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042: **PRICE REDUCTION!!!**
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216: 45 E. Main Street, **ST. JOHNSSVILLE**: Two story house with many up-dates including roof, plumbing and windows, four bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Convenient location to stores, school and park. **Asking \$74,900**



508: **BACK ON MARKET!!!** 16 Spring Street, **FORT PLAIN**: Well cared for 2-family home with separate utilities and off-street parking. Each unit has two bedrooms and one full bath. Located on a nice residential street. Exterior is vinyl sided and updated windows. Large front porch, enclosed back porches and a garage. Washer and dryer hook-ups. This is a great investment or ideal for the owner occupant. **Asking \$59,000**



686: **NEW LISTING!!!** 3 Phillips Ave., **CANAJOHARIE**: The details of this home show off the quality workmanship exhibited during the Craftsman Era. When entering this home you immediately feel the coziness and warmth of the fireplace, the inviting atmosphere and the hardwood floors, all of which make this house a home. There are two bedrooms and a full bath on the 1st floor and one bedroom and a full bath on the 2nd floor. Storage abounds so any family can have room to grow. The enclosed front porch and open side porch provide extra space for three season relaxation and entertaining. **Asking \$99,900**



700: **NEW LISTING!!!** 66 Center Street, **FORT PLAIN**: Two-story, three bedroom, one full bath home. Corner lot with an enclosed porch. Located conveniently to stores. Estimated square footage 1,750. Roof replaced in 2016. Currently leased. **Asking \$37,900**



840: **PRICED REDUCED!!!** 11 Spring Street, **FORT PLAIN**: This is an older home with a GREAT layout. Convenient location - walking distance to schools and stores. A little TLC of flooring and paint would make this a nice home. **Asking \$27,900**



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by **Leonard Perry, UVM Horticulturist and Charlie Nardozi, Garden Consultant**

Cleaning bird feeders, growing Swedish ivy, and brushing snow from shrubs are some of the gardening activities for this month.

Birds deserve clean food surfaces as much as we do. Every few weeks bring the feeders inside and wash them with soap and water into which a little bleach has been added (one part bleach to nine parts water). Rinse thoroughly. If you have a heated bird bath, keep it scrubbed and cleaned regularly as well. I keep an old brush just for this purpose, whenever I refill the bath.

When tree and shrub branches bend under the weight of a new snowfall, use a broom to gently brush off the snow. Don't try to remove ice or you might break the branch. It's possible to save a branch that partially splits from the main trunk if you tie it in place and use long screws (coming from each direction, if necessary) to secure it. If done right away, the tree may callous over the wound and heal itself next season, and not split further.

If you received a poinsettia or cyclamen as a holiday gift, keep it blooming by providing proper care. Poinsettias need good drainage, so if the pot is still wrapped in foil, make sure there is a hole in the bottom so water drains out. Of course if it's on furniture, place a saucer underneath to protect the finish. Keep poinsettias away from drafts, such as near doors or windows or hot woodstoves. Keep soil moist, but don't overwater. Keep in bright light.

The latter applies, also, to cyclamen, which can last for weeks if kept cool (65 to 68 degrees F in day, less at night). Too high temperatures, too little water or overwatering, or too low light may cause leaves to yellow and drop.

When deicing walks, use one of the granular products with a "chloride" other than sodium component — these are safer on plants. They may cost a bit more, but you often can use less. Calcium chloride works best in the coldest areas (down to about 5 degrees F). If below this temperature, don't use any chemical product but rather sand for traction. Liquid products don't track into buildings as granular ones often do. Apply any material before ice and snow, if possible, for best results.

While snow makes a good protective cover for plants, if you use salt to melt ice on driveways or walks, be careful not to pile snow from these areas on your plants or where melting snow will drain onto them. Otherwise, once snow melts in spring, flush soil thoroughly with water to help dilute or wash away any salt residue.

Other gardening activities for this month include ordering seeds and plants from catalogs, reviewing garden notes from this past year while planning for this coming season, and signing up for a garden tour or spring garden symposium.



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- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, cut into 1/2-inch chunks

- 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 1. Heat oven to 375°F. Grease large cookie sheet.
- 2. On waxed paper, combine flour, baking soda and salt.

3. In large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat butter and sugars until creamy, occasionally scraping bowl with rubber spatula. Beat in vanilla, then eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. At low speed, gradually add flour mixture; beat just until blended, occasionally scraping bowl. With spoon, stir in chocolate and walnuts.

4. Drop cookies by heaping measuring tablespoons, 2 inches apart, onto prepared cookie sheet. Bake cookies 10 to 11 minutes or until lightly browned. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool. Repeat with remaining dough.

