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Food safety for the holidays

Montgomery County Public Health wants to ensure everyone stays healthy for this holiday season. Food is always an important part of holiday festivities, but holi-

day meals can take a turn for the worse if food safety isn't a regular ingredient in preparing and cooking the food. The food you serve your family can be very harmful if not handled safely or refrigerated promptly.

Foodborne disease infections continue to be a serious health issue in the United States, causing an estimated one in six Americans (or 48 million people) to become sick each year. The most common foodborne diseases associated with meat, poultry and fish are Salmonella, Campylobacter, and E. coli. Most people become sick by eating contaminated foods or beverages or by coming in contact with someone who has a foodborne illness. Pregnant women, older adults, infants and young children, and those with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe infections.

Here are a few helpful

- Clean Remember to wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds before and after handling food. Hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of foodborne illness. Wash all kitchen utensils, dishes, and countertops with hot water and soap.
- Separate Try to use one cutting board for raw poultry, and meat, seafood and a separate one for fresh produce. Keep fish and seafood, raw turkey, roasts, hams, and other meats and their juices separate from other side dishes when preparing meals.
- Cook Cook meat and poultry to a safe min-

imum internal temperature: turkey, stuffing, casseroles, and leftovers to 165°F; beef, veal and lamb roasts to 145°F; "fully cooked" ham to 140°F and fresh ham, pork, and egg dishes to160°F. Use a food thermometer. 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.

• Chill — Chill food promptly. Keep the fridge at 40°F or below to prevent bacteria from growing. Custard pies and other egg dishes should always be kept cool. Put leftovers in the refrigerator within 2 hours. Remember to never defrost food at room temperature.

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by Terry and Kim Kovel What's a Jeep?

What's a "jeep"? To a car collector or soldier, it is a special kind of vehicle that can travel over all sorts of rough terrain. But to a comic collector, it's a bright-yellow animal that looks a little like a dog walking on its two hind legs. It has a large red nose, tiny ears and is magical.

Eugene the Jeep first appeared in 1936 in the comic strip "Thimble Theater," along with Popeye and Olive Oyl. Eugene the Jeep wanted to help humans and always told the truth, although the only word he said was "jeep."

There were other characteristics, too. Eugene ate orchids only, could predict the future, could teleport himself and walk through walls. Jeep was so popular that he was included as Popeye's pet on and off in animated cartoons, comic strips and animated television shows from the 1930s and 1940s to 1987.

Jeep memorabilia was plentiful, but a lot was not saved. There are old stuffed or wooden dolls, figurines, plaster carnival statues, toys, games and textiles. In 2012, a new Popeye comic included Eugene, and new Jeep collectibles were made. An old 13-inch-tall composition and wooden doll made by Cameo Doll Co. was recently sold. He has a label on his chest that reads "Jeep, (c) King Features Syn, 1935." A fan spent \$1,044 to take Jeep home. An 8-inch version of the doll in the same auction sold for only \$297.

Q: When I was growing up, my grandmother had a strange lamp in the breakfast room. It looked like an 8-inch high cylinder that had a light bulb inside. The heat of the light made hot air that turned the paper or plastic cylinder. There was a picture of Niagara Falls

on the side, and as the shade turned, it made it look like the water was flowing over the falls. I want to get a similar lamp for my son, but I don't know where or what to call it.

A: Your grandmother had a "motion lamp," probably made by the Scene-in-Action Company of Chicago. It made the lamps from 1925 to 1936. They were the first, but several other companies made similar "moving" lamps. They were interesting, but gave very little light. Ten years ago, the lamps sold for about \$200 to \$250, but today they're worth only about half that much.

