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406: **NEW LISTING!!!** 230 Moyer Street, **CANAJOHARIE**: This is a very nice Bungalow Style Home. It has a working kitchen with tiled backsplash. New stove, refrigerator, microwave and new tip-in tip-out windows. There is a good size dining room and large living room with a fireplace/pellet insert (included 3+ tons of pellets). Full bath, one bedroom and office/den on 1st floor. Two bedrooms upstairs. The double wide driveway (fits 6 cars) ends at the two car garage with an attached workshop (workshop has separate entrance). Nice private yard. **Asking \$94,900**



452: 29 Danube Street, **LITTLE FALLS**: This is an older 4 unit rental property on the south side of Little Falls. One unit is a three bedroom, two units have two bedrooms and one unit is a single bedroom unit. There is a large parking area. Each unit comes with stove and refrigerator. In need of TLC. Open to offers. **Asking \$49,900**



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In the past, the only password we needed was to the clubhouse. And most people forgot the

password to the clubhouse when puberty hit. Speakeasies required passwords. Most of those were lost when the Volstead Act was repealed in 1933. We never realized how important the password would be.

Today we need passwords for everything.

You need a password for your computer. You need a password for the internet. The Wi-Fi needs a password. Every website you go to practically requires you to sign in with a password. If you want to do online banking; you need a password. You need a password to watch Netflix. You need a password for your cable television account. Add apps on your smart phone; you'll need a password. You'll even need a password to use the smartphone.

We need passwords for everything.

All the privacy and inter-

In the fast paced 21st century we've traded common sense for the ability to quickly look up information on the internet. We've forgotten our manners and civility. How do we get back to our roots? Can we get back? Food for thought...

net experts make sure to remind you not to use simple passwords, don't use passwords with your birthdate or address in them, and don't write them down. Well, what happens when you can't remember your passwords anymore because you've made them so complex?

Use the number 3 in place of the letter E or use the @ symbol to swap out the letter A has our passwords looking like a curse word in the Sunday comics.

One security expert suggested using a cypher. A code. Like in a spy movie. Now I need a decoder ring to figure out that my passwords are all, "Drink your Ovaltine, Ralphie."

I have so many passwords and so many combinations that I can't remember them anymore.

After trying to create a new password for a new website where I was trying to buy something I probably didn't need, like an avocado keeper, I was told that my password was not secure enough. It didn't have any non-alphabetic characters? Now I needed to add numbers? So, I added lucky number 7 to the mix. The website decided that my new password was "moderately" secure instead of weak. So, I added 2 zeroes and my

password now had the double 0 7 designation.

It took me longer to create the password than to buy the item. The password slowed me down.

I decided that was the straw the broke the camel's back. I bought a program that would keep track of all my passwords. It was a secure spot to keep them all together. And I would only have to remember one password to get into the password manager. It was like a virtual notebook that I could write all my passwords down. Hey, wait a minute.

After I read about a hacker group gaining access to the cloud (where exactly is the cloud anyway?) I decide to handle passwords the old-fashioned way. I write them down. Sure, I promptly lose the little slips of paper that I wrote the password on, but, I'm writing them down.

When it comes down to passwords they're a necessary evil of modern life. Try to remember them but there is always the "forgot password" button to click on. Stop and think, "What would my mother say?" She would say, "Earn-lay ig-pay atin-lay."

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Fort Plain Free Library to hold Aug. 23 fairy garden workshop for kids

FORT PLAIN — Do you believe in fairies? Imaginative kids in grades two and up looking for a creative outlet are invited to make fairy gardens at the Fort Plain Free Library on Wednesday, Aug. 23. The free workshop, facilitated by library staff and volunteer Wendy O'Shea, will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the 19 Willett St. library. Participants should dress for the weather as it will be an outdoor activity.

O'Shea, who is very knowledgeable about plants and gardens, said the activity will help participants learn some basic gardening skills during the hands-on workshop. The children will also make decisions about the kinds of dirt, stones, plants, figurines and structural elements they want to incorporate in their miniature fairy gardens.

Because construction to improve the facility has interrupted the library's regular summer programming, Director Whitney Hubbard has said these events are a way to maintain a connection with the library's young readers. On Thursday, Aug. 17, Canajoharie-Fort Plain Garden Club member Sharon Getman will also be at the library to teach kids about flowers and the parts of flowers. That presentation will be followed by a short field trip to look at flowers with magnifying glasses.

The workshops are offered at no charge, however advance registration is requested as seating is limited.

To register or for more information, call or visit the 19 Willett St. library by calling 518-993-4646. Please follow the Fort Plain Free Library on Facebook.





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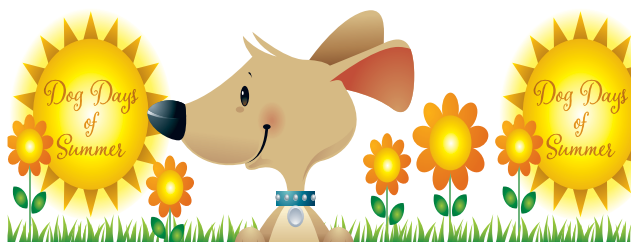
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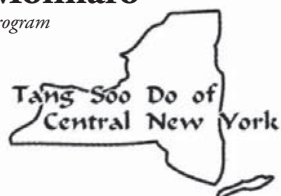
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Van Alstyne Homestead re-enactment attracts re-enactors from far and wide

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Professional and volunteer historical interpreting cast members performed in the 3rd annual Re-Enactment/Theatrical Presentation of the Committee of

Safety Meeting & Recreation of Goshen "Goose" Van Alstyne's Colonial Tavern, held at the Van Alstyne Homestead (VAH).

