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052: 111 State Highway 80, **FORT PLAIN:** Don't judge the size of this home from the outside. There is plenty of space in this solid built home. This home is built on solid concrete piers in a full basement. There are three bedrooms on the first floor and the second is floor is finished, but is wide open. It makes a nice family/game room or can be converted to one or two additional bedrooms. THIS HOME IS CERTIFIED NOT TO BE IN A FLOOD ZONE. There is a full bathroom on the first floor and a half bath in the basement. The attached garage with access to the basement provides space for an open deck off the back porch. **Asking \$90,000**



053: 31 Maple Ave., **GLOVERSVILLE:** Well maintained home on a quiet street. Large two car garage with large loft area. Brand new roof two years old, replaced from the rafters up. One bedroom on first floor, three bedrooms on the second floor. Full bath on first floor. You are located 5 minutes from the local hospital and 10 minutes to downtown Gloversville and the shops located on the arterial. **Asking \$62,000**



266: **REDUCED PRICE!!!** 00 Latimer Hill Road, **ROOT:** 10.4 acres with a gorgeous view of the Mohawk Valley to build your dream home on. Your drilled well and septic are already here for you along with a shed, a large pond, pear trees and apple trees. Property has a sail camper on it that stays with the land. This is a double lot, parcels 123.4-15 and 123.14-16. **Asking \$55,000**



279: 10 Gregory Street, **GLOVERSVILLE:** This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch home is filled with updates. A beautiful new kitchen with all new appliances, a new furnace, gas fireplace, solar panels, central air, and a sunroom are just some of the recent improvements made to this home. Sitting on just over a half acre you can have the large backyard you've always dreamed of while still being within minutes from the hospital, schools, and shopping. **Asking \$159,900**



280: 599 County Hwy 32A, **CHERRY VALLEY:** Dairy farm with 325 acres, 206 tillable acres and 72 of those are gravel flats. Land like this comes for sale once in a lifetime. 100 cow free-stall barn, 90x44 heifer building. 26 free-stall dry cow barn and tie stall barn with 8 stall flat barn parlor. 36x75 machine shed and separate shop building. 3 bed, 2 bath house is 9 years young with radiant heat, hardwood floors, and a finished basement. **Asking \$1,200,000**



504: **NEW LISTING!!!** 6 Monroe Street, **ST. JOHNSVILLE:** Two story, 3 bedroom, 1 full bath home located on a nice residential street in the village of St. Johnsville. Detached garage and porch. Home needs TLC, but truly a good buy. This could be a nice home. Cash only. Sold "as is." **Asking \$24,900**



511: 1644 State Highway 162, **SPRAKERS:** Three clear acres with 325 feet of road frontage. Ideal property to build your new home. A 32x60 garage with 2x6 construction and 14 foot ceilings. Concrete floor, 2 bays with 13x13 overhead doors, bathroom, 2nd floor kitchen and RV hook-ups (inside and out). Private well and septic. Neighboring land available for sale. Easy commute to the Capital District. **Asking \$119,900**



594: **BACK ON MARKET!!!** 5832 State Highway 10, **PALATINE BRIDGE:** Cozy Cape Cod Style home with 2 bedrooms on the 1st floor and full bath, 2 bedrooms on 2nd floor with 1/2 bath. Interior freshly painted with new carpet and vinyl flooring throughout the home. Exterior is recently sided. New electric entrance. Nice location and will make a great home. **Asking \$74,900**



612: **NEW LISTING!!!** 691 Lynk Street, **SPRAKERS:** This three bedroom, one full bath farmhouse with the original post and beam barn and new extra large garage will make an excellent home for many different buyers. Horse owners, mini farms, homesteaders or anyone who would enjoy an affordable quiet place in the country. Plenty of room for all of your toys (5.5 acres). Now is your chance to own a piece of paradise! **Asking \$129,900**



676: 3409 State Route 80, **FORT PLAIN:** The renovations of this beautiful farmhouse include, but don't stop with the new kitchen, bathrooms, wiring, windows and refinished hardwood floors. Home has four bedrooms on second floor with a full bath. One half bath on first floor. Features include a horse barn with two renovated stalls, hay storage and acres of grazing. The views are outstanding and the old orchard setting is fabulous. The property is fronted by the Qtsquago Creek which is annually stocked with trout by the NYS DEC. Must see to appreciate all of the details the current craftsman/owner has added to this charming home. **Asking \$159,900**

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846: **NEW LISTING!!!** 579 Freybush Road, **FORT PLAIN:** A contemporary style home with 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths located on over 8 acres. Spanning over 2,328 square feet, the residence offers wall to wall carpet, wood laminate flooring and a generously sized family room w/wood burning fireplace. Sliding glass doors lead to a back deck, gazing over a beautiful view. **Asking \$249,900**



955: 11 Lafayette Street, **PALATINE BRIDGE:** Great home in the Village of Palatine Bridge with many nice features - hardwood floors, natural woodwork, large yard and above ground pool to enjoy or relax on the open front porch watching the horses and buggies go by. Three bedrooms on 2nd floor and a full bath. Another bedroom on 3rd floor. Close to school, shopping, Arkell Museum, I-90 and walking distance to fish on the Mohawk River at Erie Canal Lock 14. **Asking \$124,900**



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Minden History: Town turns 220 years old in 2018

Minden Airport

Dedication of the 500-acre landing field on Oak Hill was Sept. 26, 1935...It officially opened on Oct. 6 of that year. There was parking provided that day for over 3,000 cars and was attended by about 10,000 people. On opening day, there were over 50 airplanes participating in a variety of activities, including a delayed parachute jump, followed by airplane stunts, a 16-mile race and a dead stick landing contest.

The official title of the airport was "Fort Plain Intermediate Landing Field of the United States

Department of Commerce." The largely flat acreage, 412 feet above the Mohawk River, on what was known as Oak Hill (present day Airport Road) was identified as a strategic location for an airfield in 1933, as it lay directly under the Albany, NY to Cleveland, Ohio transcontinental air route. An emergency landing field was considered a necessity due to the "rugged Mohawk Valley Country" encountered by the low-flying planes of the day.

Once built, this airport ranked equally with the two largest airports in New York State at that time (Albany/Buffalo). The plan for the airport was established in 1933 by the Civil Aeronautics Authority with the federal government appropriating \$456,000 for its construction. After final construction, it was to be the biggest landing field between Buffalo, NY and Newark, NJ.

There was a mail drop at the airport twice a day. (Because of that, locals received their mail twice daily...there was a morning and afternoon "return" post... one could send a letter out in the morning and request a response by the afternoon mail).

A weather reporting station was also located at the airfield. There were military maneuvers held at the airport at one time of which photos were published in TIME Magazine. The original road to the airport turned left just above the present location of an A-Frame house, until a more direct road was built down the way.