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Now Here's A Tip

by JoAnn Derson

- "I have a great idea for cleaning skylights. Attach an old T-shirt to the broom end of a long-handled broom, then just mist with a cleaner. You can hold it up and scrub gently. The T-shirt material makes a great scrubber." C.L. in Alabama
- "In my house, cleaning up is a big issue. I have a large basket in the garage that is designated Toy Time Out. I ask the kids to pick something up and give them a time limit. If I have to ask again, the item goes into time out for a day. I typically get a good response to my requests." Mom in Maryland
- Thanksgiving Tip: "If you have one person responsible for putting prep dishes and pots and pans in the dishwasher while you are preparing the bird and side dishes for the table, you will be halfway done with dishes by the time the meal is over." M.A. in Washington
- "I buy extra supplies for Thanksgiving dinner as items go on sale. We always make extra-large portions of our side dishes, and put in an extra turkey while we're eating! Freeze meals in individual containers for quick dinners throughout the busy weeks from Turkey Day to Christmas Day. Potatoes and vegetable casseroles freeze well, and they taste better than microwave dinners from the grocery store." — E.S. in Oregon
- For a tailgating favorite, make this: Prepare a batch of macaroni and cheese, then add an egg and stir in. Butter the wells of a muffin tin and fill with the mac and cheese. Top with a bit of shredded cheddar and bake for 20 minutes at 400 F. You can even make them super portable by using muffin liners. The gang loves no fork necesthese -

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The history of modern charity

The concept of well-todo people helping the less fortunate is nothing new. In fact, charity has been a part of human cultures for thousands of years.

Charity is a humanitarian act to give to those in need. The word "charity" is derived from the Latin "caritas," which means "preciousness, dearness and high price." Charity is also tied to philanthropy, a word from the Greek "philanthropia," meaning "love of mankind." Charitable philanthropy has evolved to refer to the various forms of kindness directed toward others.

It is believed that charitable giving in some form has been around since 2500 BCE, when ancient Hebrews instituted a tax intended to help the poor. Philanthropy became a pillar upon which many religious organizations were built. Many charities were formed to provide basic necessities to others.

Charitable giving has been documented in nearly all cultures in some shape or form. According to the National Philanthropic Trust, classical Chinese philosophy exalted the virtue of benevolence. Ancient Greeks considered giving fundamental to democracy. Philanthropy was thought to promote balance and harmony among Native Americans.

Moses Maimonides, a

12th century rabbi and philosopher, helped shape modern philanthropy by establishing the Golden Ladder of Charity in the Mishneh Torah. Maimonides' eight levels of charitable giving ascend accordingly in value. They rank from giving grudgingly as the very least form of charity to helping to sustain a person before he or she becomes impoverished as the greatest. Maimonides' teachings helped shape future notions of giving.

Philanthropy has changed throughout history. Plato established a group working for the public good. Roman Emperor Augustus gave public aid to 200,000

people. In 1643, the first American fundraising drive was organized by Harvard University. Today, the value of donations to charity comprise roughly 2 percent of the total national gross domestic product in the United States. The charitable giving resource Winspire says more than 95 percent of households in the United States donate to charity.

Charitable giving continues to grow, with new philanthropic groups being established every year. Giving has become a major component of modern culture and an important part of shaping individuals, families and communities.

Comfort Foods Made Fast and Healthy!

by Healthy Exchanges Chili Rice Soup

Is meat taking a hit on your grocery-store budget? Give this meatless chili a try. It has so much flavor, you won't miss the meat.

1/2 cup chopped onion 1/2 cup chopped green

bell pepper

1 (14.5-ounce) can Hunt's Tomatoes Diced in Sauce

2 cups reduced-sodium

tomato juice

1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained

1/2 teaspoon minced garlic

1 1/2 teaspoons chili seasoning

1 cup cooked rice

- 3 tablespoons (3/4 ounce) shredded Kraft 2 Percent Milk Cheddar cheese
- 1. In a large saucepan sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, sauté onion and green pepper until tender. Add diced tomatoes, tomato juice, kidney beans, garlic and chili seasoning. Mix well to combine.
- 2. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add rice. Mix well to combine. Continue simmering for 15 minutes.
- 3. When serving, evenly sprinkle Cheddar cheese over top of bowls. Serves 6 (scant 1 cup).

TIP: Usually, 2/3 cup uncooked instant or 1/2 cup regular rice cooks to about 1 cup.