"This is the Safety Committee Meeting where

Nicholas Herkimer is appointed General Herkimer," VAH Historian, Rita Annette Pineyro, director and narrator of the theatrical presentation, explained, "It's based off of minutes from the Committee of Safety Meeting where Nicholas Herkimer was commissioned General Herkimer."

Pineyro commented on the distance that actors and re-enactors traveled to take part in the theatrical presentation of "Revolution on the Mohawk," by Norman J. Bollen, which is based on the actual events of the Committee of Safety Meeting from Friday-Sunday, Aug. 25-27, 1775.

"People attended from far and wide to participate in this event," remarked Pineyro.

Ilse Kuit was visiting from another country.

"One visitor that participated in the play was from Alkmaar, Holland — just outside of Amsterdam, Holland — and she was very interested as to how the Committee of Safety meetings took place and how they helped the local patriots against the crown," Pineyro said. "This was technically the first 'civil war,' as families were torn apart as to their allegiance."

Pineyro commented that Kuit not only took part in the re-enactment, but was also helpful in providing the correct pronunciation of Dutch and German names familiar to the area.

"The best part was that audience members were able

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Re-enactors came from far and wide to participate in the historical event. Seen here are: (front from left) Robert Metzger (interpreting Jellis Fonda), Robert VanAlstine (interpreting Dr. William Petry), James Sparks (interpreting Jacob Klock), Fred Traudt (interpreting John Kinton), Richard Gaydos (interpreting David Cox), Victor Fernandez (interpreting William Wallace), Cassandra Gustin (interpreting Anthony Van Fechten) and Karen VanAlstine (interpreting a tavern wench in Goshen "Goose" Van Alstyne's Colonial Tavern). (Back from left) Glenn Bentz (interpreting John Eisenlord the Clerk of the Committee of Safety), Jeff Tew (interpreting Nicholas Herkimer & later in the theatrical presentation General Herkimer), Thomas Bollen (interpreting Adam Fonda), Lisa Emden (interpreting John Fonda) and Francis Allen Conover Jr. (interpreting Adam Loucks/ Uriel Comes).



Van Alstyne Homestead Historian Rita Annette Pineyro displays a copy of an original portion of a tavern bill from Goshen "Goose" Van Alstyne's tavern dated April 2, 1777.

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by JoAnn Derson

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• "I store all my large utensils inside of a plastic gallon size beverage container. When I have guests, I use it for extra iced tea or juice, but otherwise it holds large spoons, rolling pins and the like." — M.Y. in Alabama

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• Here's a tip for caregivers: Please make sure you put personal time on your to-do list, because it's just as important as following up on treatment plans and picking up prescriptions. You can help someone so much better when you are rested and ready to give. Take care of yourself so you can take care of others.

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to participate, experience, and learn about local history first hand," commented Pineyro. "Many audience members mentioned that they learned about local history during the tumultuous years of the Revolutionary War that took place here in the Mohawk Valley."

Pineyro reported that Montgomery County is home to more colonial era historic sites than any other county in New York State, with seven Revolutionary War period attractions in Canajoharie, Fort Plain and St. Johnsville that are open to the public. "The area is also home to dozens of privately owned period farms and residences which have preserved a glimpse of early American history. The rich colonial history of Montgomery County, and Western

Montgomery County in particular, is unlike any other in New York State."

Pineyro explained that the Van Alstyne Homestead, circa 1729, was a "rendezvous place" for the Tryon County Committee of Safety, which directed military and civil affairs in a majority of the Mohawk Valley. "Sixteen out of 32 Committee of Safety meetings took place at the Van Alstyne Homestead."

Robert VanAlstine, Trustee of VAH, portrayed Doc. William Petry, a Committeeman in the reenactment.

VanAlstine reported that it was his "Sixth great-grandfather who built the Van Alstyne Homestead in 1730.

"We are very fortunate to have a homestead from that era that is still in existence," remarked VanAlstine.

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Foodborne illness: What consumer's need to know

What is foodborne illness?

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some people are at greater risk for experiencing a more serious illness or even death should they get a foodborne illness. Those at greater risk are infants, young children, pregnant women and their unborn babies, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems (such as those with HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, kidney disease and transplant patients.) Some people may become ill after ingesting only a few harmful germs; others may remain symptom free after ingesting thousands.

How do bacteria get in food?

Germs may be present on food items when you buy them. For example, plastic wrapped chicken parts and ground meat came from live chickens or cattle. Raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs are not free from germs; neither is fresh produce such as lettuce, tomatoes, sprouts and melons. Many germs are naturally present in our environment. Germs that cause disease are called pathogens. When certain pathogens enter the food supply, they can cause foodborne illness. Not all germs cause disease in humans. For example, some are used to create cheese and yogurt. Foods, including safely cooked and ready to eat foods, can become cross contaminated. Germs can be transferred from raw egg products, raw meat, poultry and seafood products and their juices, or from food handlers who do not practice safe hand washing, to the food you eat. Most cases of foodborne illness can be prevented with proper cooking or processing of food to destroy the germs.

The "Danger Zone"

Germs increase in numbers between temperatures of 40 degrees F and 140 degrees F. To keep food out of this "Danger Zone," keep cold food cold and hot food hot.

- Store food in the refrigerator (40 degrees F or below)

low) or freezer (0 degrees F or below);

- Cook meat, poultry and leftovers to a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees F by using a food thermometer;
- Cook, beef, veal and lamb roasts to 145 degrees F; "fully cooked" ham to 140 degrees F and fresh ham, pork and egg dishes to 160 degrees F;
- Maintain hot cooked food at 140 degrees F or above; and
- Egg products can be substituted in recipes typically made with raw eggs, such as eggnog, custard, or key lime pie. Be sure that eggs and products containing eggs are thoroughly cooked when serving those at higher risk for foodborne illness.