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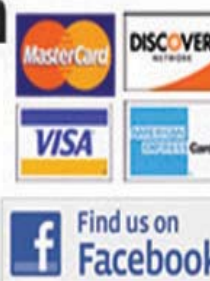
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While people anxiously anticipate watching the NFL's biggest game of the



year, many are equally excited to attend Super Bowl parties, where they can watch the game with loved ones while enjoying delicious food and drink. Some Super Bowl party hosts may prefer to have their parties catered, while others enjoy getting in the kitchen to prepare some homemade foods for their guests. Hosts among the latter group can prepare familiar crowd favorites that are sure to please, such as this easily-prepared recipe for "Crusty Mac and Cheese" from Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

Crusty Mac and Cheese

Serves 4 to 6

1 pound elbow macaroni

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper

1/2 cup chicken stock

3/4 cup heavy cream

1/2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tablespoon hot sauce

1/2 tablespoon Creole mustard

1 1/4 cup Cheese Wiz

8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease a 2-quart baking dish.

2. Boil the macaroni in a 2-quart saucepan filled with water, until it is al dente, or still has some snap when you bite it. Strain the pasta and rinse thoroughly with cold water. Set aside.

3. Combine the remaining ingredients, except for the shredded cheese, in a medium saucepan over medium heat. The mixture should be barely simmering. Whisk periodically. Cook for 7 to 10 minutes.

4. In a large mixing bowl, combine the cheese sauce with the pasta and about one-third of the shredded cheese. Transfer to the baking dish, covering with the remaining shredded cheese, and bake covered for 10 minutes.

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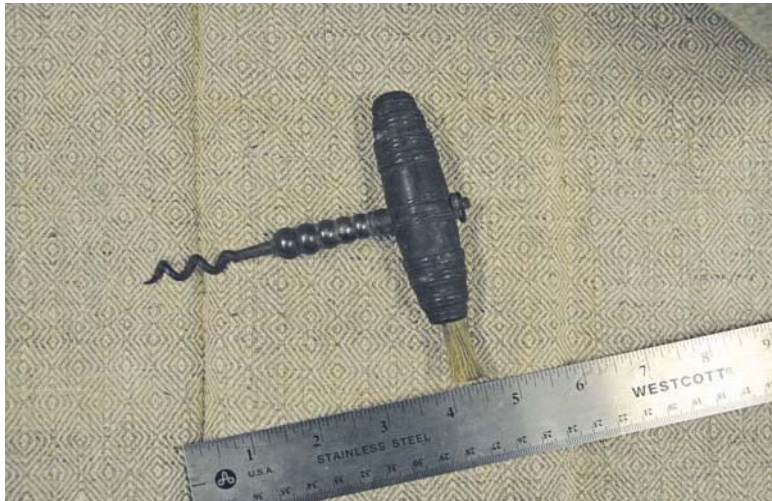
different. This week's whatchamacallit is a corkscrew with a little something different added on to it.

The corkscrew itself is made out of casted metal, either steel or iron. The very tip has been sharpened to a point while the other end, coming out of the handle, has an eye-loop, making it easier for hanging and storing.

The handle, made out of a hard wood, also has stiff bristles made from either horse or boar hair. The bristles were a convenient addition to the corkscrew during the time this was made, as it was used to brush away debris from the mouth of the bottle.

It may be peculiar to think that debris needed to be brushed away, but looking back into history reveals the answer. It was customary for

wine and spirit bottles to be sealed with a cork and wax, perserving the contents inside the bottle. Although wax is still found on some wine and spirit bottles today, it was standard practice before the 19th century. It was also common for the bottle to sit in one location for a tremendous amount of time for aging, leading to the collection of dust, mold or fungus on the



cork and bottle.

The bristles added to the corkscrew would be stiff enough to remove all these unwanted items from the bottle, keeping the beverage clean.

Due to the brush, wooded handle and metal corkscrew, it is safe to assume the piece dates to around the 18th century although the lack of any manufacturers mark makes dating the corkscrew more uncertain.

Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?

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Carbon monoxide is known as the "silent killer". It can prevent the body from getting oxygen. Symptoms can be flu-like; nausea, headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, sleepiness and weakness. In large amounts, carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness, brain damage or death.

Public Health suggests these safety tips to help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Make sure fuel-burning appliances are properly installed, operated and serviced by qualified technicians according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes.

- Properly vent all fuel-burning appliances to the outside of the house and make sure the vents are not covered with snow, tarps or other items.

- Consider buying a vented space heater when replacing an unvented one.

- Never use a portable generator, gas or charcoal grill or portable fuel-

burning camping equipment inside a home, building or shed.

- Open the fireplace damper before lighting a fire and don't close it until the ashes are cool.

- Move your idling car or truck outside the garage to warm up.

- Never use gas appliances, such as stoves, ovens, or clothes dryers, to heat your home.

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Five things to know about connected cars

(BPT) — If you could go back in time and tell people that in the near future there would be a handheld device that would allow them to listen to virtually any song, watch virtually any movie or television show and have access to pretty much any book, they would probably think you were crazy.

