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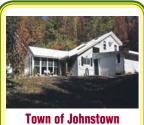
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# Fort Plain Free Library Holiday Open House

FORT PLAIN – "Celebrate the Season" with the Fort Plain Free Library on Sunday, Dec. 2 as it hosts its annual Holiday Open House. From noon - 4 p.m. that day, guests are invited to tour the ground floor of the facility, which has undergone extensive upgrades and renovations as part of a multi-year construction project. Additionally, visitors are welcome to sample hot cider and cookies, participate in a penny social with raffle drawings and engage in fun

family activities.

Also featured that day will be the release of the fall creative writing compilation of The Writers at Fort Plain and the sale of quilt barn trail pins, handcrafted by Fulton Montgomery Quilt Barn Trail founder Elizabeth Argotsinger as a fundraiser for the library. A highlight of the afternoon will be a special guest appearance by musician Dick Solberg, the Sun Mountain Fiddler, who will perform a few selections.

Other local organizations sponsoring events that day include The Table restaurant, which will once again host a unique curation of locally made items, raffles and a cash bar; the Plain Food Co-op, which will have product sampling available; and "Christmas on the Porch" at the Ayres House, where people can warm up with comfort food and get candy from Santa. Also participating in the afternoon's events will be Highwheeler Coffee, which is featuring coffee

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For more information, call 518.993.4646. The Fort Plain Free Library is located at 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Follow the library on Facebook for updates and search "Celebrate the Season in Fort Plain 2018" on Facebook for complete details about the afternoon's festivities.

# Kinderhook Bank Corp. reports record earnings For nine months ended Sept. 30, 2018 and increases quarterly dividends for the eighth consecutive year

KINDERHOOK, NY — Kinderhook Bank Corp. ("KBC"), (OTCQB:NUBK), the holding company for The National Union Bank of Kinderhook (the "Bank"), announced record earnings for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2018.

Net income available to common shareholders was \$3.3 million, or \$2.50 (diluted) per common share, for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2018, compared with \$1.0 million, or \$1.38 (diluted) per common share, for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2017.

Results for the first nine months of 2018 included an after-tax gain on loan sales of \$275 thousand or \$0.18 per share (diluted) as well as an after-tax loss on sale of securities of \$124 thousand or \$0.08 per share (diluted). Results for the first nine months of 2017 included an after-tax charge of \$486 thousand or \$0.46 per

share (diluted) of one-time merger and transactions costs related to the Bank's acquisition of Patriot Federal Bank which was completed on Nov. 10, 2017.

Total assets at Sept. 30, 2018 were \$636 million compared to \$481 million at Sept. 30, 2017. Net loans grew at an annualized 9 percent rate for the first nine months of 2018.

KBC and Bank President and Chief Executive Officer, John A. Balli, stated, "I am very pleased that net income per common share for the first nine months of 2018 was greater than the same period for any previous year. We continue to experience strong growth and increases in our loans and deposits."

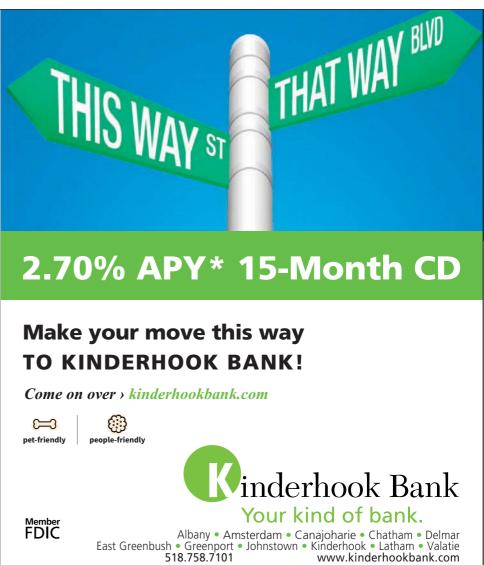
KBC also announced that at its Oct. 23, 2018 meeting, the KBC Board declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.25 per common share to shareholders of record on

Oct. 30, 2018, payable on Nov. 13, 2018. The dividend represents an increase of \$0.01 per share from the prior quarter, and represents the eighth consecutive year that the Board has increased the dividend on common stock.

President and Chief Executive Officer Balli commented, "We are pleased to provide a dividend increase to shareholders. Their support has enabled us to grow and expand the outstanding banking services that we provide to our customers and all those in the communities we serve."

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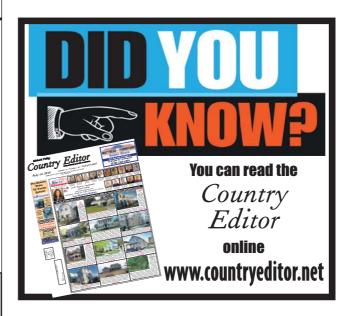
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# Fort Plain Free Library to highlight building improvements during Holiday Open House

FORT PLAIN - More than halfway through a multiyear construction project to upgrade and renovate its facility, the Fort Plain Free Library will host a Holiday Open House on Dec. 2 to highlight improvements and celebrate the season with the community. Between noon and 4 p.m., visitors are welcome to tour the ground floor of the building, partake of refreshments, engage in fun family activities and participate in a penny social with raffle drawings.