In Case of Suspected Foodborne Illness follow these general guidelines:

- Save a sample of the food. If a portion of the suspected food is available, wrap it securely, mark "DANGER" and freeze it. Save all the packaging, such as cans or cartons. Write down the food type, the date, the time it was eaten, and when symptoms began. Save any of the same unopened foods;
- Seek treatment as necessary. If the victim is in an "at risk" group, seek medical care right away. Likewise, if symptoms continue or are severe (such as bloody diarrhea, excessive nausea and vomiting, or high temperature), call your doctor;
- Call the local health department if the suspect food was served at a large gathering, from a restaurant or other food service facility, or if it is a commercial product; and
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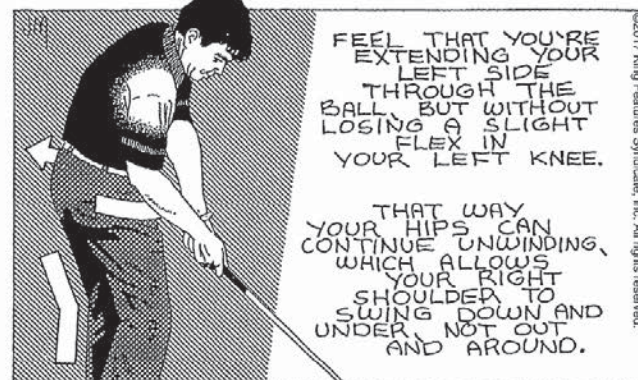
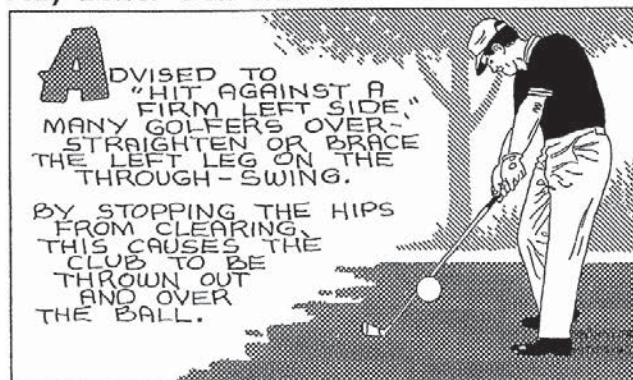
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Collecting: Foxy Grandpa

by Larry Cox

Q: I have a bisque figure of "Foxy Grandpa," which has been in my family for more than a century. What can you tell me about this character? — Betty, Santa Fe, NM

A: "Foxy Grandpa" was created by cartoonist C.E. Schultze. It was introduced in the New York Herald in 1900 and was an instant hit. The strip moved to the New York American in 1902 and eventually to the New York Press, where it remained until 1918. The cartoons triggered many products, including games, postcards, song sheets and bisque figurines. It even inspired a Broadway musical. Your figurine probably was issued in 1905 and is valued in the \$50 to \$200 range, depending on condition.

Q: I have a biscuit jar that an ap-

praiser identified as overshot glass. What is overshot glass? — Mary, IL

A: Overshot glass was developed during the 19th century. Pieces generally appear to be frosted or iced, an effect made possible when a gather of molten glass is rolled over a marver covered with crushed glass. Early pieces that I've seen are clear, but examples in color also were made. A search on eBay found many overshot glass items, but no biscuit jars. For example, a number of overshot glass pitchers were listed in the \$40 to \$100 range, with a few much higher.

Q: My grandma collected thimbles throughout the 1940s and '50s. Her collection is unique, since all of her thimbles promoted various political candidates. Her thim-

bles include ones issued during the Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Eisenhower and Nixon campaigns. Are they valuable? — Jon, Ohio

A: After the 19th Amendment expanded women's suffrage throughout the country, thimbles emerged as campaign tools directed toward the new voting constituents. Most of the political thimbles I've seen in shops sell in the \$10 to \$25 range.

Q: I have some 33 rpm LPs of Dean Martin, Perry Como, Al Hirt and others from this era. Where can I sell them? — Jeane, NM

A: Most LPs — such as the ones you mentioned — sell for about a dollar each, sometimes less, sometimes more, depending on rarity and condition.

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Stone Soup Rocks Stone Fort

by Michael Wren

ST. JOHNSVILLE, NY — Last Friday, historic Fort Klock hosted live music performed by Stone Soup. Stone Soup is an acoustic band that plays traditional folk, old time and original songs. The admission was free and plenty of people showed up early to get the best seating. The member run organization at Fort Klock hosts many free events

throughout the year and is kept running with the help of donations and grants. The event drew over 100 people who all shared the same love for old timey and folk music. This concert has been performed for years at the Fort and plans are already in motion to bring the band back next year around the same time. As the music played the enjoyment in the room could be seen

by people singing to their favorite songs or tapping their foot with a smile on their face.

During intermission the members of the Fort served coffee, homemade blueberry cobbler and ice cream.

After the concert, members of the Fort stayed later to give late night tours, which is a rare opportunity for those interested in visiting the Fort in the dark.

The event was made possible with grants from Montgomery County.

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Stone Soup entertained the crowd at Fort Klock.

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Fort Plain Free Library to host Oct. 22 discussion on 'The Girls,' book inspired by Manson family

FORT PLAIN — Inspired by the twisted dynamics of the Charles Manson family cult, novelist Emma Cline's acclaimed work of historical fiction, "The Girls," is the topic of an upcoming book discussion by the Fort Plain Free Library. Author and SUNY Albany Criminal Justice Professor Frankie Bailey will facilitate the free program that will take place at the 19 Willett St. facility on Sunday, Oct. 22, beginning at 3 p.m.

