of grace
- Cod piece?
- Arizona city
- Hot tub
- Be behind
- Leftovers
- Reverberate
- Russian czar, 1682-1725
- Goblet part
- Missile shelter
- Banned pesticide
- Trench
- Night light?
- Junior
- "Dukes of Hazzard" surname
- Atmosphere
- Alligator's kin
- Eminem, e.g.
- Bring into harmony
- Vinegary
- Lyricist's concerns

DOWN

- Physics particle
- Initial stake
- Rage
- Charged bit
- Oil baskets
- Poet Teasdale
- Levels out
- Male turkey
- Duplicitous
- Jeans maker
- Strauss
- Paradise
- Central
- Laundry
- Mess up
- Apiece
- Chances, for short
- Drench
- Forever
- Wire
- Owned
- Mel of baseball lore
- Flightless bird
- Moo—gai name
- Macbeth's title
- Scruffs
- Cicatrix
- Solemn promise
- Individuals
- Doing
- Check
- Joan of —
- Silent
- Expert

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

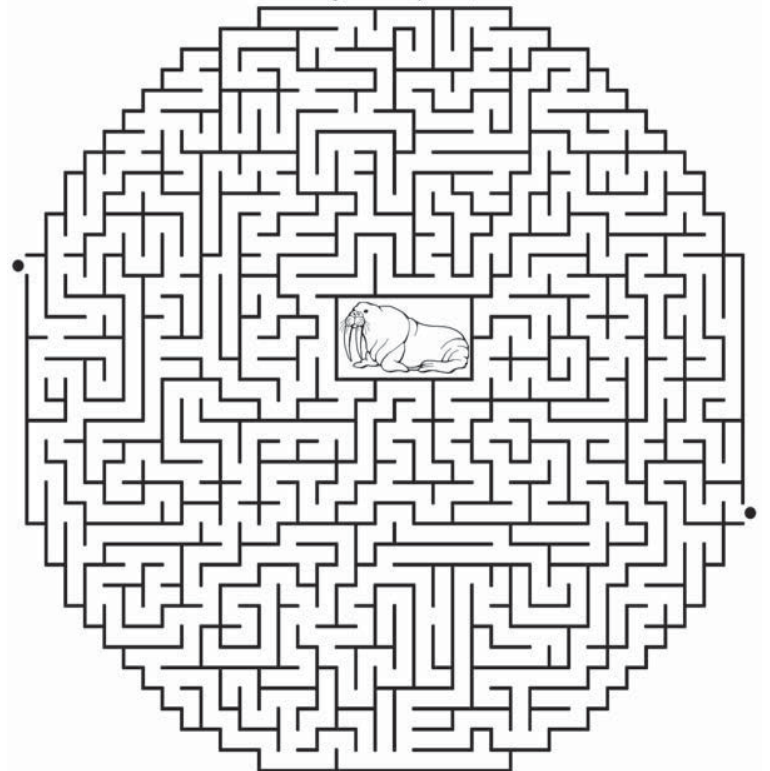
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Mothers Day Lunch at Arkell Center



"Music for Life " provided the music for the Mothers Day Lunch.



A Mothers Day Lunch was held at Arkell Center on May 11 and a wonderful program followed with a performance provided by "Music for Life " . This was enjoyed by all.
 Photos courtesy of Arkell Center

Calendar of events

ORIGINAL VALLEY PENNSAVER

NOTE: Calendar entries must arrive at the Original Valley Pennsaver office 10 Days Prior to the publication date. Send events to Lee Publications c/o The Original Valley Pennsaver, 6113 State Highway 5, P.O. Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 or email: dshariff@leepub.com . Any entries arriving past this deadline will be included with the next available publication issue date as long as they are not outdated.

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: 10-11 am. Tai Chi Workshop 14. Sponsored by Mont. County OFFA. Earl O'Bryon Instructor. No fee.
Tuesdays: 9-9:45 am. A Core Strength & Stability Class in the basement. \$5 donation. Instructor Sharon Charles. For more information call 673-4408.
Mon., Wed. & Fri: 10-10:30 am. Senior Exercise Program 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 in the Gallery. \$10 fee.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 24 & 31: 12:30-4 pm. Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party, donation \$2, prizes & refreshments. If you would like to sub call Terry 673-5635.
May 25: 1 pm. Watercolor with Joann Resch. \$10 includes all supplies, you go home with a picture. Bring a friend.