Recently completed work at the library includes the construction of a new, handicapped-accessible main entrance/foyer. Also finished as part of Phase II was the demolition and reconfiguration of the space formerly occupied by the multi-media and children's rooms. Both locations were not only small but also structurally deficient and functionally inadequate.

In their place, a spacious reception/circulation area has been created with a portable public computer station, built-in shelves and a circulation desk befitting the library's proud history and original Greek Revival "home." The circulation desk and the computer station, consisting of a table and six chairs, were locally made by skilled craftsmen: Delnero Furniture Co. of Nelliston made the desk, and Amish carpenters working for Keystone Heirlooms of Canajoharie crafted the public computer station.

Phase III construction by Bert Schulte Construction Co. has already begun and will entail the addition of a small director's office, staff kitchenette and custodial closet as well as the conversion of the 1984 brick ad-

dition that formerly housed circulation/adult fiction area into the new children's room. Work on the latter will entail the extension of the secondstory heating and cooling system across the top of the room. It will also include the installation of three dormer windows for natural light, the replacement of two large glass doors with windows and a window seat and the replacement of the roof.

The library has been awarded a New York State Public Library Construction Grant, secured through the Mohawk Valley Library System, to help pay for the bulk of the Phase III work.

Additionally, fundraising for the library's share of the construction is ongoing. In addition to smaller initiatives, the library has an ongoing fundraiser involving the engraving of personalized paving stones for the new main entrance. For contributions of \$300, the 12-inch by 12-inch pavers can be engraved with memoriams, phrases, quotes or lasting tributes to area businesses, organizations or individuals. To date, around 75 pavers have been engraved by McFee Memorials of Fort Plain.

The Dec. 2 Holiday Open House is free and open to the public, and it coincides with other community events held between noon and 4 p.m. on that date. For more information. 518.993.4646. The Fort Plain Free Library is located at 19 Willett St. Follow the library on

Facebook for updates, and search "Celebrate the Season in Fort Plain 2018" on Facebook for other happenings in the community.



Bert Schulte Construction Co. employees work on the small addition to the Fort Plain Free Library that will house a director's office, staff kitchenette and custodial closet.

Photo courtesy of Fort Plain Free Library

# Mental health wellness check up

Mental health is how individuals think, act and cope with life and the stressors and challenges that are part of the human experience. We live in very stressful times. Many are seeking assistance to help manage the pressures they face in their daily lives. Unfortunately, many people don't know that there are simple steps that can be of great help in reducing the stress, anxiety and depression levels.

Your emotions, thoughts and attitudes affect your energy, productivity and overall Good mental health health strengthens your ability to cope with everyday hassles and more serious crises and challenges. Good mental

health is essential to creating the life you want.

# 10 Tools to Live Your Life Well

These proven tools can help you feel stronger and more hopeful.

- 1) Connect with others. People who feel connected are happier and healthier and may even live longer.
- **2) Stay positive.** People who regularly focus on the positive in their lives are less upset by painful memories.
- **3) Get physically active.** Exercise can help relieve insomnia and reduce depression.
- **4) Help others.** People who consistently help others experience less depression, greater calm and fewer pains.
  - 5) Get enough sleep.

Not getting enough rest increases risks of weight gain, accidents, reduced memory and heart problems.

- **6)** Create joy and satisfaction. Positive emotions can boost your ability to bounce back from stress.
- 7) Eat well. Eating healthy food and regular meals can increase your energy, lower the risk of developing certain diseases and influence your mood.
- 8) Take care of your spirit. People who have strong spiritual lives may be healthier and live longer. Spirituality seems to cut the stress that can contribute to disease.
- **9) Deal better with hard times.** People who can tackle problems or

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# How to socialize more and make new friends

As adults grow older, responsibilities to work and family can make it difficult to stay connected to friends. Over time, social circles may unravel and people may find themselves wondering where those close relationships have gone and how they can make more friends and socialize more.

People who do not routinely socialize, especially those who do not have a spouse or partner, can loneliness. experience When AARP surveyed adults age 45 and older about loneliness, a little over one-third of respondents were categorized as lonely. That's alarming, as loneliness is considered a significant predictor of poor health. Rates of loneliness were highest among respondents between the ages of 45 and

Improving social connections, getting out more and making friends are excellent ways to boost one's mental and physical well-being. Making friends is not about one's age but one's situation. It's easy for schoolaged kids to make friends because they see the classmates many hours each day. Striking up conversations finding common ground are a snap. Adults often find there are fewer situations that enable them to preserve existing friendships and make new ones. As a result, many adults seek to replicate circumstances that made making friends so easy when they were young.

Start off by spending more time around people who share similar interests. Attend wine tastings, participate in an adult sports league, volunteer at church or take an art course. Meetup.com and its accompanying app enables people to find social situations for just about every scenario and can be a way to find friends who share common interests.