According to her profile on the School of Criminal Justice's webpage, Bailey's "academic pursuits focus on crime history, crime and mass media/popular culture, and material culture" with research "...on topics related to images of victims, offenders, and criminal justice agents in American culture. She is interested in the intersections of race/ethnicity,

gender, class and sexuality."

As described on the jacket of Cline's 2016 book, the fictionalized account is set in northern California, "during the violent end of the 1960s."

In their synopsis, Random House notes: "At the start of summer, a lonely and thoughtful teenager, Evie Boyd, sees a group of girls in the park, and is immediately caught by their freedom, their careless dress, their dangerous aura of abandon. Soon, Evie is in thrall to Suzanne, a mesmerizing older girl, and is drawn into the circle of a soon-to-be infamous cult and the man who is its charismatic leader..."

"As she spends more time away from her mother and the rhythms of her daily life, and as her obsession with Suzanne intensifies, Evie does not realize she is coming closer and closer to un-

thinkable violence, and to the moment in a girl's life when everything can go horribly wrong," the jacket notes.

The book discussion is offered at no charge, however advance registration is requested as seating is limited.

The program is made possible by the New York State Council of the Arts with the support of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature. It is sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Library System and the Fort Plain Free Library.

Interested participants can obtain copies of the book at the library.

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by Skip Barshied

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No one should always dismiss what we hear as a mistake, distortion or an outright lie, but be a little wary of “Have you heard”. Some people even get paid for digging up dirt. Remember it only takes a little dirt to make a mountain out of a molehill.

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Let your burger get good and crusty before you flip it. You'll know it's ready to be turned when it releases easily from the grill grates or pan. If it doesn't, don't force the issue.

4. Do not, we repeat, DO NOT squish it.
Nothing's more luscious than a fat, juicy burger that dribbles down your chin. Avoid the urge to press down on your burger while it cooks, as you'll force out the juices... and the flavor along with them.

5. Take its temperature.
Don't risk putting a damper on your cookout with food poisoning. Make sure you've killed any disease causing bugs by cooking your meat until an instant read thermometer says 160 F. And no, the color of the beef is not a good way to judge doneness.

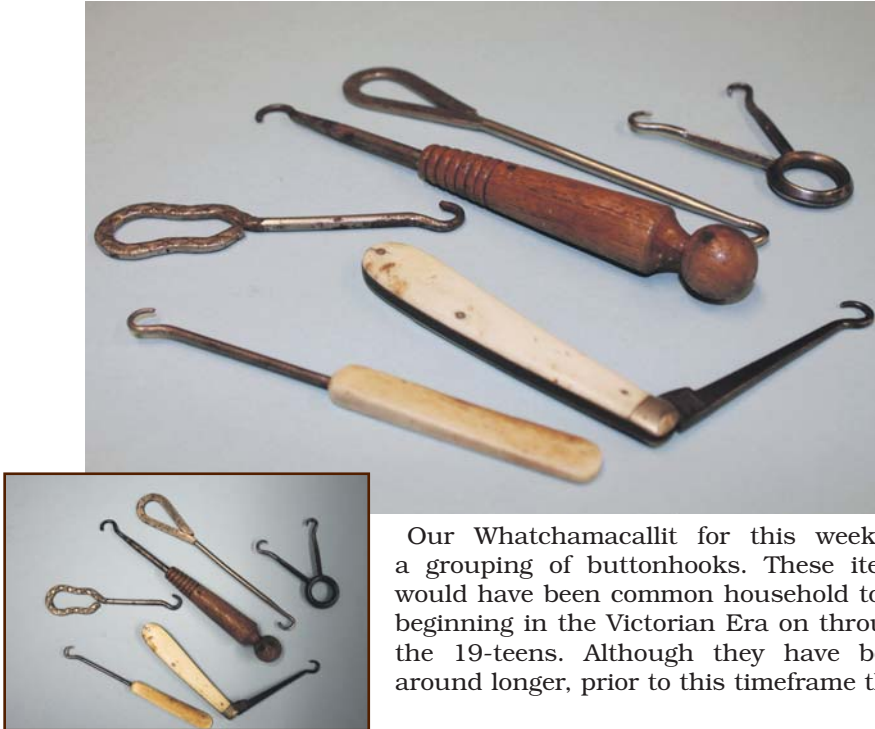
6. Cook on cast iron, not a regular skillet.
(If you can't grill it, that is.) A cast iron skillet is a good go-to when you have run out of gas, or just don't want to face the hot, cold or rainy conditions in the backyard. Avoid the temptation to cook in a grill pan. While its ridges will give your patties grill marks, the space into between the marks will be gray and spongy. Cook in a flat bottomed cast iron pan, and both sides will come out browned and crusty, contrasting nicely with the juicy inside.

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Whatchamacallits



Our Whatchamacallit for this week is a grouping of buttonhooks. These items would have been common household tools beginning in the Victorian Era on through the 19-teens. Although they have been around longer, prior to this timeframe they

were strictly for the well to do.

According to thebuttonhooksociety.com, the love of invention during the Victorian Era led to numerous buttonhook patents and attempts to combine the tool with other household tools.

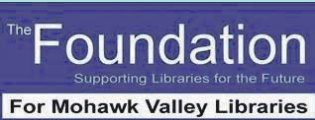
Many times they were used as an advertising tool, such as the example shown in the close-up to the right. This one came from the F. Shubert Fine Shoes store in Canajoharie, NY.

Our other examples include one with a nicely turned wooden handle, ivory or bone, a folding one (similar to a jack knife) and one with 2 hooks in opposing directions. Buttonhooks ranged in size from less than inch to approximately 2 feet — although generally they were in the 4 to 7 inch range and were used on shoes, spats, gloves, men's stiff collars, sleeves and dresses.