By 1942, the War Department and the Civil Aeronautics Administration made plans to develop the field with three 4,000 foot runways. An effort was made to make it a county airport but the effort failed and the project was abandoned. Following World War II, larger planes with pressurized cabins, flying at higher altitudes and using radar, made intermediate airfields like the Fort Plain/Minden Airport unnecessary. Everett Lumley, the official in charge at the Weather Station of the U.S. Department of Commerce at the Fort Plain Intermediate Landing Field, received notification that the station would be discontinued effective Sept. 17, 1948. The field was eventually abandoned, and later anything of value was transferred to the Nellis Airport (a smaller recreational airport) located on Route 5S a few miles away. All that would remain to be seen from the former landing field would be a beacon tower on a small hillside located near a farm a few short miles away in Dutchtown.

Submitted by Robert C. Carter, Town of Minden Historian

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FORT HUNTER, NY — Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is extending the deadline for submissions for paintings to be included in the 2018 art show. Painters residing in New York State who want to showcase their work in a competitive, juried exhibition are encouraged to read the show description and submit original work in the theme of Lock in the Fun: Recreation at Schoharie Crossing. The deadline is now May 25.

To recognize the centennial of the NYS Barge Canal, Schoharie Crossing is hosting this second annual exhibition of talented artists. This year the focus will be on paintings only. Jurors have accepted the task of reviewing the artwork and prizes will be awarded to those honored by the jurors.

The Erie Canal historic site and NYS Park is a great place for recreation such as walking, cycling, kayaking, fishing, birdwatching, picnics and more; providing memories and experiences for generations. The site supplies great views of nature as well and the historic canal structures are juxtaposed among the natural world of plants and animals along the Schoharie

Creek and Mohawk River. The trails along old towpaths of the canal allow for a journey back in time. Flora and fauna thrive within the tranquility of the waterways, wetlands and open spaces of Schoharie Crossing, lending great inspiration for any artist.

The Erie Canal's vital importance is highlighted by the classic arches of the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct and the impressive lock chambers that still exist at locations throughout Schoharie Crossing. Views of the Mohawk and Schoharie Valleys can also be taken in as you explore this landscape.

Schoharie Crossing encompasses over 200 acres and spans over three miles in length. From the western end of the site at the Aqueduct boat launch, across the Schoharie Creek and east to Yankee Hill Lock and the Putman Canal Store. The site contains portions of the original 1820's Erie Canal as well as features two sets of double locks from the Enlarged Era Canal and is adjacent to the Erie Canal of today, the Mohawk River. Lock E12 at Tribes Hill on the river is situated close to the site and provides access to witnessing the newest century old canal of today.

All along the site there is ample opportunity to explore your artistic skills, from photography, painting and even sketches. Discover more on the Schoharie Crossing Facebook page or on the Friends of Schoharie Crossing Instagram and Twitter.

Submissions can be made online (<https://goo.gl/forms/4PjuP5kRW6ZF4wuy2>). The exhibit's opening celebration will take place during the Schoharie Crossing Canal Days festivities, July 14 and 15, 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 518.829.7516, email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov or find us on Facebook.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees 180 state parks and 35 historic sites, which are visited by 60 million people annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518.474.0456 or visit www.nysparks.com, connect on Facebook or follow on Twitter.

Weekend of May 19-20: Fort Klock Opening Weekend/Hammer-In

Fort Klock Historic Restoration is hosting its 10th annual blacksmiths' Hammer-In during Opening Weekend May 19 and 20. The public is invited to learn about this ancient trade and see live forging demonstrations by professional smiths used during this time period. The public is also invited to enter for prizes and watch fast-paced blacksmith competitions. Smiths are welcome to trade

tools, stories and techniques, and participate in the blacksmith competition and traditional Iron in the Hat raffle. Wrought iron gifts will be sold on site to support the local living history.

Other activities on Opening Weekend include live reenactments and demonstrations of baking, brewing, cooperage, weaving and more. Members of the Rural Felicity group will delight us with

some period tunes on Saturday, May 19. McCracken's 1st NY will encamp on site and provide glimpses of a recreated continental army unit on the March through the Valley.

Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase both days. Free parking is available at the Fort.

Fort Klock continues to offer a glimpse into the 18th century life of a working

farm and fortified homestead in the Mohawk Valley. Through living history demonstrations and recreated room interiors, interpreters, members and reenactors work to provide a rich educational experience of this important example of early American life. Don't miss the excitement at the Fort! 7203 St. Hwy 5, St. Johnsville. For more information visit www.fortklockrestoration.org.

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The month of May has been designated Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Month for two decades. As temperatures warm, Montgomery County Public Health would like to remind vehicle drivers to "share the road". As the presence of motorcycles increases, motorists and motorcyclists must unite in the safe sharing of roads.

According to The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2016, there were 5,286 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes, a 5-percent increase from 2015.

This reminder is to motorists to be aware of motorcyclists, it's also a reminder to motorcyclists to keep their equipment in shape and ride safely.

General tips for motorcyclist:

- Make sure you are properly licensed, practice operating your motorcycle and be sure your motorcycle is safe.

- You should check tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, headlights, signal indicators, mirrors and fluid levels. Also check for oil or gas leaks.

- If you're carrying cargo, you should secure and balance the load on the cycle, and adjust the suspension and tire pressure to accommodate the extra weight.

- If you're carrying a passenger, he or she should mount the cycle after the engine has started, sit as far forward as possible and keep both feet on foot rests at all times. Tell your passenger to hold on firmly to your waist, hips or belt; keep movement to a minimum; and lean at

the same time and in the same direction as you do.

- Always wear proper protection, Department of Transportation approved helmet.

General tips for vehicle drivers:

- Motorcyclists have the same rights on the road as any motorist; allow the motorcycle full width of a lane at all times.

- Always use turn signals when changing lanes or merging into traffic.

- Check mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes.

- Allow more follow distance, three to four seconds, when behind a motorcycle.

- Look twice before pulling out.

Motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation and the popularity increases each year.

Always drive and ride responsibly, obey traffic laws and never ride distracted or impaired.

Calendar of events

May 19

Mary at 315.866.2619.

a reunion on Aug. 11.

Craft Fair. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Herkimer Reformed Church. 102 Church Street. Herkimer. Sign up or for more information, call 315.866.1523.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. New clinic location. 2 Park Drive. Amsterdam. For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531.

May 19-20

Fort Klock Opening Days. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fort Klock. Experience the sights and sounds of 1776! Join us at Fort Klock for a special living history event featuring a chandler, black smith, tin smith, weaver, militia muster hands-on demonstrations and more!. www.fortklock-restoration.org. St. Johnsville. New York. 518-568-7779.

May 20

Mohawk Valley Choral Society sings "Music for Living". Sunday Evening Program. Holy Family Church. East Main Street. Little Falls. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets may be reserved by calling 315.826.3092.

June 2

Minden History Day Fair 2018. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Harry Hoag Elementary School. 25 High Street. Fort Plain. For additional information or to set up a table for your collections or presentation, please call Rob Carter, Town of Minden Historian, at 518.993.1023 or send an email to mindenhistorian@yahoo.com.

Rabies Clinic. 9 a.m. - noon. Town of Amsterdam Highway Department. 283 Manny's Corners Rd. Amsterdam. For more information call 518.853.3531.

June 3

The Valley Choralaires' Spring Concert. United Methodist Church. East Main Street. Canajoharie. Contact Dorothy Morrison at 518.673.2167.