Be optimistic and try new things when people you meet suggest them. Openness to new experiences will help you get closer to people and fill up your social calendar. You don't have to like everything you try, but finding new hobbies or interests can pave the way to new friendships.

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518-673-3405 Sunday School 10am, Adults & Children Morning Worship 11am, Youth Ministry 5:45pm, Evening Worship 6pm, Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm, Awana Club 6:15-8:15pm

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Rev. Donald Hoaglander Visiting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt 518-705-2201 Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:00am

# Dolgeville **Christian Fellowship**

3 Elm St., Dolgeville, NY 13329 315-429-9142

Dr. Marvin Isum, Pastor Worship Sunday 10:30am Midweek Fellowship Tuesday 7pm www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org

# **Dolgeville United Methodist Church**

N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville Rev. Jack Ford
315-429-7381
Worship 11:00am
Sunday School @ 9:30am beginning
September 18th
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315-823-1323
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Coffee Hour following Sunday Mass
Sunday School & Youth Group
Tuesday 10am Mass & Bible Study
Friday 10am-2pm Thrift Shop

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140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY live and share Jesus Christ both locally and global Pastor Jeff Hindrliter
Sunday School for all ages Sunday School for all ages 10am September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11am Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7pm

# **Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd** 26 Moyer St., Canajoharie

518-673-3440 The Rev. Virginia L Ogden, Rector churchgood@frontier.con

# **Everlasting Joy Believers Fellowship**

66 Hancock St., (Rte. 5S) Fort Plain, NY 13339 315-858-2112

Pastor Carolee Cove

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Rev. - Gary Tyler
Sunday School 10:00am
Morning Worship 11:00am
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# Fonda Fultonville **United Methodist Church**

11 Montgomery St., Fultonville Pastor Nancy Pullen • 853-3311 Sunday Morning Worship 9:15-10:15, Sunday School 9:15-10:30, Coffee Fellowship Following Service Our Mission-To Actively Follow Christ and To Inspire Others To Accompany Us

# Fordsbush Bible Church 131 Clark Rd., Fort Plain 518-568-7606

Pastor Joe Miller Sunday School 10am, Morning Service 11am, Eve. Service 6pm, Wed. Service 6:45pm, Thurs. Visitation 6pm www.fordsbushbiblechurch.com

# Fort Plain United **Methodist Church** 39 Center St., Fort Plain

Audie Miller, Lay Supply Pastor Church Office 518-993-3863 Kitchen 518-993-3464

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## **Freysbush United Methodist Church**

Freysbush Rd., Fort Plain 518-842-1357 Rev. Cindy Leonard, Officiating

Worship 9am, nday School 10am ALL ARE WELCOME coffee hour to follow service

# **Fultonville Reformed Church**

Corner of 5S & 30 Pastor Jane Hubschmitt

Sunday School 10AM Family Worship 10:30AM

# Glen Reformed Church

State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen 4 miles South of Fultonville

# glenreformed@nycap.rr.com Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School nmediately following Children's Message

# **Grace Christian Church**

20 Center St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Rev. Harry J. Teuchert 315-866-8626

Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11:00am

# **Grace Episcopal Church** 24 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley

315-585-4016 Kyle Grennen, Rector Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion/sermon 11:00am

# Active Youth Group - call for detail **Grandview Baptist Church**

15 Washington St., Fort Plain 518-993-9929

# Pastor Dan West

Sunday School 10am Morning Service 11am Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wednesday 6:30pm

# **Holy Family Parish**

Little Falls, NY 315-823-3410 Saturday 4pm

Sunday 10:30am

# Joy Fellowship

296 Co. Hwy. 119 St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-3217

William Hayes Pastor Joyce Loughran Assistant Pastor Sunday School 9am, Morning Worship 9:30an Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm

# Lassellseville United **Methodist Church**

State Hwy. 29

Pastor Robert A. Lindsay Worship: Sunday 9:30am Sunday School to start soon

# Lighthouse Baptist Church 1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114 Stratford, NY 13470-0114

315-429-8854 Pastor Martin Smith Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am; Wec Eve. Prayer Meeting 6:00pm; 2nd & 4th Sunday Dinner following Morning Servic with Afternoon Service following dinner

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518-853-3646 lasses: Sat. 4:30pm, Sun. 10:30ar terishrine.com www.katerishrine.com

# **New Hope Christian Fellowship**

32 Spencer St., Dolgeville, NY 13329 Pastor Pat Andreoli 315-429-3630

Sunday School 9:30AM Worship Service 10:30AM

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Route 29 Rev. Jack Ford 315-429-7381

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115 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 Parish Office 518-993-3822 ourladyofhope@frontier.com Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am & 11am; Confessions: Sat. 3 & by appointment lease call parish office for Holy Day schedule

# **Paines Hollow United Methodist Church**

Intersection of 167 & 168, Paines Hollow Pastor Peg Donaghy 518-568-7604 Sunday Worship 9:30AM Fellowship Hour to Follow

# **Randall Christian Community Church**

NY Rte. 5S Sunday Service 10:30am Worship Leader Darlene Spaulding

# **Reformed Church** of Canajoharie

15-19 Front St., Canajoharie 518-673-2816 Rev. Matt Draffen

Sunday 9am Christian Education 9:20 Choir Practice 10am Worship Nursery provided Fellowship hour follows worship

# **Reformed Church** of Fort Plain

165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-4302 • fortplainrca@yahoo.com Rev. Nancy E. Ryan

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112 Sprakers Hill Rd Rev. Nancy Ryan Worship ~ 9AM All Welcome!!