If you're curious to see how to use one of these items, I found a YouTube video by searching "How to use a Victorian button hook" in Google.



Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?
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The first coupon issued in the United States was believed to be a ticket for a free glass of Coca-Cola, issued in 1888. Grape Nuts soon followed, offering one-cent coupons for discounts on cereal. Today, billions of dollars are saved thanks to the use of retail and manufacturer coupons.

Although coupons help people save money, they also serve as important market research tools and a means to advertise products. Today, coupons come in many different forms.

According to the coupon provider RedPlum, 76 percent of coupon-seekers utilize newspapers as their primary sources for deals and coupons. Coupon book publishers and those that produce coupon magazine vouchers still promote paper coupons, which remain popular among consumers. However, thanks to the ever-growing popularity of mobile phones, digital coupons have carved out a place in the retail environment. Savvy shoppers use both traditional and digital coupons to earn big savings, according to Valassis, one of the nation's leading media and marketing services.

Digital coupon is a broad term used to represent various deals offered in digital form. Rather than clipping paper coupons, shoppers can access online and in-store discounts in various ways. Some of the coupons available to con-

sumers include:

- **Downloaded coupons:** These types of coupons can be downloaded from a company's website, through email or through social media.

- **Mobile coupons:** Mobile coupons are created by ecommerce platforms to drive mobile shopping.

- **Coupon codes:** Shopping online has contributed to the rise of coupon codes. A code is entered at the point of sale, and the discount is automatically deducted.

- **Loaded coupons:** One of the more popular ways to redeem digital coupons, particularly those offered by supermarkets and other high-volume retailers, is to "load" coupons to a smartphone through an applicable store app. Shoppers often create an account that is tied to their store's loyalty card number. By browsing the online circular or sales/coupons listed in the app, consumers can select the deals they want to load to their accounts. The deals are then redeemed at checkout either by scanning a code or automatically when the loyalty card is activated at the register.

Just like traditional paper coupons, digital coupons feature expiration dates. Many such coupons are only redeemable once and are not subject to doubling unless advertised.

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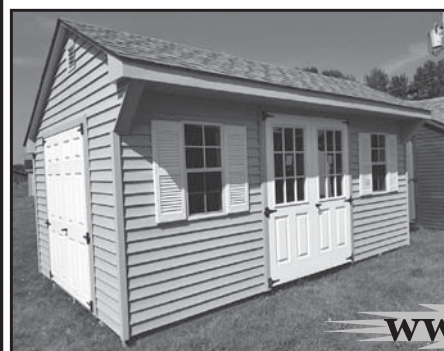


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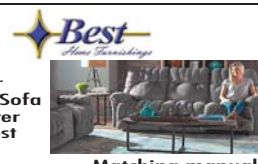
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by Michael Wren
FORT PLAIN, NY — Crowds of happy customers gathered at the Fort Plain True Value Hardware Store on Aug. 3-5 to help celebrate their 35th year in business. The event had everything from store discounts to a cash cube to a minnow race and prize raffles.

Everyone seemed to be happy about the celebration including store employees. Each day of the three-day event contained activities and discounts or prizes for the customers who came out to celebrate. The store was abuzz each day as patrons and employees alike shared in the fun. Shawn and Tania Kilmartin own this local hardware store. Shawn began working at the store when he was just 14. At that time, his father owned the store. When his father retired

Shawn took over the business. Since taking the reins Shawn has worked on improving and updating the store. Some of the changes that have been made are remodeling the entire store, expanding the service department, adding propane filling, and in 2014 they took on the Cub Cadet line. In the short time that Shawn has been at the helm, they have seen their sales triple. While improvements to the store have played a role in the sales increase,

Shawn and Tania are the first to credit the store's success to their employees who go out of their way to help all customers. "They're more like a family to us," says Tania. The 35th anniversary celebration was a way for Shawn and Tania to give back to the community. "The community is a huge part of our business," says Tania. "Without them our job would be much tougher." Another way they give back to

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Shawn and Tania Kilmartin recently hosted Fort Plain True Value's 35th Anniversary.

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the community is allowing different organizations to host fundraisers such as barbecues, bake sales and raffles.

While Fort Plain True Value is still a business, this celebration weekend was about the community. Tania states, "With this event we thought about giving back to our customers — so we had buckets set up where they could enter to win one of many prizes, we had free popcorn, hot dogs, sno cones, and on Saturday we had the BUG Country Cash Cube here for our customers to have a chance to enter and win money. All we can do is hope that it worked, everyone who attended seemed to be enjoying themselves and everything we had put together for them."

The event was planned over the last few months with Tania Kilmartin and a few employees.

While many businesses are becoming big box stores there will always be a place for a small town store. As Tania Kilmartin puts it, "We enjoy being a local business. There is always something new happening. Each year we gain momentum and continue to strive to make our business a destination people enjoy coming to. Our customers are our friends as well, we know most of them by name."

The Grand Prize winners were William Hyney and Brittani Nestle. The Gift Certificate winners were Alicia Foster, John Byler, Penny Mosher, Joseph Zook and Amy Candido. The winners for the department prizes were Scott Seely, Barry Countryman, Cheryl Reese, Linda Stevens and Wanda Hazlett and the Cash Cube winners were Julie Montayne and Tara.

It's not very often anymore that a store can become as much of a part of the community as this local store does. Mom and Pop stores seem to be going by the wayside but with Shawn and Tania at the helm, it seems likely this one will not.