As it is, we now take all those features of a smartphone for granted. In fact, what once would have been the stuff of science fiction is now commonplace. With technology advancing in leaps and bounds around us, perhaps the one thing that has generated the most buzz involves the marriage of the automobile with the computer: a connected car.

To shed some light — and whet your appetite — for current and future car technology, here are five important things to know about connected cars.

1. Connectivity already exists and is becoming mainstream. Vehicle connectivity is already present on approximately 40 million vehicles around the globe, which come equipped with such features such as in-car WiFi, Bluetooth connectivity, and satellite radio systems. By 2022 over 80 percent of all new vehicles sold are expected to be connected, through 5G and Wi-Fi cloud platforms. Industry estimates suggest this number could quadruple by 2020, and reach 90 to 100 percent of new car sales by 2025.

2. Telematic magic. Telematics allow a vehicle to communicate and share information with other networks helping to enhance everything from in-vehicle operation and efficiency to communicating with other connected vehicles and external infrastructure. In some ways, this type of communication is like having a team of people on the lookout for any maintenance or security issues you have with your car. All you have to do is enjoy your drive. The potential benefits of this data could result in everything from reduced accidents to reduced traffic congestion. The emergence of telematics is expected to become a multi-billion dollar industry.

3. Better maintenance.



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nance. Year after year, more lights and alerts have shown up on dashboards. These help alert drivers to maintenance issues, but connectivity allows for a truly exacting system of diagnosis and prevention. One of the most advanced solutions, known as the integrated vehicle health management (IVHM) from Honeywell Transportation Systems, uses algorithms and computer models derived from data generated by vehicles already in service as well as highly sensitive sensors to monitor an automobile's system, such as tire pressure, fluids, timing, efficiency and overall operations. IVHM anticipates problems before they occur to better inform car owners when maintenance is needed, which can reduce the cost of unnecessary repairs by up to 50 percent.

4. Securing the vehicle. Today, Bluetooth connectivity represents one of more than a dozen vehicle attack surfaces that can be hacked. Research shows that people's fear of malicious vehicle hacking and breaches of data privacy is a leading concern with future autonomous vehicles. In response, Honeywell Transportation Systems has developed cybersecurity technologies including intrusion detection and protection software to monitor and protect connected vehicles.

Based upon the very tools and systems that

have been implemented in the aerospace industry and used to protect critical infrastructure such as nuclear power plants and oil refineries, the software uses advanced analytics specifically designed for the automotive industry to detect abnormal behavior in a car's connected network. Operation center will then provide rapid feedback to automakers to help mitigate potential threats.

5. The electrified powertrain. One of the needs that comes with increased connectivity is more electrical power in the vehicle. Automakers are developing new 48-volt architectures to replace existing 12-volt systems. The upgraded system supports electric motors, a sophis-

ticated network of sensors and internet-enabled devices. This has the potential to transform the automobile into a mobile office. In addition, the electrification of the powertrain makes for more efficient operations, helping automakers meet more stringent emission regulations. In time, it is plausible municipalities could use the connectivity of the vehicle to determine access to certain routes in downtown areas or other locations where vehicle emissions are controlled.

Of course, these topics are just the tip of the connected-car iceberg. If you're in the market for a new car, it's likely that in the next few years, you'll experience these features firsthand.

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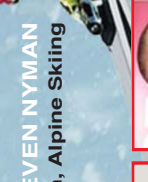
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Six quick tips for bomb cyclone winter driving

When it comes to winter car care, many motorists think of antifreeze and batteries, but vehicles need extra attention in winter, especially when a bomb cyclone hits and temperatures drop.

"Most people never heard of 'bomboge-

nesis' until heavy snow and dangerous cold recently hit many areas of the country, including several states that usually don't experience this type of severe weather," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Making sure

your vehicle is properly prepared for the elements will help you avoid the aggravation of an unplanned road emergency."

The non-profit Car Care Council offers six quick tips to help your vehicle perform at its best during cold weather months.

1. Keep the gas tank at least half full; this decreases the chance of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing.

2. Check the tire pressure, including the spare, as tires can lose pressure when temperatures drop. Consider special tires if snow and ice are a problem in your area.

3. Have the exhaust system checked for carbon monoxide leaks, which can be especially dangerous during cold weather driving when windows are closed.

4. Allow your car a little more time to warm up when temperatures are below freezing so that the oil in the engine and transmission circulate and get warm.

5. Change to low-viscosity oil in winter

as it will flow more easily between moving parts when it is cold. Drivers in sub-zero temperatures should drop their oil weight from 10-W30 to 5-W30 as thickened oil can make it hard to start the car.

6. Consider using cold weather washer fluid and special winter windshield blades if you live in a place with especially harsh winter conditions.

Drivers should stock an emergency kit with an ice scraper and snowbrush, jumper cables, flashlight, blanket, extra clothes, bottled water, dry food snacks and needed medication. The Car Care Council also recommends a thorough vehicle inspection by a trusted professional service technician as winter magnifies existing problems such as pings, hard starts, sluggish performance or rough idling.