* Each serving equals: 137 calories, 1g fat, 5g protein, 27g carbs, 71mg sodium, 39mg calcium, 5g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Protein, 1 Vegetable, 1/2 Starch; Carb Choices: 1 1/2.

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Fall HUNTING GUIDE

Home Country

by Slim Randles

Old Jasper Blankenship bought a deer license again this year, just as he's done every year since Eisenhower was President. He sticks nickels and dimes in a jar all year long and smiles each time he contributes. By fall, he's saved up enough for a deer tag.

Jasper lives full-time out at the diggin's with his dog, Arthur, of course, so he has only to walk about 100 feet from the cabin to do his hunting. That's one of the marvels of it.

If he sees a nice buck, he might shoot it. Hey, he enjoys venison like everyone else, of course. But he might not shoot it. He had two good shots last fall and didn't take either one of them. He's tried to justify this inactivity to himself, but has come a cropper each time.

So off he went once again with his rifle to sit against that one certain tree, kinda scrooched around in the pine needles until he was comfortable, and waited.

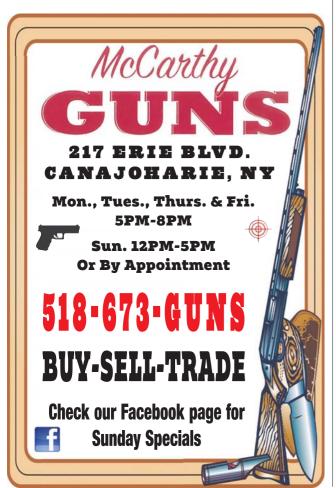
The squirrel came down a nearby tree and chattered at him for a while, and then left. The blue jay flew to a branch above him and looked down. Didn't stay long, though.

The soft music of the mountains began along about four in the afternoon, resembling at first just the breeze in the tops of the aspens, but later taking form into a melody no composer could ever create.

A legal buck came along just about sundown, but he just waved at it and watched it bound off. Didn't want to shoot one on opening day, anyway. Still five days to go. Maybe tomorrow.

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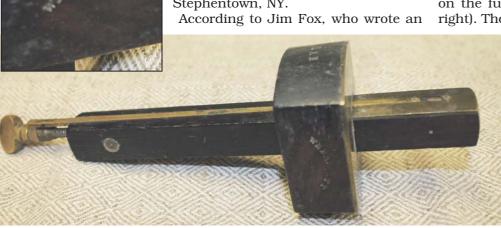
This week's Whatchamacallit harkens back to a time when the tools used to make things were as lovely as the things made. It is a mortise gauge made of rosewood and brass—but not just any mortise gauge. This is a very rare William Barrett mortise gauge made sometime around 1857 in Stephentown, NY.

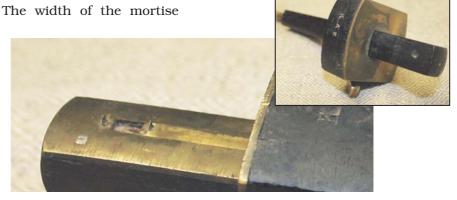
article in the September 2017 issue of The Gristmill, Barrett's unpatented internal brass mortise slide adjustment predated Stanley's patented (1872) gauge mechanism by 15 years.

The pins used for marking are called spurs; one is fixed on the stem and the other is adjustable and can be seen on the full brass plated beam (below right). The fence is also made of brass.

was adjusted by turning the thumbscrew at the end of the stem, which moved the adjustable stem. The fence also has a thumbscrew for adjusting.

The woodworker would scribe the wood with the spurs so he knew where to chisel out the mortise to receive the tenon. Mortise and tenon were the common means of joinery for centuries.





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Fort Plain Leukemia fundraiser tapes American Ninja Warrior to the wall

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

"Being duct taped was an interesting experience," laughs Fort Plain Jr./Sr. High Art teacher, Geoff Snyder.



Geoff Snyder, Fort Plain Jr/Sr High Art teacher, was the target for the "Taping the Teacher" Leukemia fund raiser at the Fort Plain Jr/Sr High School.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Snyder was "taped" at a Leukemia fundraiser that took place during the annual Halloween Dance at the Fort Plain Jr./Sr. High School on Friday, Oct. 27.