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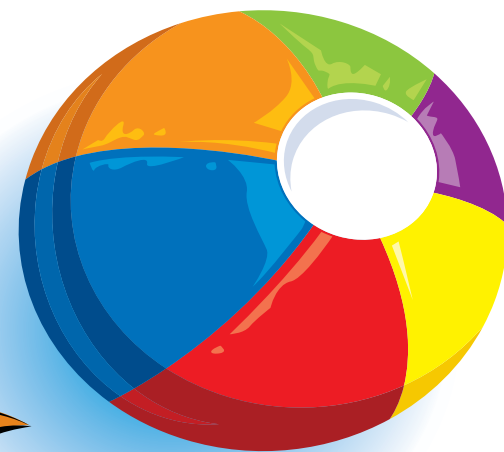
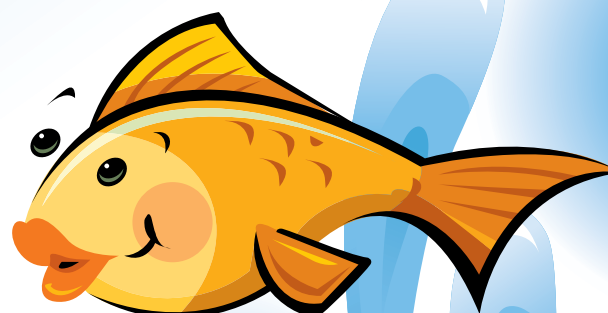
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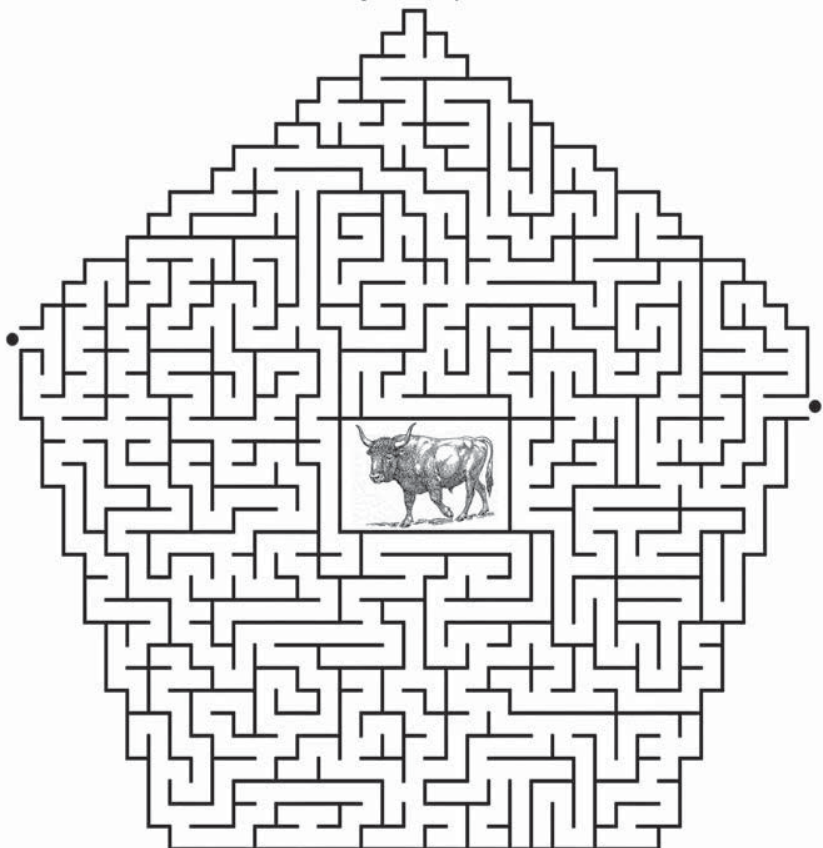


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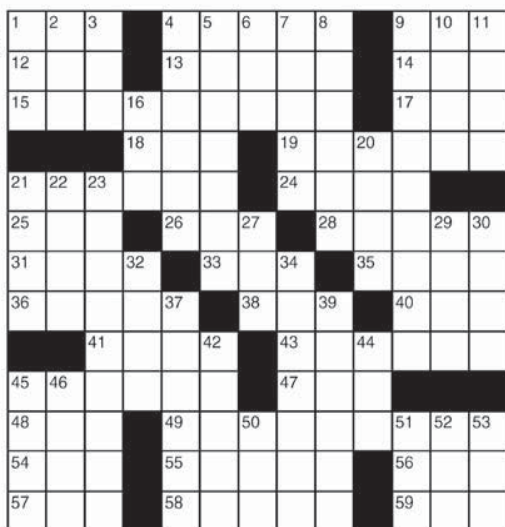
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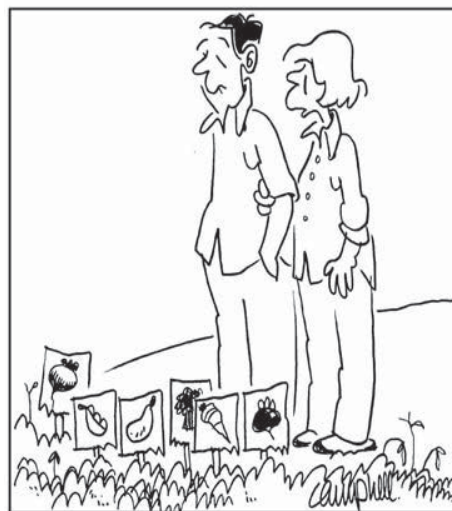
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LAFF - A - DAY



"You are raising something, dear. And a fine rabbit it is, too."

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"My client clearly knows right from wrong, your honor. He just prefers wrong."