Rhubarb Festival. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1747 Nellis Tavern historic site. 7355 NYS Rt. 5 (east). St. Johnsville. For more information, contact

June 7-10

The Fort Plain Museum's American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference. Most of the conference will be held at the Fulton-Montgomery Community College. To register or for further information, please visit <http://www.fortplainmuseum.com/conference> or email info@fortplainmuseum.org or call 518.774.5669. To register or for further information, please visit <http://www.fortplainmuseum.com/conference> or email info@fortplainmuseum.org or call 518.774.5669.

June 9

Friendship Craft Festival. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Church Of Christ Uniting. Spring Park on Scenic U.S. Route 20. Richfield Springs. For event info e-mail friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com. For festival details go to www.rschurchofchristuniting.com.

June 16

Kickball Tournament. Arc Park. Herkimer. The kickball event will support Arc Park, which provides recreational opportunities for people of all abilities. If you or your team are interested in participating, please contact Frank Reid at 315.574.7347 or freid@archer-kimer.org.

June 16

Ames Museum Open to Visitors. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ames Museum. Ames. Contact: 518-673-5820, f@amesmuseum.org or www.amesmuseum.org.

June 23

Rabies Clinic. 9 a.m. - noon. Canajoharie Fire Department Garage. 39 Mohawk St. (not Fire House). Canajoharie. For more information call 518.853.3531.

July 7

Ames Museum Open. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. New York. Contact 518.673.5820. See us on f@amesmuseum.org or www.amesmuseum.org. We are collecting names and contact information for people who went to school there for

July 10

Rabies Clinic. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. St. Johnsville Town Barn. 7431 Route 5. St. Johnsville. New York. For more information call 518.853.3531.

Aug. 7

Rabies Clinic. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Palatine Town Barn. 817 Stone Arabia Rd. Fort Plain. For more information call 518.853.3531.

Aug. 11

Ames Academy School Reunion. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All welcome to help the students celebrate. Check Facebook for schedule of events or contact f@amesmuseum.org.

Sept. 15

Rabies Clinic. 9 a.m. - noon. Town of Amsterdam Highway Department. 283 Manny's Corners Road. Amsterdam. New York. For more information call 518.853.3531.

Summers End Festival at the Ames Museum. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 5K runners/walkers needed and vendors needed. Vendor space is free. Call-518.673.5820 to register. See f@amesmuseum.org or www.amesmuseum.org.

Oct. 13

Ames Museum Open to Visitors. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: 518.673.5820, f@amesmuseum.org or www.amesmuseum.org.

Rabies Clinic. Oct. 13 18. 9 a.m. - noon. Florida Town Highway Department. Fort Hunter Road. Minerva. For more information call 518.853.3531.

Nov. 3

Ames Museum Open to Visitors. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: 518-673-5820, f@amesmuseum.org or www.amesmuseum.org.

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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Alphabet Man

Every child has to learn the alphabet before learning to read, so some toys for those under 5 years old have been "teaching toys." Blocks were the first. The oldest mention of alphabet blocks was in 1693 in England. But blocks with letters and pictures were not available for most families until 1820 when large numbers of sets were made in a factory. Well-to-do

his left arm and pointed to a hole high on his chest. A letter appeared and the student had to name it. The man is dressed like a schoolmaster and looks like a stern teacher. No one knows who made this complicated toy that was patented in 1884. Or why his right arm is held behind his back and his index finger is pointing to the side. Several of the men have sold in the past decade. The pictured toy with

anything or if anyone would want it.

A: Yes, there is interest in old wedding dresses and gowns. You could donate it to a local historical museum or an organization that will resell it for a charitable cause. You could sell it to a vintage clothing store. Or it could be turned into something else. Old wedding dresses can be used to make christening gowns or bride or princess outfits for small children who



young girls educated in the 18th century learned the alphabet while sewing samplers. They had to be able to stitch identification on all the family linens when they married. Most toys were made to teach religion, like a carved wooden Noah's ark, or to teach a skill like cooking using a toy stove, pots and pans. Toy makers created a few teaching toys, cards with letters and cloth alphabet books.

A rare, famous teaching toy is the "Alphabet Man" or "Yankee Schoolmaster." The 10-inch-tall iron figure of a man had an arm that moved when a lever was pushed. The man blinked his eyes, raised

some missing paint sold at Bertoia Auctions in New Jersey for \$23,600.

Q: I have my mother's antique satin wedding dress from 1931. It's in perfect condition. I would like to know if it's worth

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Tip: To remove white rings — usually made by damp glasses or hot cups of coffee — from wooden tabletops, rub the spot with a mixture of mayonnaise and toothpaste. Wipe, then polish.

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May 17-19

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In addition to books, magazines, crafts, baked goods and a wide range of plants, there will be a "white elephant sale." On Saturday, there will also

be a variety of baked goods for sale and children can participate in a free craft project at the "kids' creation station."

Proceeds of the grassroots event go to the library's operating budget and will be used for book purchases, programming and general operations. In conjunction with this fundraiser, the library is still accepting donations for personalized, engraved paving stones that make up the new entranceway. Paving-stone contributions help pay for improvements to the facility.

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Mohawk Valley Choral Society sings "Music for Living"

The Mohawk Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Mark Bunce, will present "Music for Living", an evening of music by young American composer, Dan Forrest, on Sunday evening, May 20, at Holy Family Church on East Main Street in Little Falls.

Born in Elmira, NY, Dan Forrest had become well known for his compositions for choirs, chorales and orchestras. His exciting and inventive music has become established in the repertoire of major ensembles and has been featured nationally and internationally on radio and television.

The Choral Society, joined by a chamber orchestra and soloists Anita Firman and Will Paddock, will be performing a selection of Forrest's hymns as well as several of his secular works. They will also sing his major work "Requiem for the Living."

This unique requiem is a prayer for rest for the living as much as for the deceased. His requiem means, Forrest says, "grant us rest even more than grant them rest."

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at the

Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts in Little Falls, Center Stage Pianos in the New Hartford Shopping Center and Weisser's Jewelers on Main Street in Herkimer. Tickets may also be reserved by calling 315.826.3092.

Founded in 1982, the Mohawk Valley Choral Society has been singing exciting classical and light classical vocal music in the Central New York region for over 35 years.

The Mohawk Valley Choral Society has sung in cities, towns and villages throughout the Mohawk Valley. It has performed at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, NY, at Hendricks Chapel on the Syracuse University Campus, at Hamilton College, at the Presidential Inauguration at Herkimer County Community College, at the 2009 Genesis Group's 9/11 Commemorative Program, and with the Albany Symphony Orchestra at the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal.

This May's concert is a continuation of the Mohawk Valley Choral Society's dedication to presenting outstanding choral music.



Whatchamacallits

This week's Whatchamacallit is a chisel. However, this differs from previous chisels — it was used for stone. The name of this chisel is the claw (or teeth) chisel.

There are many steps involved in carving stone. As most steps involve sub-steps, this will be as general as possible for simplicity.



