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er. I'm omitting the name that usually preceded the word "spreader" just to keep this story clean.

I started to write this shortly after I saw my Amish neighbor emerge from his barn with his team of horses on the spreader. You know, the special wagon that makes those wide brown marks on the white snow. He had only gone a short way when I saw him unhitch the team and lead them toward the fence. He went back toward the spreader and I had a good idea why. That darned chain had come off the sprocket again. Soon the horses were doing their job again.

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Skip Barshied On a cold Stone Arabia dau

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Calendar of events

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April 14

Free Clothing Give-Away. 9 - 11 a.m. Valley Alliance Church, State Highway 5 just east of Nelliston

April 19

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April 19

Breakfast with Our Senior Neighbors. 9:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share. Arkell Hall, Canajoharie.

April 19

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April 24

Alzheimers presents "Caregiver Stress". 9:30 a.m. This program will take place directly before our Caregiver Meeting. Arkell Hall, Canajoharie.

April 24

2018 Friends of Schoharie Crossing meeting. 6:30 p.m. Enders House Schoharie Crossing, 129 Schoharie St. Fort Hunter.

April 27

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May 12

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Now Here's a Tip

by JoAnn Derson

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- Yes, you can add tea to your baked goods for a refined and interesting flavor. Try infusing melted butter with tea leaves and strain, or add fine tea directly to cookie recipes, particularly shortbread recipes. It looks and tastes wonderful, and what a complement to a steamy cuppa.
- "Get grease stains off a concrete driveway with kitty litter. Pour several

cups of plain litter over the stain, and wait a couple of hours for it to soak up all the oil. Sweep up and remove the litter, then finish with a degreaser and the hose." — P.R. in Ten-

- The fleck test for diner creamers: "If you see little flecks of white in your coffee, ask for a new cup and new creamer; it's starting to turn." X.S. on the road
- If you have water stains on your car's upholstery, use a can of carpet cleaner. It's spray and wipe without rinsing.
- Here's fun for kids. Secure slivers of bar soap in a small mesh bag (we use a cut piece of the bag onions come in). Tie it to the bath tap, and when you draw a bath, let the water run over the soap. It's a bubble bath!

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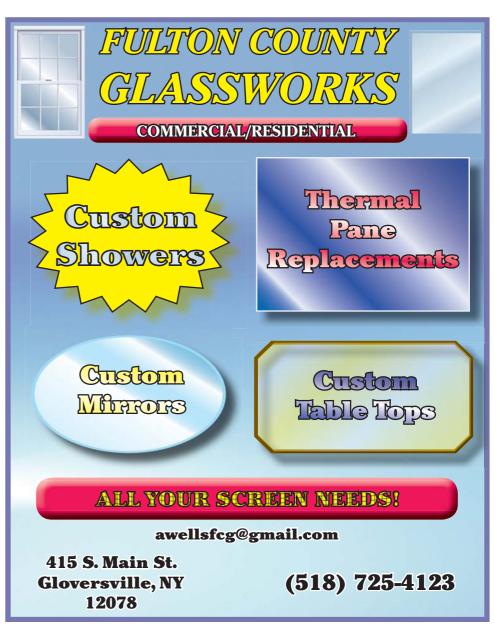
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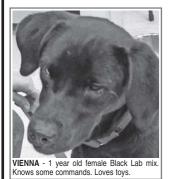




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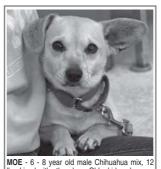
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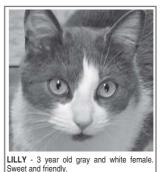


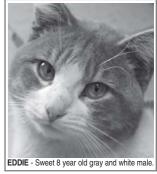


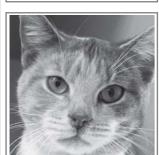












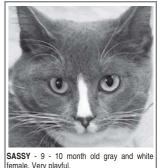
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I guess I'm old fashioned

by Hobie Morris

The NASCAR acceleration of mind boggling change in my lifetime has left this simple country man — and his incomparable, beautiful wife of over a half century — well beyond the dust left by these changes. After nearly 40 years of living off the grid, we daily feel like Rip Van Winkle awaking to a new world. We feel like dinosaurs trying to comprehend the incomprehensible. I suspect there are many of you readers who may feel, to some degree, the same way we do.

As we flounder trying to understand the technological revolution, I often think back nostalgically to a time largely foreign to most Americans in 2018. Living simply as we have done, we have a simple but definable connection to a more understandable time. A time that in some ways lasted through a good part of American Colonial and National history. Specifically, what I am talking about, are the tools of life that took muscle power and determination to use.