Snyder — who is also known locally for his American Ninja Warrior skill and competition — said, "I didn't really know what to expect when I arrived at the dance. I always chaperone the Halloween dance because it's the best dance of the year. The kids are always excited to show off their costumes. A lot of them are pretty inventive, too."

Snyder says he was approached by Student Chair Quinn Jones to take part. Jones is on the team that coordinated the fundraiser.

"Quinn had approached me earlier in the week and informed me of what they were thinking of doing. Although being taped to a wall isn't what I'd consider 'fun', it was for charity and I have a really hard time saying no to our students."



Students showed off their Halloween costumes.

Snyder says there are "some unbelievable kids" in the district and he's always proud to help them out, especially when they're thinking of others.

Fort Plain Junior/Senior High School English teacher Lisa Sue Trembley, is a student council adviser along with Linda Cole. Together with Jones and the rest of the planning committee the event came together.

"Last year we were asked to help with Pennies for Patients," reports Trembley. "We did, and we raised \$95 by collecting change. This year, we wanted to set a higher goal."

Trembley said Christine Krenzer, of the Leukemia &

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7th grade student council members Willow MaGinnis, Natalie Thibodeau, Madison Delgado and Rylee Herron are joined by Fort Plain Jr/Sr High Art teacher Geoff Snyder, and Joey Stinebrickner III, while working at the refreshment stand.



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Lymphoma Society (LLS) — reportedly the "world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer" — met with the group and offered suggestions as to how to raise more money.

"Taping a Teacher' to the wall was one of those ideas, so the kids decided to ask our American Ninja Warrior teacher, Mr. Snyder, if he would be willing to be taped."

Students purchased strips of duct tape, with all proceeds earmarked for LLS.

In addition to the taping, collections are currently ongoing in classrooms, with a contest between classrooms to see who collects the most.

Snyder says he could see a lot of the stu-

dents were enjoying the taping process.

"Tm glad that everyone had a good time and the Student Council was able to raise a little money for charity," remarked Snyder. "My only request was to not put any tape on my skin, although many of the kids wanted to slap a piece across my forehead!" He laughs, but is quick to add, "They really were respectful."

Snyder commented on his experience with the American Ninja Warrior program, which took place this past season 9 in Cleveland.

"Unfortunately my run didn't make it to television — only 37 competitors were shown out of 100. But I'm going to try again this year for season 10. I have to go through the entire entry process again which includes a lengthy applica-

tion and 3 minute video highlighting why I should be picked."

Snyder says he started training four years ago.

"My kids are really the ones who motivated me and believed I could do it. The student body and staff here at school have been unbelievably supportive of this endeavor. My kids compete in youth ninja competitions, too. The kids and I will head to Brooklyn in two weeks for our first

post-ANW competition. I'm looking forward to training and competing this winter, all while hoping that lightning strikes twice and I get the call back to compete on the show this spring," Snyder said.

Trembley said a link to share for donations to the LLS is on the Fort Plain School Facebook page so folks can donate online. The link is: events.lls.org/pages/uny/Ft-Plain-High-School-2018.







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by Pastor Dan West

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A truck driver and his rig make a good example of this. The driver doesn't have to pull the load, but if he doesn't get in the cab, start the engine and shift the gears, the load isn't going anywhere. As he does his

and Greenhouses

part, he has faith that the truck will haul the load, but he doesn't sit back, fold his arms and relax (yet). He has work to do steering his predetermined course, keeping track of the gauges, shifting when necessary and adjusting for changing conditions like rain. As a team, the driver and the power of the truck get the job

We believers are in a partnership like that with God. He predetermines our course and provides the power, but we have to constantly submit to Him, resist the devil, draw near to God, purify our hearts, and humble ourselves. When we do that, James 4:10 says He will "lift us up." We cannot do what God does, and He will not do what we can.