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The steps involved are planning, layout, roughing out, defining and finishing. The step which would use the claw chisel is defining. At this part of the process, the stone block or slab has taken its main shape but has many rough edges. The craftsman would hold the claw chisel at a 45° angle, gently tapping the end of the chisel with a mallet to refine the shapes and grooves of the stone.

All teeth of the chisel would need to be touching the stone or else the crafter would risk damaging their chisel or bruising the stone.

After using the claw chisel, a flat chisel would be used to erase the teeth marks from the stone. This would be the end to the defining process before finishing.

The chisels featured look to be made of iron and have carvings in the handles, most likely the name of the own-

er of the chisel. The mallet is made of strong wood, possibly oak, but is not the usual mallet used for stone work. The preferred mallet would be made of copper, have a copper head or be made completely out of some other metal to prevent the chisel from damaging the mallet.



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DMV, Agriculture and Markets urge motorists to watch for slow-moving vehicles

With spring on the way, farm vehicles, construction trucks and others may be on the road

As warm weather arrives, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Department of Agriculture and Markets are reminding motorists to be ready to share the road with slow-moving vehicles. These include farm vehicles, construction trucks and equipment, and horses and buggies. State law defines a slow-moving vehicle (SMV) as designed to travel 25 miles per hour or less.

When motorists encounter a slow-moving vehicle on the roadway they should:

- Slow down immediately
- Increase following distance to create a safety cushion
- Be alert and watch for unexpected turns
- Pass with care only when it is safe and legal to do so
- Be aware that animal-powered vehicles may make unanticipated movements
- Be aware that equipment in tow may sway on the road
- Remember SMV operators may have poor visibility due to loads and equipment in tow

Motorists are also reminded it is illegal to pass slow-moving vehicles in a no-passing zone even though they are traveling at slower speeds.

"As you take to the road, especially in rural areas, it is important to keep in mind that you may be sharing the road with slow-moving vehicles," said Terri Egan, DMV Executive Deputy Commissioner and Acting Chair of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC). "We urge New Yorkers to give these vehicles space so that everyone can arrive at their destinations safely."

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball said, "Planting season is finally getting underway for farmers on our nearly 36,000 farms across the State and many have no choice but to drive their equipment on public roads to access their properties. Being mindful of this

and using caution when approaching tractors and other farm vehicles goes a long way in keeping both farmers and drivers safe."

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee offers additional guidance on what to expect when sharing the road with a slow-moving vehicle on its website.

Operators of such vehicles are required to display a "slow-moving vehicle" symbol, which you can see and learn more about in a brochure available on the GTSC website at <http://safeny.ny.gov>.

The United States Postal Service also requires these emblems to be displayed on all rural mail delivery vehicles. It is illegal to put SMV emblems on stationary objects — such as mailboxes or driveway posts.

The emblem should be placed in the center of the back end of the vehicle, located two to six feet above the road and kept clean and replaced when faded. Each piece of agricultural equipment, whether self-propelled or used

in combination, must separately display a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

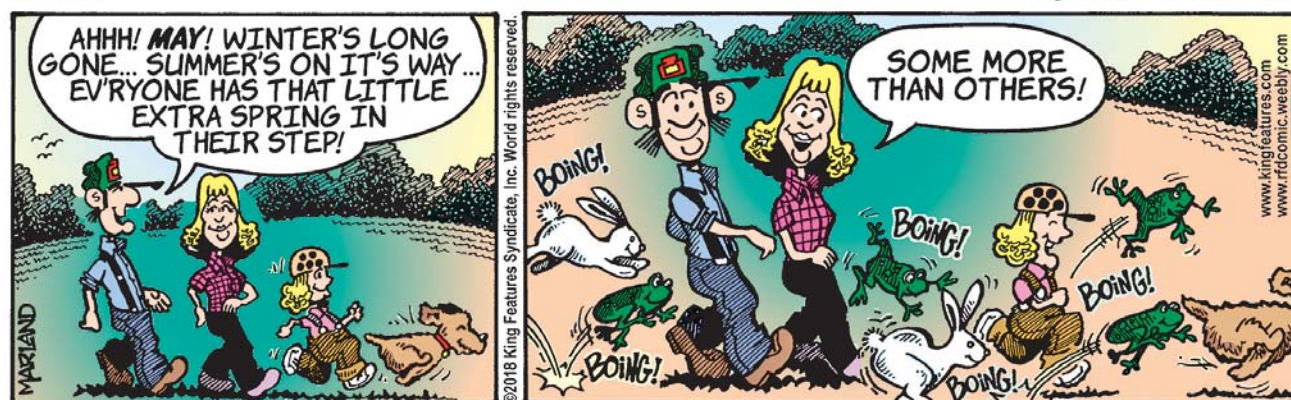
Under state law, self-propelled agricultural equipment can be used on public roads after dark and when visibility is less than 1,000 feet when it has two white head lamps, one red tail light on the rear as far left as possible and two amber lamps at least 42 inches high from the front and rear.

Vehicles drawn by animals should display on the rear either a slow-moving vehicle emblem or a lighted lantern with a red lens at least four inches in diameter, with the center of the lens to be 42 inches above the ground, the lantern to be near the left edge of the vehicle. The vehicle also should have 72 square inches of a high quality white or whitish-gray reflective tape.

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Reduce instances of distracted driving

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2015, 3,477 people were killed and 391,000 injured in the United States as a result of distracted driving. Allstate says distracted driving is now the No. 1 risk on Canadian roads, contributing to eight in 10 collisions.

It is relatively easy to avoid becoming a statistic by reducing distractions behind the wheel.

Put away tech devices

One of the easiest ways to reduce distractions is to keep phones and tablets out of reach while driving. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says sending or reading a text message takes a driver's eyes off of the road for about five seconds, or long enough to cover a football field while driving at 55 mph. It removes a person's attention from the road; takes his or her hands off of the wheel; and it mentally engages the brain when a driver's focus should be on driving.

Devices should be stowed away when driving. Drivers should pull over if they need to send a text or read a message.

Set the GPS ahead of a trip

Global positioning systems have revolutionized the way motorists get to and from locations. They can help signal upcoming traffic and find the best routes possible.

Just like other devices, GPS can be a distraction, especially if drivers are taking their eyes off the road and constantly pressing buttons on the map. Enter the destination address before departing and place the GPS in a position that it can be glanced at, which will not impede vision.

Better yet, let a passenger navigate.

Limit or skip phone calls

Many people find that making phone calls while on the road is an efficient use of time. Yet the personal injury experts at Lehmbecker Law say even when drivers use hands-free devices their brains can remain distracted for 27 seconds after using voice commands to dial a number. Engaging in phone conversations will continue to take drivers' minds off of their driving responsibilities.

Drowsy driving is dangerous

Being tired can be a distraction as well. Geico insurance reports a U.S. government study showed that 37 percent of drivers have nodded off or actually fallen asleep at least once while driving. Drowsiness increases the risk of a crash by roughly four times. Those who become drowsy behind the wheel should pull over.

Skip the infotainment package

New vehicle infotainment systems can take one's attention off of the road for long periods of time. According to research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, drivers using in-vehicle technologies like voice-based and touch-screen features may find themselves unusually distracted.