MEETINGS

May 23: 10-11 am. Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group. Join us.
May 25: 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

Fort Klock Opening Day- Experience the sights and sounds of 1776
 7214 State Highway 5, St. Johnsville. 10 am-4 pm. For more information call 518-568-7779.

MAY 29

Brooks Chicken BBQ
 Cherry Valley First Presbyterian Church, 56 Alden Street, Cherry Valley. 11 am-1 pm. Half chicken dinner \$10, half chicken \$6. Eat in or take out.

Glen Memorial Day Parade
 Assemble at L.J. Hand Farm Center on State Highway 161 at 11:45 am and proceed to the corner of State Highway 30A and Logtown Rd. in the hamlet. For information contact Carolyn Hart at 518-922-6435.

JUN 3

Fort Plain Reformed Church Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event (aka Rise against Hunger)
 9 am. Email fortplainrca@yahoo.com or call 993-4302 and leave us a message including your name and phone number so we can schedule you to work. Donations can be sent to Fort Plain Reformed Church-SHN at 165 Canal Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339.

Minden History Fair 2017
 Fort Plain Elementary School. 10 am-4 pm. Free. For more information or to set up a table at the fair call Rob Carter at 518-993-1023 or send an email to minden-historian@yahoo.com .

Benefit for Duane Benton
 HC Smith Benefit Club, 538 Crum Creek Road, St. Johnsville. 12-6 pm.

Crum Creek Lutheran Church Open House and Community History Day
 110 Co. Hwy. 108, St.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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JUN 4

21st Annual Rhubarb Festival

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Crum Creek Lutheran Church 8th Annual Reunion Service-CCCPs Annual Meeting-Reception
 110 Co. Hwy. 108, St. Johnsville. 1 pm.

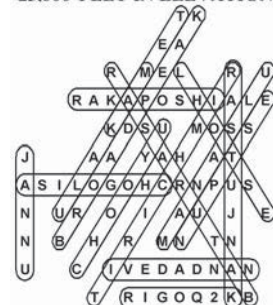
JUN 8 - 11

Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park's 3rd Annual Conference on the American Revolution in the Mohawk Valley

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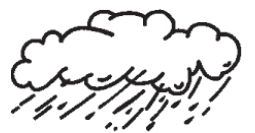
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King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 24 mins.



Sticklers Answer
 1-e, 2-d, 3-b, 4-a, 5-c



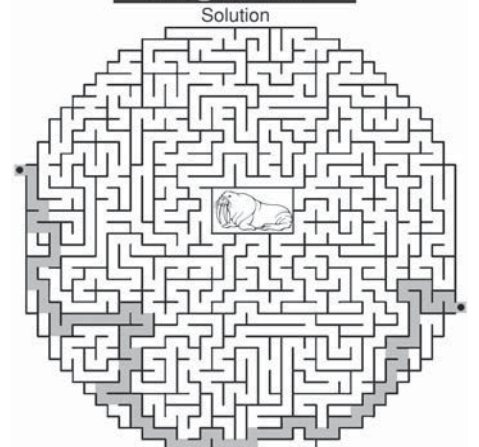
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Answer

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E	A	D	V	H	E	S	D	R	M
M	H	E	I	P	L	N	L	C	I
O	E	R	A	V	E	I	A	H	T
R	D	M	P	L	A	N	G	R	X
Y	O	C	A	M	E	R	A	H	E
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Riddle Answer:
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Monday, June 5th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat cow & feeder Sale

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Calendar from 19

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JUN 10 - 11

Blacksmith Hammer-In

Fort Klock. 10 am-4 pm. For more information call 518-568-7779, email FortKlock@weebly.com

JUN 12 & 26

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JUN 15

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JUL 8

The Village of Ames Museum

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JUL 28

Stone Soup Music Concert

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AUG 12

The Village of Ames Museum

611 Latimer Hill Road, Ames. Open for tours 9 am-3 pm. Registering vendors and 5K runners for Sept. 16 festival. Vendor space is free. 518-673-5820. For more information visit www.amesmuseum.weebly.com.