These tools were simple, durable, timeless and affordable and were often passed down from generation to generation. Some of these tools and their ancestors, if you will, have been around for tens of thousands of years. Best of all, these tools were fixable and not disposable, as are most of the items in our present time when their brief, breakable life has ended.

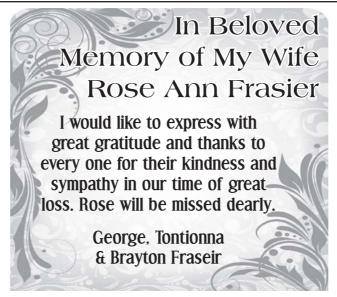
Thinking nostalgically is no longer considered a sign of mental weakness but has been documented to have important psychological value to those who reminisce about the "good old days".

Recently I meandered around our homemade outbuildings, looking for the tools that continue to be a valuable part of our non-electrical life. My sampling no doubt will refresh the memory of people of my generation and older. I jotted down a few of the tools that stood out: pitch forks; cross cut saw; long handled apple pick; hand saws for different uses; chisels; wedges; a battered five-foot toboggan used to slide heavy wood loads through the snow; pointed shovels; rakes; an ancient wooden handled hammer that is probably older than this simple country man and has hit a million nails in its lifetime, including a few of mine. Then there is the saw buck, buck saws, chains plus a lot of indoor items such as sad irons, soap stones, caste iron cooking utensils and all the essential caste iron Norwegian wood stoves. The list goes on and one, but I have one more item to add.

For almost 40 years my axes have unquestionably been the most indispensable tool that I use almost daily. I have split by hand, I suspect, thousands of cords of wood, no doubt as a member of a small minority still using axes. In my case a Plumb slitting axe far older than me made of U.S. steel that is harder and more durable than my Welsh head. I split all my wood on my knees (a back saver after a tree blew over on to me, injuring my back). I was lucky. The next day after the accident, needing wood, I began splitting on my knees.

Using these old tools is a much slower and quieter process. Often, I'll stop what I'm doing and simply enjoy the solitary and quiet life around me. To look up at the sky from our small, postage stamp of Mother Earth that for some reason God has made us temporary stewards of. We love our land with its incredible variety of flora and fauna, and care for it with great love. Then it's back to work. The physical work is a constant tonic to the body, mind and soul. Lois and I feel so blessed in so many unique ways, but I guess we are old fashioned.











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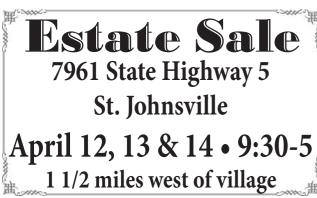






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'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!'

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

There is only one way to describe the Canajoharie-Fort Plain Drama Club's presentation of the classic, 'Mary Poppins' — Supercalifragilistic expialidocious!

Show director Will Ryan emphasized that the show was an ensemble show, heavily relying on big group songs and dances.

Norma Bowley, music director, said that cast members of the ensembles learned difficult songs very early in rehearsals. "I was continually amazed at how the students were able to come in at the right time and on the right note. I was also very thankful for the four members of the pit orchestra who shared their time and talent to play the Broadway level music."

Choreographers Tina Goldswear, Lauri Broady and crew are applauded for their skill in creating dance steps incorporating the entire ensemble cast, ranging from novice to advanced.

Vivian Hopkins portrayed the character of Mary Poppins "almost perfect in every way," carrying off the songs without a hitch.

"The Canajoharie-Fort Plain High School Drama Club production of Mary Poppins was one of the best experiences I've ever had," said Hopkins.

Hopkins said she has always enjoyed imagining her-



Mary Poppins (Vivian Hopkins) sings "It's a Jolly Holiday" during her performance.

self as the characters she has read about in books or seen in movies. Her favorite part in the presentation was performing 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.'

"Everyone in the cast was friendly, supportive and full of energy," Hopkins remarked. "We worked very hard and had lots of fun. I really loved working with them"

Hopkins has been cast in the role of Penelope, wife of Odysseus, in "Odyssey: A Youth Opera," at the Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown, NY. Performances are July 31 – Aug. 9.

Also noteworthy is that Canajoharie–Fort Plain Drama Club's longtime dancer and character actress,

Sophia Rogers, has been accepted into NYS Summer School for the Arts for Choral Studies. She is one of only 60 high school students accepted from the entire state of New York.

Keagen Ford, eighth grader at Fort Plain, said in reality he is a shy person, but he did a tremendous job of performing the role of Bert in the production.

"This was one of my best roles yet! The hardest part of this show was probably bringing Bert to life," said

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Mr. Van Hussler (Cameron Brownell) addressed the audience in a bank scene.

Whatchamacallits

The first known instance of sewer drains can be found in the ruins of Babylonia, as far back as 4000 B.C. These pipes were made of clay, but are now made from a variety of matierials, from metal to PVC. However, clay pipes are still possible to come across



during home renovations. This week's Whatchamacallits are terracotta sew-

er pipes.