To order a free copy of the popular Car Care Guide, visit the council's consumer education website at www.car-care.org.

Source: Car Care Council

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by Matilda Charles

Don't let others hijack your retirement

For too many of us, retirement doesn't necessarily mean taking the time for things we want to do and for rest and relaxation. Instead, the word "retire" means that others assume we'll have lots of time to do things for them. The expectations can start the instant we retire, and our calendars can fill up astonishingly fast, if we let them.

Volunteering, babysitting grandchildren, walking someone's new dog in

the afternoon... their to-do lists for us can be endless. Because, you see, we have the time to help, now that we're retired. And we don't want to be rude...

Except, maybe that wasn't the plan.

There are steps we can take to forestall the tendency of people to want our time, stopping it before it gets started. We have to, if we're going to rescue our retirement.

• Don't make promises when approached. Start with saying "maybe" and add a lot of qualifiers. Maybe you'll eventually

think about volunteering at the elementary school. Maybe next year you'll consider shelving books at the library.

• "I have other obligations," can be your new operative phrase when someone tries to pin you down, and don't elaborate.

• "I've decided not to do any volunteer work for the first year." Notice the operative word? "Decided" is a statement that you won't be coerced. And delete from your vocabulary the words, "I'm sorry, but ..." That weakens your position and sounds like there's wiggle room.

• Unplug your phone whenever you need to. Maybe that's every afternoon when you know an employed neighbor will be calling to ask if you're going to the grocery store. Just don't be available.

Because remember, your retirement isn't endless. Write that on a small card and tape it to the mirror where you'll see it every day.

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Where Safety Begins

Simple ways to quickly boost credit scores

The road to great credit begins with consumers. Consumers who demonstrate an ability to pay bills on time and stay out of debt can make themselves more attractive to prospective creditors, which can ultimately save them thousands of dollars when they purchase homes and/or vehicles.

While strong credit scores take years to build, men and women looking to improve their scores can begin doing so rather quickly. Scores will not skyrocket overnight, but they will begin to improve if consumers begin taking the following steps.

- Pay bills on time. Paying bills on time is one of the most effective and simplest ways for consumers to improve their credit scores. One of the credit scores lenders use to determine if they will extend credit to a given applicant is the FICO® score, which is generated by the Fair Isaac Corporation. According to the Fair Isaac Corp., a FICO score is broken down into five categories, some of which factor more heavily than others. An individual's payment history accounts for 35 percent of his or her FICO score, making it the most influential of the five factors for people who have been using credit for a long time. (Note: People with a nonexistent or greatly limited credit history may have their FICO scores



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more influenced by other factors.) If necessary, set up automatic payments so all bills, but especially bills owed to creditors, such as credit card companies and student loan lenders, are paid on time.

- Pay down balances and keep them low. Paying bills on time might not be enough to dramatically improve credit scores if consumers are still only paying the minimum amount each month while maintaining high balances. After pay-

ment history, amount owed is the second biggest influence of most consumers' FICO scores, accounting for 30 percent of an individual's score. So in addition to paying on time, consumers should try to pay more than the minimum amount due each month, ideally paying balances in full each month.

- Study your credit report. Credit scores can sometimes fall victim to errors on a person's credit report. A 2012 Federal

Trade Commission Study found that roughly 25 percent of all consumers

had errors on their credit reports that adversely affected their credit scores.

Consumers who suspect their credit score does not reflect their credit worthiness should examine their reports, which are available to all consumers once a year for free, for mistakes. Report any mistakes to Equifax, Experian and/or TransUnion.

- Wait to apply for new lines of credit or mortgages. Consumers' credit scores take a small hit each time they apply for new lines of credit, whether it's a credit card or mortgage. Consumers who want to quickly improve their scores should refrain from applying for new lines of credit until they have increased their scores to a point where they won't mind seeing those scores take a small dip.

Consumers' credit scores can affect their lives in various ways. While it takes time to build strong credit histories, consumers can take small steps to begin improving their credit scores right away.

Getting Christmas cactus to rebloom

by B. Rosie Lerner, Purdue Extension, Consumer Horticulturist

Q. I would like to know, how do you get Christmas cactus to bloom? — O.S., Floyds Knobs, IN

A. A little extra care will help bring your Christmas cactus back to full bloom next year. Although a Christmas cactus can adapt to low light, it will produce more abundant blooms if you know how to manipulate the light they receive.

For now, keep your plants in a sunny, indoor location away from drafts, heat vents, fireplaces, and other sources of hot air. Water them thoroughly when the top half of the soil in the pot feels dry to the touch. You can move Christmas cactus plants outdoors in summer, but keep them in shady or semi-shady locations. Too much direct sunlight can

burn the leaves.