# Richfield Springs

Bible Church
19 Church St
Richfield Springs, NY 13439
Rev. David Tosi
315-858-0564

315-858-0564 Sunday School (all ages) 10am Worship Service 11am & 7pm Wednesday - Prayer & Praise I for info on various Youth Minis' ww.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.o

# River of Jubilee Church

057 State Highway 5 Sprakers, NY 12166 Pastor: Gail Adamoschek Pastor: Steve Adamoschek 518-322-1427 / 518-224-4455 Sunday Service 10:00am Children's Church Available Other Learning Opportunities Avail Visit us on Facebook

# **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

111 3rd Ave., Tribes Hill 518-829-7301 Mass Saturday 4:00pm

# Saint Cecilia Church

26 Broadway, Fonda 518-853-4195

Sunday Worship 9:00am

# **Salisbury Center United Methodist Church**

2545 St Rt 29, PO Box 104 Salisbury Center, NY 13454 315-429-9085 Rev. Lynn R. Lockwood

# Seeker's Fellowship

14 Park Place St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-7700

Pastor Mike Yezierski

unday Worship 6pm, Tues. Prayer 7pr Bible Study 7pm (Wed., Thurs. & Fri,) We teach the fullness of God's Word, a life of holiness for the believer, and salvation for all who trust in Christ's sacrifice.

# St. John's Lutheran Church

774 St. Hwy. 163, Fort Plain, NY 518-705-7552

Rev. David A. Johnson, Ph.D. Sunday Worship 9:00am, Sunday School 10:00ar Ladies Aid W.E.L.C.A. *Handicapped Accessible* 

# St. John's **Reformed Church**

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St. John's & St. Mark's **Lutheran Church** 143 Church St., Canajoharie

518-673-2224 Pastor Zach Labagh Sunday Worship 11am Christian Ed. 9:45am stjstm@frontiernet.ne

# St. Johnsville

**Methodist Church** 7 East Main St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Pastor Corey Jones

518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626

# St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

31 North Helmer Ave., Dolgeville 315-429-8338 Sunday Mass is 8:30am

# St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

7690 Rt. 80, Springfield Center 315-858-4016

Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge Sunday Eucharist, 9:30am Coffee - Fellowship follows service Holy Days - as announced

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

36 Lydius St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-2040

Pastor Jonathan Litzner 405-250-8395 Sunday School 9:45-10:45am Bible Study & Coffee Hour Sunday 10-10:45am Church Service 11am

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Johnsville, NY (next to NBT Bank) 518-568-3007 Church 518-568-2405 Parsonage Rev. David Johnson Sunday Worship 10:30am, Tues. Bible Bungee-Jumping 7pm, ble Study" that actually makes sense rrant, Welcoming Community of Faith & Vis

# St. Paul's **Universalist Church**

565 Albany St., Little Falls 315-823-2284

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of Rural Grove
170 Rural Grove Ad., Sprakers, NY 12166
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# Cell 518-774-8558

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(No services in July, meet at St. John's St.
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# Victorious Life Church

**RMI Fellowship** 104 Main St. & 431 St. Hwy. 80 Fort Plain, NY 518-993-3102 Sunday School 9am, Morning Worship 10:30ar Youth Group 5pm, Evening Worship 7-8pm

To Place or Update **Church Listings** Call 518-673-0129 or email

jsnyder@leepub.com

# MCSPCA holds 11th Annual Holiday Pet Portraits

AMSTERDAM – The Montgomery County SPCA will hold its 11th Annual Holiday Pet Portraits one day only on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event will take place in the Amsterdam Riverfront Center in downtown Amsterdam.

A \$25 donation includes three printed photos and a holiday photo frame, or, for a \$30 donation, you will receive a CD with all your digital images. Holiday photos of your pet can be taken by itself, with Santa or with the whole family. Also welcome are individuals and families without pets who would like to have a holiday photo taken, with or without Santa. Photos will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

To ensure the safety of all pets and people, all dogs must be leashed and all smaller animals (cats, birds, ferrets, rabbits, etc.) must be caged while in the Riverfront Center (except during the photo session).