In addition to these tips, drivers can reduce the number of passengers contributing to distractions, turn down the volume on the radio, and pull over when eating on the road. Reducing distractions can save lives.

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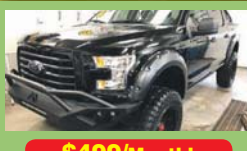
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State agencies encourage New Yorkers to support small businesses

April 29 through May 5 was National Small Business Week

April 29 through May 5 was designated as National Small Business Week. Empire State Development (ESD), the Departments of Labor, Taxation and Finance, and Agriculture and Markets encouraged all New Yorkers to support local small businesses. A cornerstone of the state's economy, the more than 530,000 small business proprietors across New York account for 98 percent of all businesses and employ more than 3 million people, which is 40 percent of the state's private sector workforce.

ESD President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zensky said, "New York State's small businesses support millions of jobs and remain crucial to the continued success of state and local economies. ESD works with small businesses every day, helping them grow and create new jobs to strengthen communities across the state."

ESD and its Small Business Division assist companies of all stages, whether they are just starting or looking to expand. Various programs and initiatives have been designed to encourage small business growth and help entrepreneurs maximize their opportunities for success. ESD offers loans, venture financing, tax credits and incentives to qualifying businesses of all stages, including those designated as Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs). For more information, visit ESD's website at www.esd.ny.gov or <https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/small-business-hub>.

State Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "Small businesses are vital to the economic tapestry of our great state, and the Department of Labor is proud to support them through the many services we offer to help them with everything from finding employees to applying for tax credits and incentives."

The New York State Department of Labor offers a multitude of free services for businesses of all sizes, including job postings on Governor Cuomo's Jobs Express website, access to thousands of qualified candidates in our talent pool, career fairs and customized recruitments, and even Human Resources consultation services. These services are available to help businesses list their jobs, find the right candidates, access hiring and training incentives, obtain business tax credits and incentives, access HR service and technical assistance, and find layoff aversion resources. For more information, visit www.labor.ny.gov/businessservices/landing.shtm.

Department of Taxation and Finance Acting Commissioner Nonie Manion said, "Local businesses drive the economic vitality and success of communities across New York State. To

help these entrepreneurs thrive, the Tax Department provides convenient access to information about a range of tax credits and other resources through its Online Services portal. Please visit our website www.tax.ny.gov to learn more."

Small businesses can work directly with the Tax Department at their convenience 24 hours per day, seven days per week. A dedicated section of the Tax Department website allows business owners to seamlessly navigate their on-line services. This application provides access to a variety of resources and programs, including information about important tax credits and incentives. Business owners can also make payments online through Online Services as well as response to notices and much more.

Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Every day, New Yorkers can make an easy choice that will support small businesses: They can choose to eat and drink food and beverage products grown and made in New York. Our farmers and processors make some of the best food in the world. Our agency supports those small businesses with efficient services and programs that help them prosper. I encourage all New Yorkers to look for Taste NY stores or the New York State Grown & Certified label on food products to be sure that they are helping their neighbors while improving the state's economy."

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets supports New York's nearly 36,000 farms, 700 farmers markets and thousands of agribusinesses across the State through its various programs, including its New York State Grown & Certified initiative and Taste NY marketing program. The NYS Grown & Certified program markets local growers participating in safe food handling and environmental sustainability programs, helping them better compete in the marketplace. The Taste NY program promotes New York food and beverage industries of all sizes and encourages consumers across the globe to buy local products. The program has created opportunities for local producers to showcase their goods at large public events, and at Taste NY stores, displays and concession opportunities located at more than 60 locations in New York.



Prevent mosquito bites

Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected mosquito can spread viral infection. A female mosquito will lay hundreds of eggs in her one-month life; these eggs will grow up to become adult biting mosquitoes.

However, there are things you can do to prevent and protect yourself from mosquitoes. Remember the 3 D's of protection:

Drain

Protect your family and community. Eliminate standing water in and around your home. All mosquitoes require water to breed. Be sure to drain any standing water around your house such as:

- Dispose of any tires
- Drill holes in bottom of recycling containers
- Clear roof gutters
- Clean pet water dishes on a regular basis
- Check and empty children's toys
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers
- Turn canoes and other boats over
- Fix leaky outdoor facets
- Empty water collected in tarps

Be a responsible pet owner

Montgomery County Public Health wants to remind all pet owners of the importance in getting your pets vaccinated against rabies. New York State law requires rabies vaccinations for all cats, dogs and ferrets. If your dog, cat or ferret is not vaccinated or is not up-to-date on its vaccinations, you could be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200 for each offense. Additional fines may apply locally. The first rabies vaccination is to be given at three months of age. Your pet should receive its second rabies vaccination within one year after the first vaccination and every three years thereafter.

Prevention of rabies continues to be an important public health concern. Rabies is an infectious disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. Rabies is most often seen among wild animals such as raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes. Cats, dogs, ferrets and livestock can also get rabies if they are not vaccinated. The first sign of rabies is usually a change in the animal's behavior. It may become unusually aggressive or unusually tame. Staggering, convulsions,

spitting, choking, frothing at the mouth and paralysis are sometimes noted. The animal usually dies within one week after showing signs of rabies.

2018 Montgomery County Rabies Clinic schedule

- Saturday, May 19: 2 Park Drive Amsterdam (City) – NEW LOCATION. 9 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, June 2: Town of Amsterdam Highway Dept., 283 Manny's Corners Rd., Amsterdam, 9 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, June 23: Canajoharie Fire Department Garage, 39 Mohawk St. Canajoharie (not Fire House), 9 a.m. – noon.
- Tuesday, July 10: St. Johnsville Town Barn, 7431 Route 5, St. Johnsville, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 7: Palatine Town Barn, 817 Stone Arabia Rd., Fort Plain 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday Aug. 11: Rural Grove Fire Department, 1192 Rt. 162, Rural Grove, 9 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, Sept. 15: Town of Amsterdam Highway Department, 283 Manny's Corners Rd., Amsterdam, 9 a.m. – noon
- Saturday, Oct. 13: Florida Town Highway Department, Fort Hunter

- Turn over garbage cans, lids, buckets, barrels, bottles, flower pots
- Change water in bird baths at least once a week

Dress

Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing. Some mosquitoes are attracted to dark clothing and can bite through tight-fitting clothes. If possible, wear long sleeves and pants.

Defend

Keep your home mosquito-free by using screens on doors and windows. Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Use according to directions on label. Three repellents that are approved and recommended are:

- DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methane 3, 8-diol, or PMD)

For additional information, contact www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes.

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Initial vaccination for dogs, cats and ferrets are due at three months of age, revaccination one year later, thereafter revaccination required every three years.

Veterinarian administration fee is \$10 per vaccination.

Public health law requires dogs, cats and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies.

Pets not vaccinated in a timely manner may not be protected from rabies.

Pet owners revaccinating animals should bring the pet's last rabies vaccination certificate.

For more information on rabies call 518.853.3531 or your veterinarian.

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3. Open the bag, sprinkle in half of the ranch seasoning, seal, toss to coat, then repeat with remaining seasoning.