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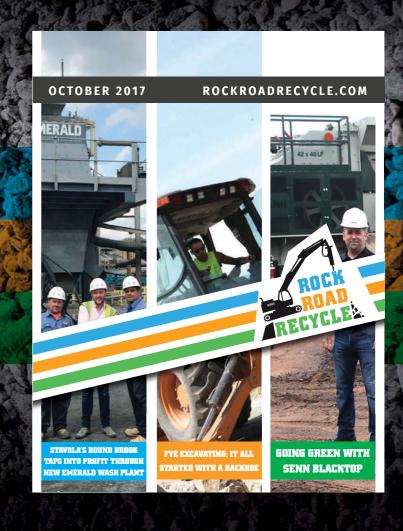
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Clothing, linens and even curtains may get their regular rotation through the laundry room, helping such items to remain clean and fresh. But other items relied on regularly may never make it to the washing machine to get a healthy helping of suds, even though they probably should.

Such is the case for backpacks, lunch sacks and reusable shopping totes. These items endure substantial wear and tear, and may be in need of a good wash.

Backpacks

Backpacks can get grimy fast. Designed to be worn on the back, backpacks are often tossed onto the floor or shoved into dirty lockers. As a result, backpacks may be covered in dirt, pen stains, food spills, and bacteria, necessitating a thorough cleaning.

backpacks Because

have all sorts of pockets, straps and zippers, some people find handwashing to be an easier way to prevent damage during washing. Use a vacuum nozzle to clean out. crumbs and other debris. Dip a sponge or cloth into sudsy water and use it to clean the interior. A scrub brush can scour the outside. Rinse and hang upside down to dry, suggests Good Housekeeping.

For those who want to put the pack into the washing machine, first place the backpack inside of a laundry bag or pillowcase that can be closed. This will prevent the pack from getting caught in the machine's agitator or stretching out the fabric. Skip the dryer and let the pack air dry so that it won't shrink.

Lunch bags and boxes

Check the care label to see if the bag can be machine-washed. Many can withstand a mild detergent and the gentle cycle of a machine. Otherwise, mild dish soap and water can be used to hand wash the bag. Like the backpack, let these bags or boxes air dry for best results, says the cleaning resource Clean My Space. Sprinkle baking soda inside of bags or boxes as a natural deodorizer, if necessary.

Reusable shopping bags

An eco-friendly alterna-

tive to plastic or paper bags from the store, reusable totes can dramatically reduce waste that ends up in landfills and waterways. These bags routinely come in contact with fresh and frozen foods, and bacteria, yeast and mold may eventually grow on the surfaces of the bags. Wash the bags after each use and store them in a place where they are not

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says cloth reusable bags should be washed in a washing machine using laundry detergent and dried in the dryer or airdried. Plastic-lined reusable bags should be scrubbed using hot water and soap and air-dried. Dry bags completely before storing.

Use separate bags for raw meats, seafood and produce. Label these bags to avoid confusion.

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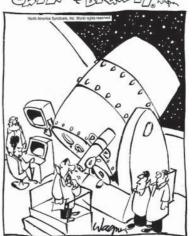
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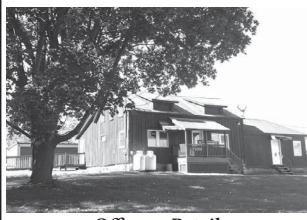
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- Much like humans can be righthanded or lefthanded, cats can favor their right paw or left paw. Cats can even be ambidextrous.
- Cats spend roughly one-third of their waking hours cleaning themselves. In fact, cats' tongues are so strong that they can lick animal bone clean.
- A single litter of kittens can produce multiple "father" cats.
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- While cats are partial to litter boxes, their skill sets enable them to learn how to use toilets.
- Though cats might not have the skill set to operate blow driers, 25 percent of cat owners use driers to dry their cats' coats after bathing.
- Kittens may be adorable and cuddly, but their teeth are most sharp at this stage of their life. Upon reaching six months of age, cats lose their needlesharp milk teeth.
- Once they reach one week old, cats start to dream while sleeping.
- Cats don't just close their eyes because they're tired. In fact, many cats close their eyes when they're happy or pleased.
 - Cats' pregnancies last just nine weeks.
 - Cats can jump up to five times their own heights.
- While not all cats with blue eyes are deaf, many cats with blue eyes cannot hear. That said, many kittens are born with blue eyes, only to have their eye color change with age.
- Cats have a naturally strong aversion to all things
- Cats of the opposite sex tend to make better housemates than cats of the same sex.
- Cats can become addicted to tuna, potentially resulting in a vitamin E deficiency.
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- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon inice
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1. In 5-quart Dutch oven, heat apples, cider, cranberries, lemon peel and lemon juice to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes or until apples are very soft, stirring occasionally.
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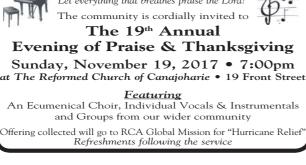
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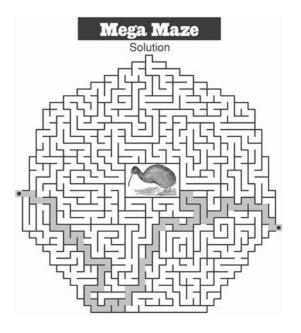