The event will also include a MCSPCA Holiday Bake Shop. The MCSPCA will have gift certificates for sale

# The most downloaded holiday songs

9. "Jingle Bell Rock"

10. "It's the Most Won-

11. "Hallelujah" Penta-

12. "Wizards in Winter

13. "Winter Song" Sara

14. "Hallelujah" Lindsey

15. "Last Christmas"

16. "Feliz Navidad" José

17. "Santa Tell Me" Ari-

18. "A Holly Jolly Christ-

19. "The Christmas Song

20. "Hard Candy Christ-

(Merry Christmas to You)"

Bareilles & Ingrid Michael-

derful Time of the Year"

Bobby Helms

Andy Williams

(Instrumental)"

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Nat "King" Cole

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Feliciano

Music is integral to many celebrations during the holiday season. Whether you're planning an office party, hosting friends and family at home or simply looking to get in the holiday spirit, you might want to explore this list of the most downloaded Christmas/holiday songs on iTunes.

- 1. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" Mariah Carey
- 2. "Mary, Did You Know?" Pentatonix
- 3. "Christmas/Sarajevo 12/24 (Instrumental)" Trans-Siberian Orchestra
- 4. "Mistletoe" Justin Bieber
- 5. "Christmas Canon" Trans-Siberian Orchestra
- 6. "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" Brenda
- 7. "Believe" Josh Groban
- 8. "Last Christmas (Single Version)" Wham!

for holiday giving, which may be used toward a pet adoption, the PAL cat spay/neuter program, microchips and nail clipping.

All proceeds from this annual holiday event directly benefit the homeless pets at the Montgomery County SPCA Animal Shelter this holiday season. Visit www.mc-spca.org or Facebook, or email info@mc-spca.org, for more information about this and other programs of the Montgomery County SPCA.

The Montgomery County SPCA is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of homeless, abandoned, neglected and abused animals in the Montgomery County area. Funded primarily by public donations, nominal fees and municipal contracts, the MCSP-CA receives no regular funding from governmental agencies nor from national animal welfare organizations.

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Mon. Dec. 31st - We will be closed this day due to the Holiday but will reschedule to open Wed. Jan 2nd

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# ${f Whatchamacallits}$

Thanksgiving may have passed, but the desire for good creamed corn never really leaves the kitchen, does it?

The Lee Manufacturing Company, which was established in 1939, is still alive and kicking and even has a website where you can find corn cutters, pea shellers, cabbage cutters, nutcrackers, pecan pickers, cherry pitters, tomato processing utensils and garden tools, including this lovely throwback to yesteryear, Lee's Corn Cutter and Creamer. The box this model came in states that it was selling for \$1.50 – on the website, www.leemfgco.com, it retails for \$13.95 (but the prices drops per item if you purchase more than one).

According to the Lee Manufacturing Company site, this is the original wooden corn cutter and creamer invented by J.B. Lee in 1939, patented

in 1942. "It is famous for producing rich and flavorful cream style corn. It will easily clip and shred each juicy kernel, releasing the milk inside," the website reads. "With a hardwood base and stainless steel blades and

components, our famous corn cutter can also be used to remove whole kernel corn from the cob with ease. Just remove the shredder and set the cutting blade to the correct kernel height."



This model is the best seller for the company and has been used by various well-known chefs – and more than four million are currently in use around the world. Properly cared for, this simple, old-fashioned tool can be used for years and even passed down from one generation to the next.

It is most easily used when leaned down into a dishpan or shallow baking dish in your sink or against your countertop backsplash. There are a few videos on the website that even demonstrate how to use the cutter in different ways for different corn products.

The company, based in Martin, TN, also offers a stainless steel corn cutter and creamer, a plastic corn cutter and creamer and a field corn hand sheller – but this wooden one just feels right in your hand.

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# **Remembering Pearl Harbor**

Dec. 7, 2018 marks the 77th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This was a pivotal day in world history, ultimately leading the United States to enter the Second World War.

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan participated in a series of invasions into China, believing the only way to solve its economic and demographic problems was to expand into China and take over its import market. This attitude helped create rising tension with the United States, and American officials ultimately responded with economic sanctions and trade embargoes. Although it seemed war was inevitable, the Japanese preempted the American military with a surprise attack targeting Pearl Harbor, which is 2,000

miles from the U.S. mainland and 4,000 miles from Japan

Pearl Harbor is a U.S. naval base located near Honolulu, HI. On a Sunday morning on Dec. 7, 1941, just before 8 a.m. local time, Japanese fighter planes descended on the base in a surprise attack. Five additional attacks followed throughout the day. The Japanese managed to destroy nearly 20 American naval vessels, which included eight battleships, and more than 300 airplanes. While the military equipment could ultimately be replaced, the more than 2,400 military personnel and civilians who died paid the ultimate price.

It is believed the United States was especially sur-

prised by the attack, as American military leaders felt if an attack were to take place, it would come from the sea rather than the air. In addition, American intelligence officials were confident that any Japanese attack would take place in one of the European colonies in the South Pacific, such as Singapore or Indochina, which are closer to Japan than Hawaii.

Despite devastating Pearl Harbor, all hopes were not lost that day, and the Japanese could not cripple America's Pacific Fleet. Aircraft carriers were not docked at the base, and the key onshore oil storage, shipyards, repair shops and docks were left largely intact. From a functional standpoint, the U.S. Navy was able to quickly rebound. However, even 77 years later, the residual emotional effects of the attack continue, particularly among WWII veterans, as well as the family members of those who perished.