SEP 9 - 10

Fort Klock Craft Fair

Fort Klock. Sat. 9 am-4 pm, Sun. 9 am-3 pm. For more information contact email FortKlock@gmail.com or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org. Interested vendors call Joan Kark-Wren at 518-649-2531.

SEP 16

The Village of Ames Museum Summers End Celebration

611 Latimer Hill Road, Ames. 9 am-3 pm. 5K race, vendors, historic displays, food, games. 5K race begins at 9 am. For more information visit www.amesmuseum.weebly.com.

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OCT 14

The Village of Ames Museum

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NOV 4

The Village of Ames Museum

611 Latimer Hill Road, Ames. Open for tours 9 am-3 pm. The museum will close for the season at 3 pm. For more information visit www.amesmuseum.weebly.com.

DEC 3

St. Nicholas Day

Fort Klock. Noon-3:30 pm. For more information call 518-568-7779, email FortKlock@gmail.com or visit www.fortklockrestoration.org.

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611 Latimer Hill Road, Ames. Village of Ames tree lighting celebration in front of the museum 6:30 pm. Refreshments to follow at the fire station.

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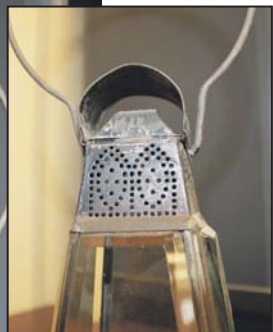
Whatchamacallits

Our Whatchamacallit for this week is a fine example of what is known as a convex reflector dead flame lantern. It is made in the style of the Archer, Pancoast hand lantern — having a square font (reservoir) and beveled leaded glass. Inside is a Callender kerosene burner, which according to *Lanterns That Lit our World* (by Anthony Hobson), was used as early as 1861. It is quite handsome and beautiful at the same time.

A dead flame lantern was not dependent upon an airtight globe (chimney) for proper mixing of fuel and air. The only function of the globe was to keep the wind from blowing out the flame. Our example is not marked, so it's hard to say who the manufacturer was, but the closest example of design I found

online was an Archer, Pancoast & Co. example. In 1868, Absalom G. Smith (formerly of Acher, Pancoast) joined Robert E. Dietz to form Dietz & Smith, a lantern manufacturer.

The convex reflector lanterns are hinged at the front, so the globe tilts back to access the burner, which unscrews so the liquid fuel can be replenished. Baffles at the bottom allow fresh air in and vents at the top expel the "used" air. There have been many manufacturers of lanterns over the last couple of centuries. But perhaps the most recognizable name in lanterns and lamps is Dietz (in one form or another).



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for the raffle, Barshied has loaned the library four additional coverlets, two of which were woven by 19th century itinerant weaver Xavier Gartner. Gartner, who emigrated from Germany in 1832, brought his father's pattern book with him. Those textile pieces and an antique flax wheel are currently on display in the circulation room at

the library.

Barshied said, "I can't think of anything better to do with my coverlets."

In addition to the kick off of the vintage coverlet raffle, the library will feature the sale of books, magazines, media, terrariums, a wide range of plants, handcrafted items by the Creative Textile Fibers group, "Shirt Tales" shirts and stories from the library's writers' group, and a "white elephant sale" during the spring book sale event.

Proceeds of the raffle and the grassroots event go toward the library's

building fund and help pay for Phase II improvements to the former media and children's rooms. The library is also accepting donations for 300 personalized, engraved pavers that will up make up the new entranceway and help fund the library's match of the Phase II construction grant.

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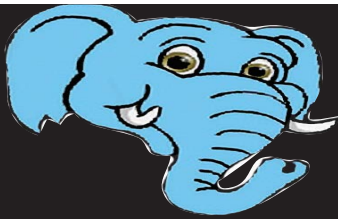
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