Carnivals bring out the child in everyone
~Anonymous

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

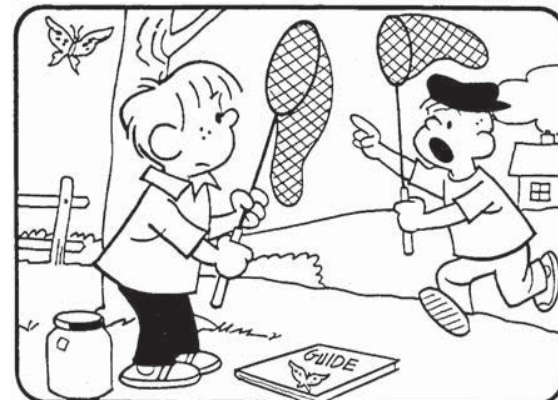
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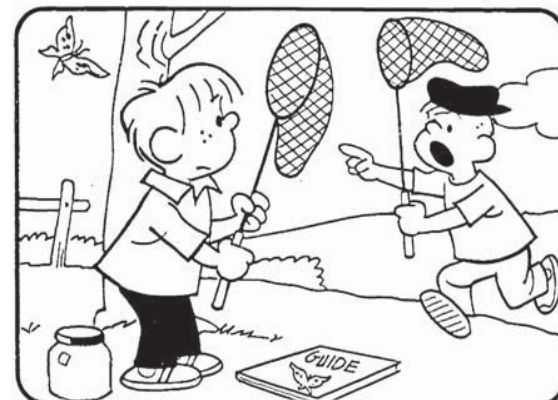
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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The captain wanted to make sure the entire building had been cleared and everything was _____ before his platoon could be safely _____.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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: ♦♦

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by Pastor Dan West

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It's when friends get together and enjoy each other's company. It can also be when two or more people get together to perform some type of project together. Webster's Dictionary says it is to have companionship, company.

The Apostle John writes about this in I John 1:3. First he writes that those who know the Savior (verses 1-3a) can share and partner with one another. Then he points out that our partnership is not just on a human level, but, with the same Heavenly Father, we can

share and partner on a spiritual level!

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Tuesdays: 10-11 am. Tai Chi Workshop. Sponsored by Mont. County OFFA. Earl O'Bryon Instructor.

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

Wednesdays: 2-2:25 pm. Chair Yoga with instructor Patty Pietrowicz. Free through the summer in the Gallery.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Aug. 23: 6:30 pm. Paint & Sip Beach/Boat Theme, cost \$25 must register. Call 673-4408. Instructor Shanna Becker.

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

Aug. 24: 1:30 pm. Water Color with Shanna Becker. Cost \$10.

Aug. 28: 1:30 pm. Dance Elite (ages 7-17) under the instruction of Shanna Becker will perform for all interested persons. Please join in and come see these dancers perform.

MEETINGS

Aug. 22: 10-11 am. Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group. Please join us.

Aug. 24 & 31: 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.

• No meeting in August: Canajoharie/Pal. Br. Chamber of Commerce. Next meeting will be Sep. 12.

COMING SEP. 19: LAKE GEORGE STEAMBOAT CRUISE.

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AUG 20

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Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Artist Michael Reno Harrell attending. For more information call the Visitor Center at 518-829-7516, email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov or visit our Facebook page Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site.

Join Us at St. John's Reformed Church Worship Service

Indian Castle Church, Route 5S East of Little Falls. 10:30 am. Worship lead by Rev. Thomas Flander, Jr. Music by Merrill Rockwell. Refreshments and fellowship following the service.

AUG 24, 25, 26

Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

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AUG 26

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SEP 2 - 3

Used Book Sale at Canajoharie Library

2 Erie Blvd., Canajoharie. 12-5 pm. For more information call 518-673-2314.

SEP 7

Brook's Chicken Barbeque

Marshville Evangelical Church, Rt. 10 South, Marshville. 3:30-6:30 pm. Take-outs only. \$6.50 per half. Pre-paid tickets try to pick up by 5 pm. For more information call 673-2394.

SEP 9 - 10

Fort Klock Craft Fair

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SEP 10

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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 .

SEP 16 - 17

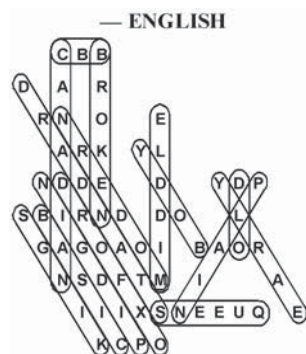
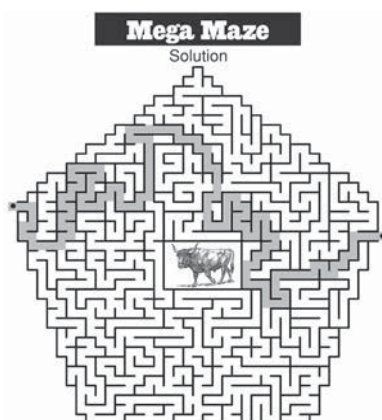
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OCT 14

The Village of Ames Museum

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King Crossword Answers

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Sticklers Answer

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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A story about watches and jackknives

by Skip Barshied, Stone Arabia

When I was very young my Grandpa Garlock would say, "Any man who does not carry a watch and jackknife doesn't amount to much." Now Grandpa was very special to me. As I grew older relatives and friends passed away. If no family member or friend wanted the lonely watch and jackknife I'd try to get them in hopes someday I would amount to something.

Finally, I had accumulated quite a collection of watches and jackknives. Then the time had come to pass some of them on.

But who to? Family watches went to the next generation of family. One went to a local museum in memory of a long-gone friend. Some watches and jackknives were given to a special Amish friend who I knew would treasure them after I was gone. I still have a very few who will eventually find a new home.

Over the years many things have changed. Not the least of which is watches. Not remembering to wind my watch every day prompted me to get one with batteries. A few days ago my wristwatch gave up the ghost

and stopped. The new battery did not revive it so I'll buy a new cheap one to replace my trusty Timex. There is one in the local Rite Aid store and it only costs \$20. What a deal.