# Calendar of events

NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com

Dec 1

11th Annual Holiday Dinner and Auction. 5 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Richfield Springs Community Center, 6 Ann Street, Richfield Springs. For donations and more information regarding the event, contact the Center at 315.858.3200, check out our website at www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org and Like us on Facebook: Richfield Springs Community Center.

MCSPCA's 11th Annual Holiday Pet Portraits. 10 a.m - 3 p.m. Amsterdam Riverfront Center in downtown Amsterdam. A \$25 donation includes three printed photos and a holiday photo frame, or, for a \$30 donation, you will receive a CD with all your digital images. All proceeds from this annual holiday event directly benefit the homeless pets at the Montgomery County SPCA Animal Shelter this holiday season. Visit www.mc-spca.org or Facebook, or email info@mc-spca.org, for more information.

# Dec 2

**St. Nicholas Day at Fort Klock.** noon-3 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. For more information visit http://www.fortklock-restoration.org.

Fort Plain Free Library Holiday Open House. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Please follow the library on Facebook for updates and search "Celebrate the Season in Fort Plain 2018" on Facebook for complete details about the afternoon's festivities. For more information, please call 518.993.4646.

# Dec 5

Village of Ames Christmas Tree lighting. 6 p.m. Refreshments will follow at the fire station. Visit www. amesmuseum.weebly.com or at f@ amesmuseum.weebly.com or at f@amesmuseum.

# Dec 8

Fort Plain Reformed Church Faith Formation Holiday Fair 2018. 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. 165 Canal Street, Fort Plain. Serving Breakfast 7–9:30 a.m. Serving Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Auction Number Calling 12:30 p.m. Featuring: Homemade preserves, jams and jellies; Jewelry: new and used; Handmade crafts: hats, scarves, doilies, etc.; Holiday Decor; "Nearly New" household items; Christmas Ornaments and more. 165 Canal Street, Fort Plain, NY, 518-993-4302. Call the church at 518.993.4302.

**Free Clothing Give-away.** Dec 8 18. 9 - 11 a.m. Valley Alliance Church, on State Highway 5 just one mile east of the Nelliston traffic light. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. Refreshments will be pro-

# Dec 9

**Valley Choralaires' Christmas Concert.** 3 p.m. United Methodist Church, East Main St., Canajoharie.

Valley Voices for Christ Holiday Vocal Concert. 6-7 p.m. Church of Christ Uniting, 22 Church Street, Richfield Springs. Light refreshments. Free will offering.

# **Dec 12**

Wednesday Night Fly Tying Class. Dec 12 18. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Otsego Land Trust office, 101 Main St. Pioneer Alley, Cooperstown (this is the same building as the Farmers' Market). Children ages 11 and up are more than welcome, but must come with an adult. Pizza and beverages will be provided throughout the evening, compliments of the land trust. Pre-registration is recommended. To RSVP and for more information, please contact OLT's Communications and Outreach Manager Becky Talbot by email: becky@otsegolandtrust.org or by calling 607.547.2366 ext. 108.

# **Dec 19**

Local History Round Table. Dec 19 18. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. The local history forum is a free, drop-in discussion group facilitated by town and village historians on the third Wednesday of each month. Please call 518.993.4646 for more information.

# Tips for finding a home services provider

Homeowners who are good with their hands can tackle many minor home improvements on their own. However, more complicated projects often require the services of professional contractors to ensure the renovations are done right, completed on time and within budget.

Choosing a home services provider requires careful consideration on the part of homeowners. The wrong contractor can cost homeowners time and money, so homeowners must exercise due diligence when vetting contractors before going forward with a home improvement project.

# Types of contractors

The Federal Trade Commission notes that the scope of a project may necessitate hiring various types of contractors. The more complex a project is, the more likely it is that homeowners will need to hire contractors who specialize in certain areas. Understanding the differences between contractors can help homeowners make informed decisions.

- General contractor: General contractors manage home improvement projects. This includes hiring subcontractors and supervising their work. General contractors also secure building permits and schedule inspections.
- Specialty contractors:
  Specialty contractors focus on specific areas of a project. For example, homeowners who are remodeling their kitchens may need new cabinets installed by a contractor who specializes in cabinets and cabinet installa-

tion. That contractor is a specialty contractor.

- Designer or design/build contractor: The FTC notes that these contractors both design and build projects.
- Architects: Architects design homes as well as any additions or major renovations to homes. Architects are often necessary when projects involve structural changes to existing homes.

# Hiring a home services provider

Once homeowners determine which type of contractor they need, they can they begin researching local professionals.

- Speak with neighbors, family and friends. Neighbors, family members and friends who have worked with contractors in the past are great resources. Seek recommendations from people you trust, even asking to see completed projects if possible.
- Utilize the internet. Websites such as Home-Advisor and Angie's List are free of charge and can be great resources when homeowners are looking for contractors. Each site includes reviews of contractors from past customers and contact information for local contractors.
- Confirm qualifications. The FTC advises homeowners to confirm contractors' licensing and qualifications before hiring anyone. Some areas may not require licensing, but many do. Homeowners can contact their local building department or consumer protection agency to determine the licensing requirements for their area.