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While teens are commonly associated with

distracted-driving issues — particularly texting — the issue affects drivers of all ages. To help reduce distracted driving crashrelated injuries, and loss of life, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (Auto Alliance) offer these tips to help drivers keep their

eyes on the road and hands on the wheel.

- Gear up before you go out. Whether it's your sunglasses, your Bluetooth® earpiece or your favorite hat, putting accessories on before starting your car allows you to keep your hands on the wheel, and not your wardrobe while driving.
- Stop for a bite. A quick bite for lunch should be enjoyed in a restaurant, or your non-moving vehicle, instead of on the go while you're driving. This allows you to take a break, enjoy your food and not worry about spilling beverages on yourself.
- Don't be afraid to pull over. If another matter begs your attention such as settling a disagreement between your children pull the car over to handle the situation properly rather than

trying to attend to it while you are driving.

- Have a plan in place. Sometimes this is easier said than done. However, if you are traveling somewhere for the first time, you should understand your route before starting the drive. Program your GPS, or share printed directions with your navigator before you depart.
- Call them back. Cell phone usage is one of the leading causes of distracted driving-related crashes and not all of them are related solely to texting. If your phone rings while you're in the car and you do not have a hands-free headset already on, let the caller go to voicemail. You can always call them back when you arrive at your destination or your next stop.
- If you don't need it, store it. Sporting equipment, kids' toys or groceries, your car is the transport home for many things and sometimes those items can jostle

back and forth while you're driving — particularly on those sharp turns. And when things start moving, your natural reaction is to take your eyes off the road and reach for them. Instead, secure items in the trunk or in another storage compartment before the drive.

All things automotive

Keeping your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel is one of the most important things you do every single day you choose to drive so be sure to apply the tips above and make driving your No. 1 priority. Your loved ones and those you share the road with will thank you for it. For even more helpful tips and strategies to minimize driving distractions, visit www.decidetodrive.org.



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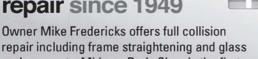
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Calendar of events

ORIGINAL VALLEY PENNYSAVER

NOTE: Calendar entries must arrive at the Original Valley Pennysaver office 10 Days Prior to the publication date. Send events to Lee Publications c/o The Original Valley Pennysaver, 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.

NOV

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

WE ARE CLOSED TO ALL PROGRAMS ON NOV. 23 & 24 FOR THANKSGIVING!

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: 9-10 am. A Core Strength & Stability Class in the basement. \$5 donation. Instructor Sharon Charles. For more information call 673-4408.

Tuesdays: 10-11 am. Tai

Chi Workshop. 11:10 am-12:10 pm intermediate Tai Chi. Both sponsored by Mont. County OFFA. Earl O'Bryon Instructor. Donations accepted.

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 in the Gallery and 2:30-3:30 pm Gentle Yoga in the basement with instructor Patty Pietrowicz, \$5 donation.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 15 & 29: 12:30-4 pm. Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party, donation \$2, prizes & refreshments. If you would like to sub, call Terry-673-5635.