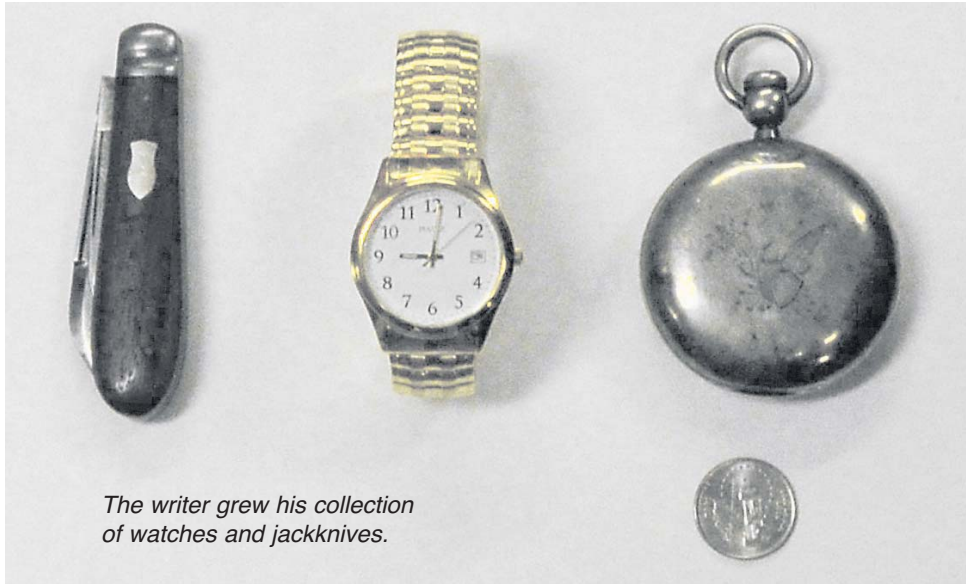
Now the plastic package it was in looked good. Was the watch secure? In fact it was so secure I broke the band getting it out. Well what could I expect buying it on the 13th. No I'm not superstitious, I just don't like 13. Since I broke the band I decided to take the loss and move on. That wonderful packaging on a not too wonderful watch re-

mind me of my old friend Vern Rice. He would pick up a paint brush and say, "What a shame it is to put such a fine handle on such a poor brush."

Having learned my lesson with extra cheap watches my next step is one right out of the past. I stepped in one of the last jewelry stores in our area. I bought a good looking better grade battery watch for a little over one hundred dollars. It is a nice watch and I'm now filling out the warrantee. The new watch and my long faithful Timex lay side by side. Well the old Timex will have to go to wristwatch heaven. I'll just pick it up one more time remembering its long service to me. My finger found and touched

the stem that wound it. Lo and behold it started to run and still is to this very hour. The old just met the new and seem compatible. I suppose I could wear one on each wrist but that is an

overkill. I've always been faithful to old things as I got old too. I'll store my nice new watch in a dark drawer to tick its life away in seclusion. Someday I'll use it. Maybe.



The writer grew his collection of watches and jackknives.

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Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries golf tournament fundraiser held

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

"Golf was selected as the 2015, 2016, and 2017 main fund raising focus for the Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries, to benefit the 14 public libraries within the four county service area of Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie counties of the Foundation, and the New York State chartered Mohawk Valley Library System," said Bonnie Kerr, Vice President of the Foundation for Mohawk Valley Libraries. "The golf tournament venue occurred twice in 2016 and 2017 at both the Mohawk Golf Club of Schenectady and the Canajoharie Golf and Country Club to accommodate the library supporters spread across the 1,778 square miles of the four county service area."

Kerr, tournament organizer, said that over \$3,000 was raised to fund mini grants among the member libraries, in the most successful fundraiser of this kind to date.

"The Canajoharie tournament drew twice as many golfer participants, sponsors and raffle table donors on July 31 this year than last. The hot — but not humid — day led the way to 'Successful Strokes by Library Folks'."

Eric Trahan, Director of MVLS and liaison/Montgomery County Representative on The Foundation Board, agrees that the golf tournament was very suc-

cessful.

"We had 44 players, over 80 donors and made about \$3,500 in profit that will be used to provide grants to our member libraries in Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady and Schoharie counties," Trahan commented.

"This work was huge and certainly added immensely to our treasury!" said Cheryl Cufari, Foundation Treasurer.

Of the 11 participating teams, three scored in the 50s, six in the 60s, and two in the 70s.

The winning team included Cathy Smith, Dave Smith, Ray Kiefl and Michael Belcher.

Second place team included Tom Armitstead, Bruce Bussert, Doug McFadden and Jeff Newton.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will allow member libraries to achieve goals otherwise unreachable.

"Applications specify funding goals for advocacy to reinforce, and in some instances, re-introduce the importance of library service within the community," remarked Kerr. "Increasing the opportunity for exposure to literature and language development from babes-in-arms to high school age and beyond; assistance with more programming to tap



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and the acquisition of more computers and databases for the growing user base and varied stated needs of the registered library patrons and users."

Some folks say that libraries are becoming obsolete. However, Trahan commented that anyone

who says that hasn't been to a library recently. "Libraries are used more than ever before," said Trahan. "In 2016, just in our four counties, public libraries were visited more than 1.7 million times. More than 1.5 million books and other resources were borrowed,

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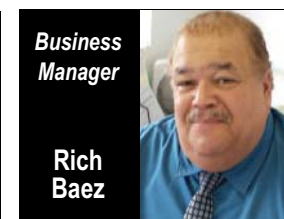
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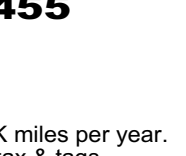
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