During ancient times, terracotta pipes were shaped from clay and then dried in the sun. The invention of the kiln made it easier to create these pipes. Terracotta pipes were popular due to its ability to withstand time but it is susceptible to being broken by roots or by earthquakes.

To combine the pipes together, a female end would be placed into a male

end and then mortar would be packed around it to make it as leak proof as terracotta could be.

The horse-shoe pipe seems to be newer out of the pair as it still retains its red-orange color typical of terracot-

However, the circular pipe is developing a darker color. This is common as it is the process of water and earth being absorbed and staining the pipe. It is a ground rule that the darker the clay pipe is, then the older it is.



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Ford. "Bert is supposed to be this fun character that everyone knows and loves. During rehearsals, I got to develop this character, and with tips from Mr. Ryan, I felt pretty confident. Then I had to perform on stage. I had to bring the audience the Bert they love, but I also had to bring me."

Ford said his favorite scene was 'Jolly Holiday.'

"Jolly Holiday is the scene where Bert and Mary's relationship is revealed. They're kind of flirty, but you can tell that they aren't exactly in a relationship. I felt like this was a fun and overall amazing scene and song. I loved dancing and getting to really show the audience who Bert really is."

Ford worked with professional opera singer Barbara

Grizer when he was awarded the lead in the production Amahl and the Night Visitors.

"Drama has been helping me to break out of my shell," said Ford. "I cannot wait for what the future has in store."

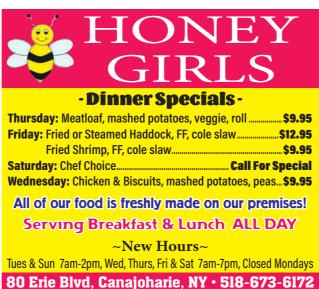
Watch for this year's summer production, Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!'



Canajoharie-Fort Plain Drama Club presented a spectacular performance of Mary Poppins at the Arkell Performing Arts Center.

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But be that as it may... Yes May... May is just around the corner. So let's get those kneepads and gloves and straw hats out, and get ready to work in the garden.

The first thing to do to start in the garden and in those beds is clear away any large debris from the beds or garden that may have fallen in over the winter.

Then look over what plant debris might remain from last fall.

Is there a hardy mum root cluster that survives that you want to retain? Are your crocus and daffs sticking their heads up already? Be careful not to nip them off.

Watch for early pushing perennials also if you are raking. You don't want to damage their tender tips as well. It may well be worth getting on your knee pads, and hand clear around where you know you have last year's specimens coming back.

As you do clear away old root clusters

of geraniums and annuals of the previous season, work that area with a trowel or cultivator, you might even add some fresh peat moss or well rotted and composted organic matter into the plant empty cavities.

That way as you cultivate, and mix with the nearby soil, you build up a real nice organic base with the local soil.

This also is a good time, once you do this, to use your pH meter to check the soil acidity.

Do this in the immediate area that you plan to replant in before the weather warms up.

This way, if the pH needs adjusting now, then treating with lime or more peat moss, or even sulphur will make the proper pH adjustments prior to planting this year's new crop.

This is a practice that can be used in natural beds, raised beds, and large planters as well.

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How to safely garden when you are a senior citizen

Gardening is a great outdoor activity for people of all ages, especially senior citizens. Gardening has many benefits not only physically it also is great at improving memory. Gardening helps maintain joint mobility and flexibility, relieves stress and depression, plus rewards you with fresh fruits and vegetables. Gardening may seem easy but there is physical activity involved, which is why it's important for seniors to take extra precautions when gardening.

Keep yourself covered

- Wear a hat or use sunscreen to protect from sun UV rays
- Wear gloves to prevent contact with chemicals and bacteria
- Wear long sleeves and long pants to reduce the risk of harming your skin

Knowing your limits

- It's important to know your limitations
- Respect your limitations. You could end up

doing something that could have an adverse effect on your health and or/safety and end your gardening long term

• Do not focus on what you can't do but focus on what you can do

Make your garden accessible

- Keep everything at a higher level such as raised flower beds
- Vertical planting prevents bending and stooping
- Choose plants that do not require frequent watering. Frequent watering may be a struggle

Clear away hazards

- Inspect your garden for roots, rocks and uneven ground
- If it has been raining take extra precautions due to slippery ground
- Wear shoes with good traction

Stay hydrated

- Seniors are more susceptible to dehydration
- Drink plenty of water
- Dehydration can cause dizziness, fever.

low blood pressure, lethargy and can even lead to seizures

Use the right tools and equipment

- Use garden tools that are lighter and easier to handle
- If you have limited mobility do not use potentially dangerous power tools
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