When it's time to bring the plants back inside in the fall, help the plants to slowly adjust to life indoors by gradually increasing the number of hours they spend indoors each day.

Christmas cactus plants bloom when you give them long, uninterrupted dark periods. Begin the dark treatments about mid-October to have plants in full bloom by the holidays. Christmas cactus plants will also bloom if they are subjected to cool temperatures of about 50 degrees Fahrenheit to 55 degrees Fahrenheit at night. Start these cool treatments by early November to have plants ready for the holidays.

For more information about caring for and reblooming holiday cactus, visit www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/christmas-cactus-faqs



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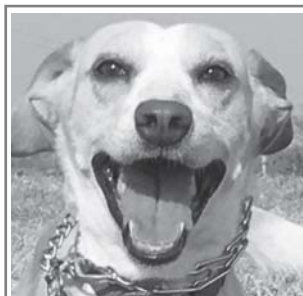
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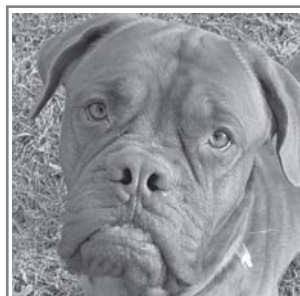
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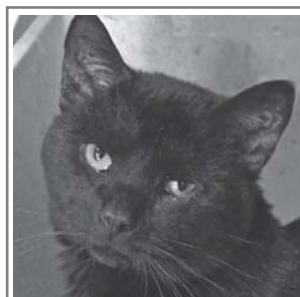
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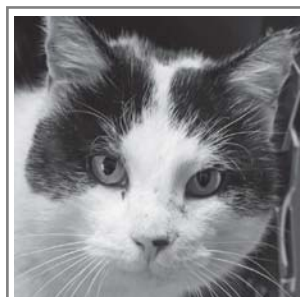
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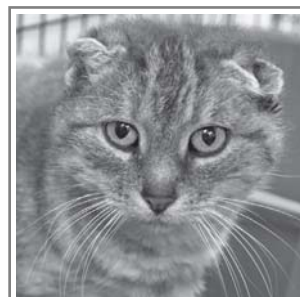
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- ◆ Fried Scallops w/Potato & Veg

Sunday, January 21st

- ◆ Stuffed French Toast
- ◆ Breakfast only - Closed at 12:30 PM

Monday, January 22nd

- ◆ ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES 3-7 PM
- ◆ Spanish Rice w/Veg
- ◆ Chicken Cordon Blue Sandwich w/FF

Tuesday, January 23rd

- ◆ Salisbury Steak w/Potato & Veg
- ◆ Ham & Cheese Club w/FF

Wednesday, January 24th

- ◆ ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 3-7 PM
- ◆ Covered Hot Sausage Sandwich w/FF
- ◆ Spaghetti w/Meatballs,
Hot Sausage and/or Tossed Salad

Thursday, January 25th

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- ◆ Patty Melt w/FF

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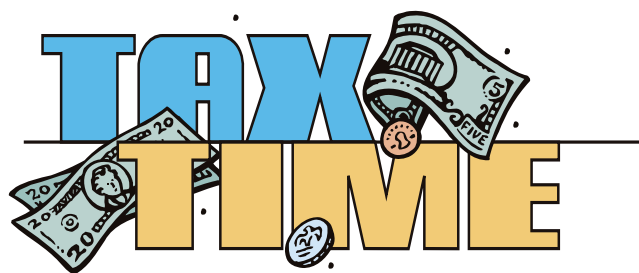
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JAN

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

WE ARE CLOSED TO ALL PROGRAMS ON JANUARY 1ST
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 OFA. 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

Jan 24 & 31: 12:30-4 pm. Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party, donation \$2, prizes & refreshments. If you would like to sub call Terry at 518-673-5635.

Jan 25: 11:45 am. Lunch with Meals of Montgomery-navy bean soup, cut, blended veg. & pears.

Jan 25: 12:30 pm. Gary Van Slyke presents "Winter Songs" directly following lunch.

MEETINGS

Jan 23: 9:30-11:30 am. Alzheimer Younger Onset Program with Meagan DeMento in the Gallery. Directly following we will have our Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group.

Jan. 25: 10:15-11 am. The Diet Club meets in the Gal-

lery at Arkell Ctr. The goal is to be accountable while losing or maintaining your weight. Call 518-673-2112.

MAY 1 DEADLINE

Call for Paintings: Lock in the Fun Art Show at Schoharie Crossing

Submissions can be made online at <https://goo.gl/forms/4PjuP5kRW6ZF4wuy2>. The exhibit's opening celebration will take place during the Schoharie Crossing Canal Days festivities, July 14&15, 2018, and artwork will be displayed through August. For more information on how to enter, visit the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site page of the New York State Parks website, nysparks.com, call Schoharie Crossing at 518-829-7518, email Schoharie-Crossing@parks.ny.gov or find us on Facebook.