4. Thread potatoes on skewers. Grill

over low heat for 10-20 minutes (depending on your grill) turning throughout to ensure even cooking. When fork-tender, remove from grill and serve warm with cold ranch dressing, if desired. Serves 4. Recipe courtesy Creme de la Crumb (www.lecremedelacrumb.com).

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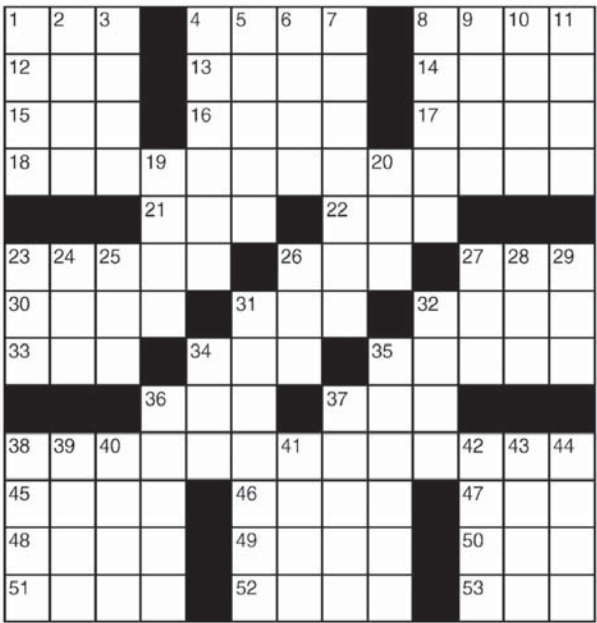
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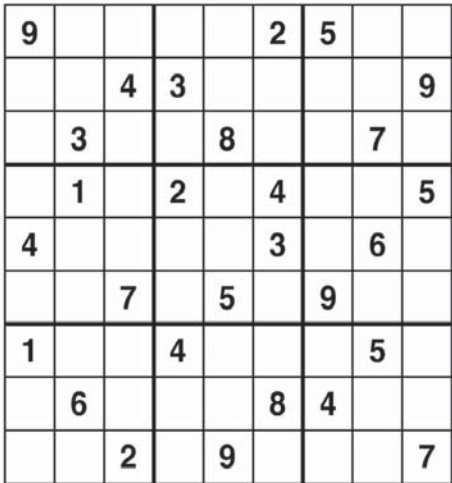
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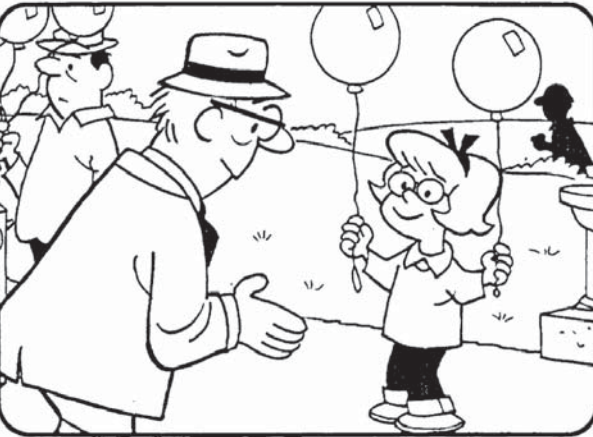
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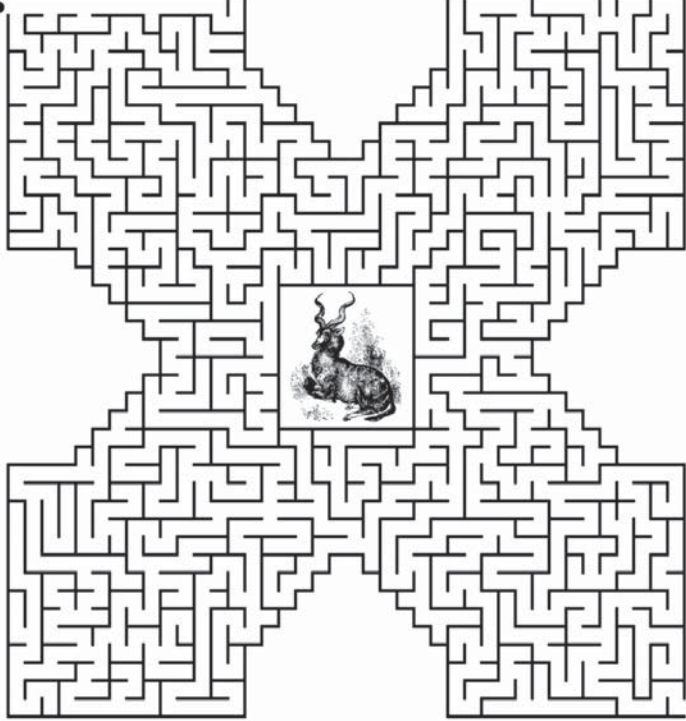


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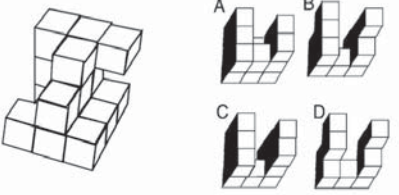
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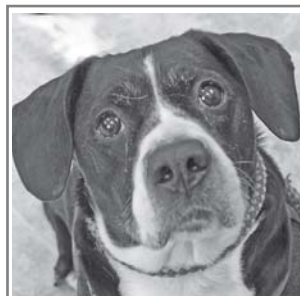
KATHERINE - 8 year old female Foxhound. Loves people and is great with other dogs.



BOGGER - 3 year old male Pit Bull. Sweet, loves people and has lived with kids.



CHEWY - 11 year old male Husky mix. Good with other dogs and with kids.



BUSTER - 10 year old black and white Beagle mix. Best as only pet in adult home.



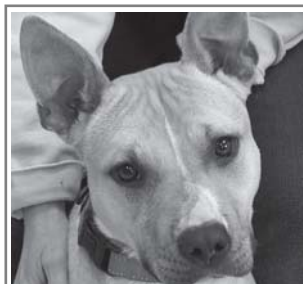
JADA - 3 year old female Staffordshire Bull Terrier.



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TROY - 8 year old male Dutch Shepherd mix. Good with some dogs. Best with older kids.



TRIXIE - Adorable 3 year old female Pit Bull mix. Good with some dogs. Friendly and lively.



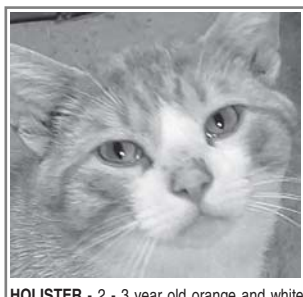
DAISY - 4 year old Husky mix. Good with some dogs and older kids. Not good with cats.



APRIL - Beautiful 5 year old female American Bulldog mix, 45 lbs. Good with some dogs and older kids, not cats.



KITTY - Pretty 10 year old tiger and white spayed female. Not good with other cats.