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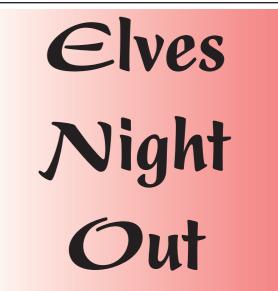


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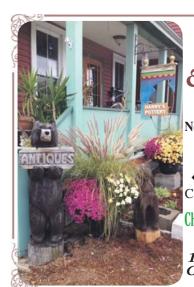












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# Five reasons it's smart to use credit when holiday shopping

The average American will shopper spend around \$975 on holiday gifts, according to past spending trends and estimates from the American Research Group and the National Retail Federation. Although shoppers have various payment options at their disposal, the use of credit cards remains a popular and financially savvy way to handle purchases, albeit

Creditors look at how individuals use credit cards when determining credit scores. One of the biggest components of a credit scoring model is payment history, or the pattern of using credit and paying it back on time. Making repeated purchases on credit cards and then paying the bill when it is due can result in a spike in credit

1. Build your credit build a healthy credit history. The key is to make payments in full and on time.

# 2. Credit is safer than carrying cash.

Stores are very busy during the holiday rush, and consumers are easily distracted. Carrying around large sums of cash for purchases can put you at risk for theft or losing the money along the way. There's little chance of

returned, but a credit card can be cancelled and replaced. Plus, financial institutions have security protocols in place to freeze accounts and erase purchases that were made under fraudulent scenar-

# 3. Track your purchas-

Credit card companies track all purchases and will itemize shopping excursions on cardholders' statements. This can make it much easier to keep track of your spending. In addition, some stores do not require receipts for purchases made with credit cards.

# 4. Earn reward points while spending.

Competition in the credit card world is stiff, and many financial institutions are trying to entice customers with special deals for signing up and using their cards. Some credit cards give cash Others accrue points based on spending on particular categories, such as dining or travel. Rewards can be redeemed

in various ways and can be a big bonus of using credit over cash.

# 5. Cards may come with warranties.

Credit cards can provide built-in warranties on purchases made on the card, such as replacement coverage for an electronic device or cancellation insurance on a trip. What's

more, if you have a dispute with a merchant or aren't happy with something you bought, you can often request a chargeback through the credit card company.

Credit cards have many advantages, but it's imperative that consumers pay their balances in full and on time.







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# Holiday giving for reluctant recipients







Quite a number of people take pleasure from finding gifts under the tree and then having the opportunity to tear open the wrapping paper and see which treasures are inside. But there also is a category of people who claim they have all they could ever need and want and insist that gifts are not necessary. In such instances, what are gift-givers to do?

Some people prefer to eschew gifts because they simply do not have the funds to reciprocate the generosity. Seniors may be reticent to accept gifts because they've already obtained many things throughout their lives and could be at a point where they're downsizing and simply do not need any more material things. Others could be overwhelmed with clutter and have decided that a minimalist approach is the way to go. A little investigation may be necessary to get to the root of the no-gift mindset and then gift-givers can decide whether they should buy a loved one a gift or find an-

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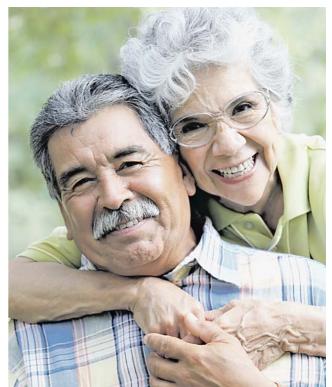
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other way to show how much they care.

- Offer something handmade. Gifts come in all shapes and forms, and handmade gifts particularly the consumable kind won't take up space and can show just how much you care. Craft a personalized batch of wine, bake a cherished family recipe, develop a uniquely scented bath fizzy, or harness another creative talent you may have. If the gift is handmade, there is a bigger chance it will be received with grace, even from someone who is reluctant to receive gifts.
- Give new life to a cherished item. Think about an item that may be a loved one's most prized possession. Perhaps it is a porcelain doll from childhood or a photograph that can use reframing? Offer to have such an item repaired or restored if it's starting to show its age.
- Offer an experience as a gift. Research from Harris says three-quarters of millennials prefer experiences over material items, and are spending more on travel, cultural events and dining out than objects. Even people who are reluctant to receive gifts may appreciate the gift of an experience that can broaden their horizons.
- Explore useful gifts. These types of gifts may include gift cards to a frequently used supermarket, membership to a fitness center or even enrollment in a roadside assistance club. A subscription to a streaming movie service also is a great and useful gift.
- Gift of company. Sometimes the best present is the gift of one's presence. If a recipient really wants nothing, perhaps an evening spent together in one another's company will make a great gift.