VOICES from 17

I asked how that was. His reply was, "My name is Kirsch and my father was the minister of St. John's Lutheran Church where all of your relatives belonged." Because of his age, I thought he must be a professor. It was years later that I found out the truth. He was another student who had been in the military in WWI. I never saw Reverend John A.W. Kirsch's son again. Like old minds and stacks of paper things get lost. So did his obituary, the story of the Berea Pageant and the fact that his first wife died in Canajoharie, and his second came from Canajoharie was afterward learned. Their final resting place is within sight of my own cemetery plot in the Canajoharie Falls Cemetery. The Berea Pageant long ago ceased to exist except in an old man's aged mind who remembers a

chance encounter many years ago.

Skip Barshied Stone Arabia

Addendum: The last word on Rev. Kirsch and Family received from Berea College.

The man I met years ago was Frederick W. Kirsch. He was born in Canajoharie in 1896. He enrolled in Berea College at the age of 45 in 1941, graduating in 1946.

His father was Rev. John A.W. Kirsch born in Germany in 1865 and died in Canajoharie in 1936. He served St. Johns Lutheran Church from 1891 to 1896. His wife died at Canajoharie in 1892. Rev. Kirsch's second wife was Canajoharie native Wilhemina Hammersmith who passed away in 1941.

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1 Gymnast's surface

4 Expert

7 Pops

12 Brewery output

13 Sleep phenomenon

14 Unmoving

15 Rotating part

16 Reason to call 911

18 Pump up the volume

19 Heathen

20 Lumber

22 Run-down horse

23 Blue hue

27 Toss in

29 Political refugee

31 Groan-inducing, maybe

34 Take as one's own

35 Overacted

37 Lingerie item

38 Church section

39 — Khan

41 Traditional tales

45 Pilfered

47 Chum

48 Too thin

52 Storm center

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53 Automaton

54 A Kennedy

55 Sinbad's bird

56 Lessen

57 One or more

58 Pismire

Line" song

9 Lair

10 Joan of —

11 Pigs' digs

17 Anger

21 "Inferno" writer

23 Type of wave

24 Swelled head

25 Dada artist

26 Say it's OK

28 Easter buy

30 Scratch

31 Shell game item

32 Diamond arbitrator

33 Phone bk. info

36 Facts

37 Whalebone

40 Must, jocularly

42 Met performance

43 Silk alternative

44 Vote for

45 Locale

46 Vortex

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49 Unruly bunch

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51 Barracks bed

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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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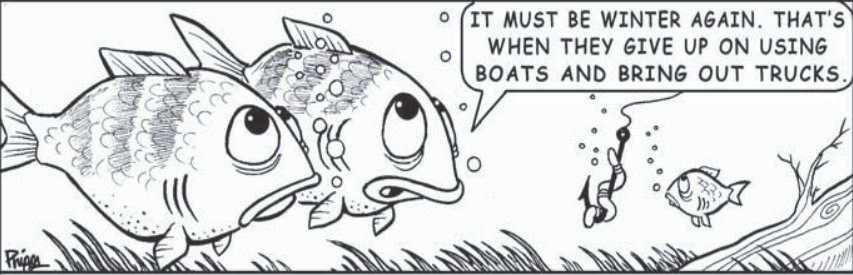
"I've always said if it's worth doing, it's worth letting someone else to do it right."

The first and greatest victory is to conquer yourself; to be conquered by yourself is of all things most shameful and vile.