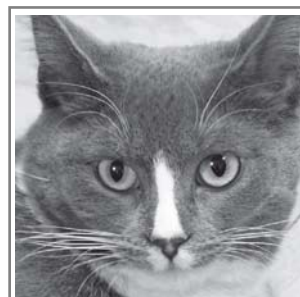
HOLISTER - 2 - 3 year old orange and white male. Rescued 3 weeks after being abandoned when his owner moved.



CARRIE - 11 month old female tiger. Extra toes. Daughter of Debbie.



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How prom came to precede the pomp and circumstance

As the final weeks of students' high school careers whittle down, many milestone events dot the calendar. During this time, prom is the pinnacle celebration for many.

Prom, short for promenade — wherein guests parade around amid lavish fanfare — is an American tradition, but semi-formal dances and dinners for students are held throughout Canada and the United Kingdom as well.

Even though modern proms are closely tied to high school, the tradition actually began for college students. The first recorded prom took place with the all-male student body at Amherst College, who in 1894 invited women from nearby Smith College to dance and dine. Teenagers pushed the prom tradition out of colleges and into high schools, and by the early 1940s, proms were exclusively tied to high schoolers.

Proms have remained essentially unchanged for the last 60 to 70 years, with the exception that proms have become more grandiose over the years. Largely gone are the gymnasium-held dances, and now catering halls, hotels and other top-tier facilities typically host the festivities. Perhaps the grandest prom venue was the White House. In 1975, Susan Ford, daughter of President Gerald Ford, hosted her

senior prom mere steps from the Oval Office, becoming the only First Child to do so.

Promgoers and/or their parents spend sizable amounts of money on gowns, tuxedos, flowers, transportation, and much more to solidify their prom memories. Quite often prom nights turn into entire prom weekends or vacations, with after-parties and travel built into the tradition. Greater emphasis is now placed on the drama of the "promposal," with certain individuals going to great lengths to orchestrate the ideal way to ask a date. And while at one point attending prom alone might never have happened, many students now relish the idea of attending as groups of friends to downplay the stress on prom couples.

Thanks to social media and the connectivity of the internet, some enterprising high schoolers have attempted to make their prom experiences more memorable by asking their favorite celebrities to attend prom with them. Taylor Swift, Rihanna, Jason Derulo, Shaun White and Miley Cyrus are all celebrities who have gone to prom with fans. Others like Selena Gomez have crashed proms. Even President John F. Kennedy crashed a prom at the Beverly Hilton Hotel when the students of John Bur-

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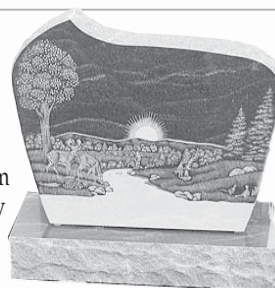
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The word "vinegar" comes from the French "vin aigre," or "sour wine." Vinegar is a diluted solution of acetic acid that forms with the fermentation of grapes, apples, rice, corn and many other ingredients.

Apple cider vinegar, or ACV, is a type of vinegar that has recently skyrocketed in popularity due to its purported health benefits. ACV is formed from cider or apple must and has a long history as a home remedy, making it the most popular type of vinegar in the natural health

Five reasons to try apple cider vinegar

community. The following are just a handful of the purported benefits credited to ACV.

1. ACV improves healthy gut flora. Like other fermented foods and beverages (think yogurt and kombucha), ACV is rich in enzymes and probiotics. Probiotics can aid in digestion and make sure that the digestive system is working efficiently. According to the health and wellness team at MyFitnessPal, unpasteurized ACV can deliver probiotics and energize digestion. Others say that ACV can assist with easing an upset stomach by addressing unhealthy bacteria. Some remedies suggest that the pectin in ACV can help soothe intestinal spasms as well.

2. ACV can be used as a disinfectant. ACV and other vinegars can kill harmful bacteria or prevent them from multiplying, according to Healthline. ACV has historically been used as a disinfectant and natural preservative and may help reduce instances of E. coli. Those same antibacterial properties also may help head off infections of the throat. Reader's Digest indicates that gargling with ACV can soothe a sore throat and create an acidic environment in the esophagus that most germs can't survive.

3. ACV contributes to feelings of fullness. Many people insist that ACV helps with weight loss. According to dietitian and certified diabetes instructor Katie Rankell at UC Irvine Medical Center, ACV has been shown to lower blood sugar by reducing the absorption of carbohydrates, while also contributing to feelings of fullness that can help people avoid overeating.

4. ACV naturally lowers cholesterol. A 2016 study published in the British Journal of Nutrition found consumption of the acetic acid found in ACV reduced serum cholesterol and triglyceride levels in rats. More research is needed to determine if humans can reap similar rewards.

5. ACV can treat dandruff and other skin ailments. The acidity of ACV changes the pH of the skin and scalp, making it harder for yeast to grow. Applying ACV to the scalp can inhibit dandruff. It also can be used as a toner that exfoliates the skin and makes it less oily.

Arc Herkimer to Host Basketball Competitions at June Community Celebration

As part of a 2018 Community Celebration, Arc Herkimer is hosting Basketball Three-Point and Free Throw Competitions on Saturday, June 16 starting at 11 a.m. at the Boenheim-Basloe Basketball Courts at Arc Park, 420 E. German Street in Herkimer.

The basketball competitions are part of the nonprofit's Community Celebration, which will feature fun for the entire family and will include a 5K run, children's run, bands, dunking booth, chicken BBQ, concession stand, magician, face painting, and more.

Individuals can participate in either the Basketball Three-Point or Free Throw Competitions or both. The event is free and open to the public and includes three age groups: 18 and older, ages 12 through 17, and under 12. Males and females will compete in the same group. Championship trophy will be awarded for each age group. Ties will be decided by subsequent round(s) until a winner is determined. Participants can bring their own basketballs or use balls provided.

Arc Park provides recreational opportunities for people of all abilities. The park serves individuals and families in a 9-county region. The park features age-appropriate playground areas: ages 23 months and under, 2 to 5 years, and 5 to 12 years. Additionally, there is a baseball field, basketball court, and fitness trail that includes five exercise stations, a concession stand, family pavilion, and bandstand.

Questions can be directed to Frank Reid at 315.574.7347 or freid@archerkimer.org. Arc Herkimer is empowering people with disabilities and enriching lives throughout the community. For more information and a schedule for other events, visit www.archerkimer.org.



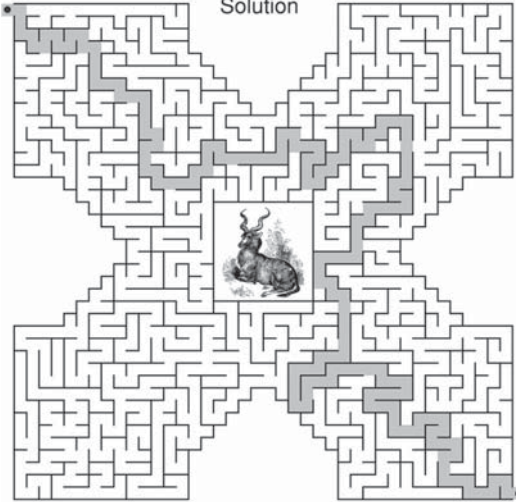
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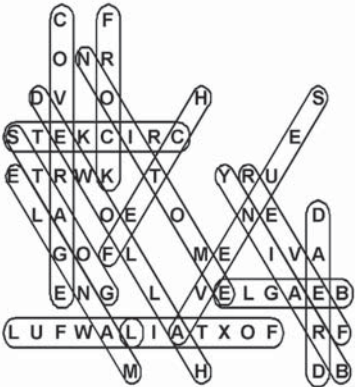
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Stickelers Answer

Figure B is the missing piece from the broken cube.