Nov. 16: 1:30 pm. Water color with Shanna Becker. \$10. Bring a friend.

Nov. 17: 1 pm. BINGO. Join us!

Nov. 18: 11 am. Sues Crews Line Dancers will join us for a fun filled performance. Plan on a fun filled evening with our young adults. Bring a friend!

Nov. 29: 6-8:30 pm. Canajoharie High School Students will be coming by to join us

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for an evening of creating Holiday Crafts-Card Making, Home Décor, Ornaments, etc. \$5.

Coming soon-Sunday, Dec. 3 at 1 pm. Canajoharie Senior Citizens Club will have their annual Christmas Dinner at Ripepis, \$15. Call Dorothy to sign up at 518-673-5588.

MEETINGS

Nov. 15 & 29: 10:15-11am. 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.

Nov. 14: 6 pm. Canajoharie/ Pal. Br. Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

Nov. 17: 1 pm. Canajoharie Senior Citizens Meeting.

Nov. 28: 10-11 am. Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group. Join us.

NOV 11

Veteran's Day Event-Military Theaters of the **American Revolution Symposium**

Schenectady County Community College, 78 Washington Avee in the Stockade Building's Lecture Hall. 8 am-4:15 pm. Free but need to register at 518-774-5669 or email arrthudsonmohawkvalleys@gmail.com . Visit www.fortplainmuseum. com for more details.

The Salisbury Center **Grange Will Celebrate**

Veterans Day With A Show 7 pm. Donations \$5.

NOV 12

Pancake Breakfast Rockwood-Garoga-Lassellsville Volunteer Fire Department

Rockwood-Garoga-Lassellsville Volunteer Fire Department, Station #2, St. Rte. 29, Lassellsville. 7-11 am. Adults \$7. Ages 5-10 \$4.50, 4 & under free.

NOV 14

Annual Tuesday Talk Series at the Schoharie **Crossing State Historic** Site

Enders House at Schoharie Crossing, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. 6:30 pm. Dan Weaver will explore the famous Marquis de Lafayette and his different journey's through the Mohawk Valley during the Revolution and early American Republic. For more information email schohariecrossing@parks. ny.gov or call 518-829-7516.

NOV 18

St. Joseph Craft Fair

W. State St., Dolgeville. 10 am-4 pm. Vendors needed. For more information call Linda at 315-429-9149.

OUR MISSION!

The Frothingham Free Library Soup, Pie, and Craft Sale

All things automotive

West Main Street, Fonda. 10 am-2 pm. For more information about the Frothingham Free Library visit fonlib.blogspot.com our Facebook page or call the library at 853-3016 during library hour.

NOV 19

19th Annual Evening of Praise and Thanksgiving

The Canajoharie Reformed Church, 19 Front St. 7 pm. Variety of vocal and instrumental praise offerings. An offering will be taken for the RCA's Global Mission for Hurricane Relief. Refreshment and fellowship will follow the service.

NOV 21

Annual Tuesday Talk Series at the Schoharie **Crossing State Historic** Site

Enders House at Schoharie Crossing, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. 6:30 pm. Ashley Hopkins-Benton, a Senior Historian and Curator of Social History at the New York State Museum to present on "Votes for Women: Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial." For more information email

schohariecrossing@parks. ny.gov or call 518-829-7516.

NOV 28

Annual Tuesday Talk Series at the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

Enders House at Schoharie Crossing, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. 6:30 pm. Amanda Massie will provide a flavorful conclusion to our celebration of New York's rich cultural heritage. For more information email schohariecrossing@parks. ny.gov or call 518-829-7516.

DEC 3

St. Nicholas Day

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

DEC 6

The Village of Ames Museum

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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Montgomery County

Amsterdam Muni Clubhouse

158 Upper Van Dyke Avenue, Amsterdam

Monday, November 13, 2017 10:30 am

Arkell Museum

2 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12 pm

Raindancer Restaurant

4582 State Highway 30, Amsterdam

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 3pm

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