~Plato

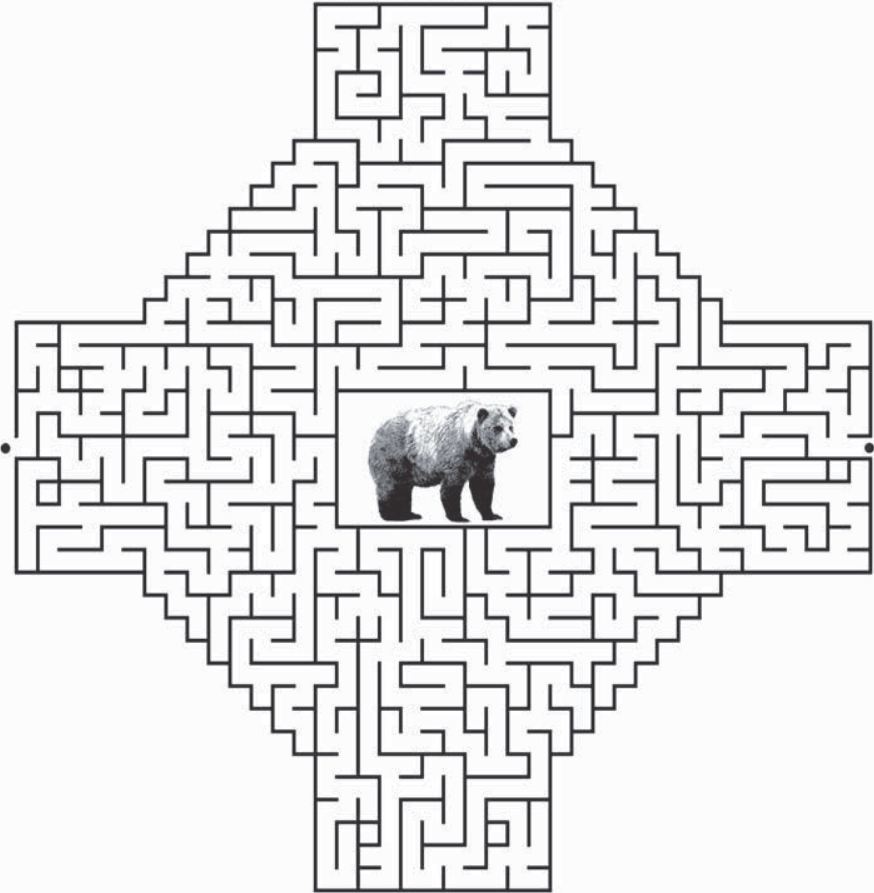
Amber Waves

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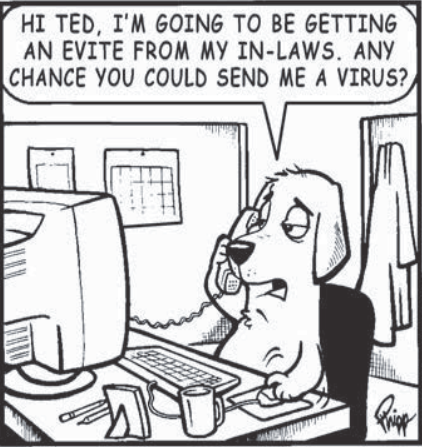
Mega Maze

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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STICKELERS (sic) by Terry Stickels

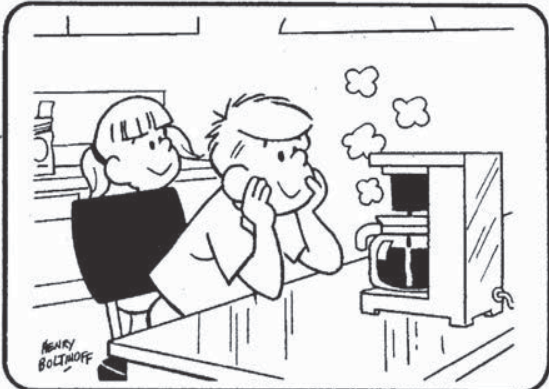
How many people is:

"Two pairs of twins twice and then squared, then cubed?"

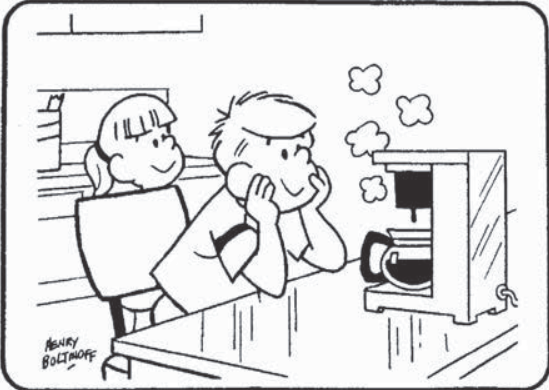
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Girl has a ponytail. 2. Shirt has a stripe. 3. Chair is different. 4. Coffee pot is different. 5. Cabinet is missing. 6. Box on counter is different.