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Lyme Disease advisory

Montgomery County Public Health wants to remind everyone that Lyme disease is caused by the bite of a deer tick. You can reduce the likelihood of a tick bite by taking steps to protect yourself if you live in or visit areas with Lyme disease activity.

In tick-infested areas, your best protection is to avoid contact with soil, leaf litter and vegetation. However, if you garden, hike, camp, hunt, work or otherwise spend time in the outdoors, you can still protect yourself:

- Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to spot ticks easily.
- Wear enclosed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.
- Check clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks while outdoors.
- Consider using insect repellent (Follow appropriate precautions and product instructions when using these products).
- Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails. Walk in the center of trails. Avoid dense woods and bushy areas.
- Avoid sitting directly on the ground or on stone walls.
- Keep long hair tied back, especially when gardening.
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after going indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that may be on you.
- Do a final, full-body tick check at the end of the day (also check children and pets) and remove ticks promptly.

Anyone who has been bitten by a tick should be watched closely for at least 30 days. Typical symptoms of Lyme disease include: fever, headache, fatigue and a large, expanding skin rash that may have a bull's-eye appearance. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart and the nervous system. Anyone who develops a fever or a rash after being bitten by a tick or spending time in tick-infested areas should seek prompt medical care. Most patients with Lyme disease can be treated successfully with

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1 cut-up chicken (8 pieces)

1. In 3-quart saucepan, combine tomato paste, water, brown sugar, molasses, cider vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce, Dijon mustard, crushed red pepper and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper; stir until well-combined.

2. Heat to boiling on high, then lower heat to maintain steady simmer. Cook 30 minutes or until

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3. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon each salt and freshly ground black pepper all over chicken. Place on grill, skin side down. Cover and cook 15 to 20 minutes or until juices run clear when chicken is pierced with tip of knife, turning over once. (Smaller pieces will cook more quickly.)

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Mulch is available in various forms. Like other land and garden products, mulch can go a long way toward helping plants thrive.

Mulch comprises just about any material that is spread over the surface of soil. Its purpose is primarily to help soil retain moisture. In addition, mulch can staunch weed growth, keep soil cool,

Gardeners can choose organic or inorganic mulch. Organic mulches are derived from natural materials that will decompose over time, lending organic matter as well as various nutrients to the soil. Organic mulches also may contain beneficial microorganisms that can fight against plant diseases. Inorganic mulches may be made of

trate, or it may prevent the soil from airing out, causing continuously wet conditions that lead to root and stem rot.

The University of Connecticut Home & Garden Education Center says mulch should not be placed directly against plant crowns or tree bases, as this can promote the development of disease. It may also serve as a habitat for bark- and stem-eating rodents. The center also suggests watering newly installed bark or wood mulches to prevent fungi from colonizing in dry mulch and causing problems like a water-repellent surface on the mulch.

Home landscapers considering mulch types may find that compost, manure and grass clippings (from nonpesticide-treated lawns) can be inexpensive and versatile in garden beds. The home advice site The Spruce notes that newspaper may also be effective. Many newspapers have switched over to organic dyes, especially for their black and white sections. Newspapers are an inexpensive way to suppress weeds and act like organic mulch in beds. They can be covered with other organic mulch, like shredded bark, for more visual appeal.



improve the aesthetics of garden beds, and even improve soil nutrient composition. When the right mulch is chosen, it can reduce the amount of time homeowners spend watering and weeding their gardens and insulate plants from dramatic changes in weather.

Gardeners may not realize that mulch also can prevent garden soil from becoming overly compacted, according to HGTV. This can mean beneficial earthworms can move easily through the soil, creating channels for water and depositing their nutrient-rich waste products.

stones, landscape fabrics and plastic. Both types will need to be amended or replaced as they degrade. Those who want the most environmentally-friendly mulching materials can choose all-natural mulches instead of synthetic alternatives.

To work effectively, mulch should be applied in a two- to three-inch layer of material, state the experts at Old World Garden Farms. This is the ideal amount to retain soil moisture and suppress weed growth without choking plants. Also, mulch that is too thick may make it impossible for water to pene-

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017

Village of Canajoharie

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INTRODUCTION

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

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

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

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

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

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

for protecting source waters into the future.

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

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

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our water system serves approximately 2,300 people through 868 service connections. The total amount of water produced in 2017 was 99,564,361 gallons. The daily average of water treated and pumped into the distribution system was 272,779 gallons per day. Our single highest day was 524,000 gallons.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

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

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

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

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

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2017, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

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

INFORMATION ON LEAD

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

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

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

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

CLOSING

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

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

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit Measure ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants							
Turbidity (Highest value from 5/10/17)	N	Daily	0.03 ¹	NTU	N/A	TT=5.0	Soil Run-off
			100% < 1.0 ¹			TT=95% of samples <1.0 NTU	
Inorganic Contaminants							
Chloride	N	04/27/16	15.2	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
Copper ² Range of values	N	09/03/15	.44 .04-.55	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits;
Lead Range of values	N	09/03/15	3 ³ ND-6	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	N	07/28/14	2.8	ppb	N/A	N/A	Discharge from steel mills/ metal factories
Sodium ⁴		07/31/17	12.9	ppm	N/A	N/A	Geology; Road Salt
Sulfate	N	07/31/17	13.0	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally Occurring,
Barium	N	07/31/17	16.1	ppb	2000	2000	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection Byproducts							
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] Range of values	N	1/17/17 4/24/17 8/28/17 10/16/17	Avg 22.4(5) range 14-29.3	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] Range of values	N	1/17/17 4/24/17 8/28/17 10/16/17	Avg 23.6(5) 16.7-37	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine Residual (average) range	N	Daily	1.31 1.01-1.99	ppm	MRDLG	MRDL	Used in the treatment and disinfection of drinking water
					N/A	4	

Notes:
1 – Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Level detected represents the highest level detected. Our average turbidity is 0.01 NTU and our lowest level detected was 0.01NTU. The regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 1.0 NTU
2 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 samples collected. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the 10 sites tested.
3 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 samples collected. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the 10 sites tested.
4 – Water containing more than 20 mg/l should not be consumed by persons on severely restricted sodium diets
5 – The average is based on a Running Annual Average. The average shown represents the highest RAA for the 4 quarters in 2016 with the highest quarterly average for both TTHM and HAA5 in the 3rd quarter.
Glossary
Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
Action Level (AL)- the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
90th Percentile Value- The values reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system
Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Maximum Contaminant Level - The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination
RAA –The RAA is calculated each quarter by taking the average of the four most recent samples collected.
Treatment Technique (TT)-A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
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