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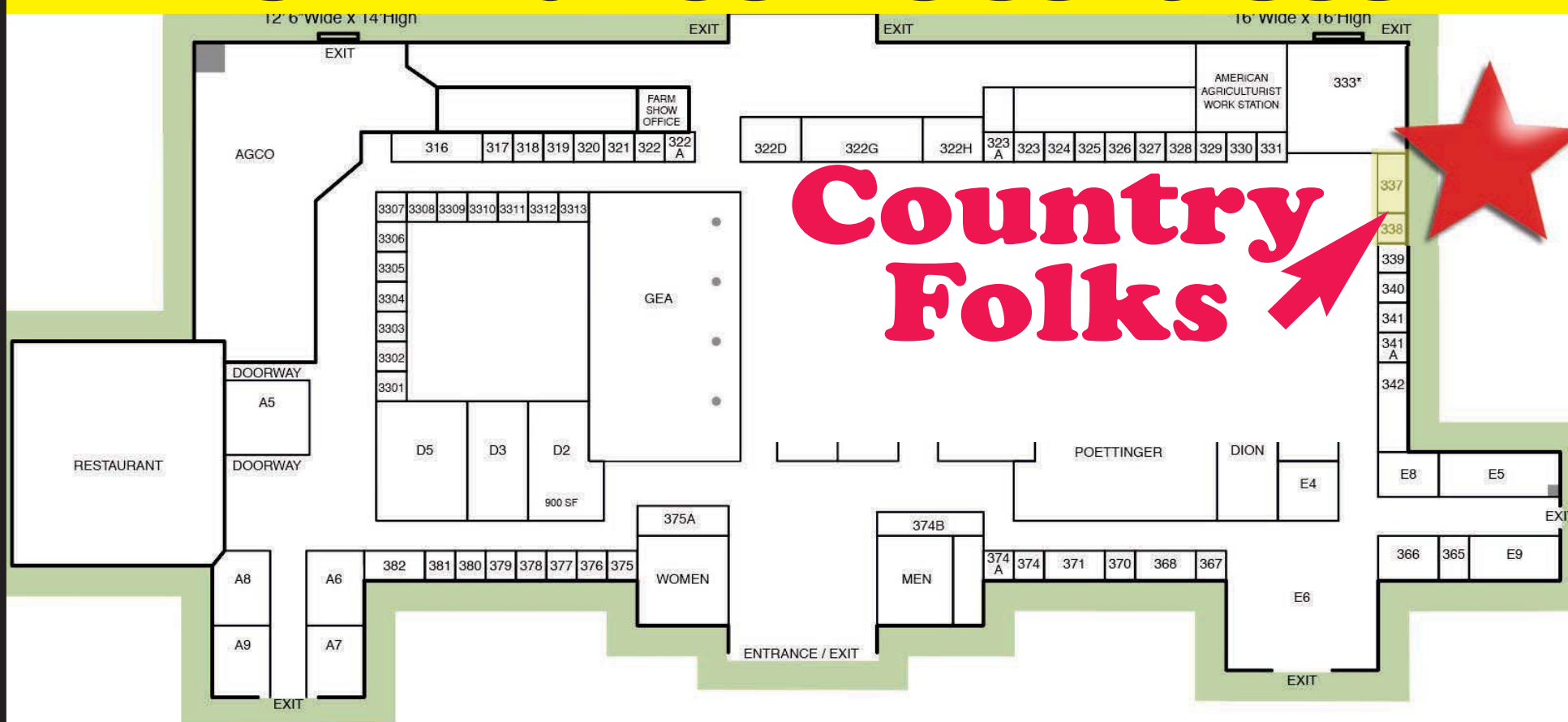
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All of our fellow Santa brothers, Mrs. Clauses, and elves have a wealth of

experience and memories to share. Advice to up and coming Clauses will help to answer all of those "why" questions from the youngsters.

Where did you get your handbell? Where's the best deal on candy canes? How do you deal with an unruly reingot? These are questions that we ask ourselves at some point in December. Ever need to be in two places at once and wish you knew a fellow Santa who could help out?

Santa Claus Club to form

Let's develop a network of Santas, Mrs. Clauses, and elves that can call upon each other for help if needed or an open ear to fill with a story you never want to forget.

Our meeting will be on: Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., at The Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library, in the Great Hall.

Please call Santa Mike Houghton at 518.673.5235 or email vbgoats@gmail.com to reserve a chair for coffee,

cookies, candy canes and Christmas cheer. Listen to stories from Santa

Mike after returning from Santa Claus School in Midland, MI and with 33

years experience under his (Santa) belt.

Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta
Is chocolate really a danger to dogs?

Dear Paw's Corner: Just after Halloween, our dog "Skipjack" got into one of my kids' candy stashes and ate everything, including the wrappers. I kept an eye on him overnight and he seemed fine, just drank water more often. The next day he was normal, other than passing a pretty loose stool with plenty of brightly colored wrappers mixed into it. Is the "never let your dogs eat chocolate rule overblown?" — Tim F., Wichita, KS

Dear Tim: I've heard anecdotes from several readers about accidental chocolate consumption. Most of them say their pets didn't have a problem with it. But then, I'm not a veterinarian, and it's a good bet that vets see quite a few sick pets that got into a chocolate stash, particularly around the holidays.

I recently read an article about mass-produced U.S. chocolate having less cocoa content than chocolates made elsewhere. The Food & Drug Administration requires milk chocolate to contain no less than 10 percent

chocolate liquor. Compare that to the U.K., where milk chocolate must contain at least 25 percent cocoa solids.

The size and weight of your pet also must be taken into account. Bigger dogs may process toxic foods more easily than small dogs.

So, cheap Halloween candy consumed by a large dog may not have a noticeably negative effect. However, it's still a gamble. Another issue to consider is Xylitol, a sweetener often used in sugar-free candies. That can be a danger to dogs of any size. In short, keep candy and pets separate — period.

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Fur Buyer, Steve Wratten of Hubbardville will be buying raw and put fur at this event on Sat. Jan. 27; 1PM-?

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Mega Maze

Solution

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

1	2	6	4	7	5	3	8	9
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Stickelers Answer

262,144

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