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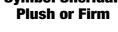
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055: 154

starter home for new family leasy to heat. Cozy screened in back porch overlooking small, but very nice backyard. Family room was used as a second bedroom, making it a possible three bedroom, one full bath home. Asking \$79,000



NEW LISTING!!! 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 ae already here for you along with a shed, a large pone, pear trees and ap ple trees. Property has a small camper on it that stavs with the land. This is a double lot, parcels 123.4-15 and 123.14-16. Asking \$55,000



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301: 179 Kringsbush Road, ST. JOHNS-VILLE: Baised Banch with four bedrooms and two full bathrooms located on a quiet country road. 7 acres with a pond. Attached and detached garage. Two sheds. Asking \$179.900

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Road, FORT PLAIN:

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Nice residential street with a nice yard. Eat-in kitchen, open living room and dining room. Fireplace in living room. Large front porch. Nice residential street located close to downtown and schools.

Asking \$68,000



051: REDUCED PRICE!!! 21 Highland PI **CANAJOHARIE:** Welcome Home!!! Nice three bedroom, one hath home in Historic Canajoharie. Updated kitchen, wood floors, some new windows

Large back yard for the kids and pets. New Solar System!!! Some minor cosmetic repairs needed. Asking \$64,900



254: 48 Reed Street, CANAJOHARIE: This exquisite 1920's era Colonial is bursting with curb appeal and elegance. Featur ing a lovely landscaped lot, stamped concrete walkways with patio and a large fenced in backyard. Step inside to enter this dream home and enjoy a spacious kitchen, hardwood floors, a cozy fireplace, and so much more



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058: 52 Hancock Street, FORT PLAIN: Buyers must have proof of funds/pre-approval. No rent to own or holding the mortgage Looking to downsize, low taxes. lower heat bill, this well-maintained

me is worth a look. Look in documents for list of maintenance and repairs to the home. Home is move in ready, new windows. roof, generator switch kit and hook up, generator, new carpets and linoleum, furnace cleaned annually, new toilets, bathroom vanity upstairs, new sewer pipe from entire house to curb, new hot air furnace and electric H2O heat. Asking \$47,000



REDUCED PRICE!!! 565 River Road, FORT PLAIN: A Stunning 1800s Greek Revival situated on 43.5 acres. This fabulous nome features 6 bedrooms, two and a half haths three fireplaces pake floors, cast iron radiators

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282: 5 Erie Blvd, CANAJOHARIE:



MLS201832971: NEW LISTING!!! 12 Averill Ave., ST. JOHNSVILLE: wo-story home located in the Village of St. ohnsville. Interior home completely re-painted and all new flooring. Dining room, living room and side porch. Three bedrooms and 1 1/2

baths. Walking distance to school and stores. Owner will pay additional 1% bonus to buyers agent, if, under contract within 60 days of listing OR 0.5% if under contract within 90 days of



838: 32 Maple Ave., **CANAJO**-HARIE: Lovely two family that has many updates--new roof, furnaces windows, sheet rock to mention a few. Each apart-ment has two bedrooms and one full bathroom

Walking distance to school and downtown. Plenty of off street parking. Asking \$69,900



825: 248 Moyer Street CANAJOHARIE: Nice older home walking dis tance to the school Has updated roof, windows ctrical and vinyl siding You have 2 downstairs bedrooms, a formal dining room, large living

room, a family room with a lot of windows and carriage house cabinets in the kitchen and a full bathroom. The 3rd bedroom is an attic type. Garage is beneath the residence - a car would fit, but not an SUV. Circular driveway. And what a great yard! The lot is 133 x 162! A must see home!!! Asking \$89,900



902: PRICED RE DUCEDIII 115 F State Street, GLOVERSVILLE wo story, 4 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home conveniently located in Gloversville. A large yard that is 350 feet deep. Great for kids pets and entertaining . There is a huge living

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903: PRICED

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801: 2977 County Hwy 31, CHERRY VALLEY: This nome has a little bit of new and old Original home dates back to 1890's wtth updates – vinyl sid-ing, newer kitchen, addition with handicapped bathroom

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Townhouse living is experiencing a resurgence, and many people may be surprised to find how this lifestyle choice fits with their home ownership goals.

Townhouses are a great way to get the benefits of single-family living without all of the responsibility of having a detached property — typically at a more affordable price. Realtor.com® indicates that the median prices for townhomes and row homes in the United States in September 2016 was \$198,000.

Townhomes are now the fastest-growing segment of the single-family housing construction market, according to the National Association of Home Builders, a trade group based in Washington, D.C. According to the most recent data available, townhouse construction was up 17.8 percent between 2014 and 2015.

Although various styles of homes and apartments have their pros and cons, townhouse communities have much to offer and can be the way to go for busy professionals or people who live active lifestyles. Here is a look at some of

the benefits of living in a townhome.

# Ownership

Unlike an apartment, townhome residents own their homes and the land they're built on, according to the lifestyle resource The Nest.

# Spacious square footage

Townhouse builders are masters at maximizing interior space through innovative design. Depending on where you live, a simple search on Trulia or Zillow can yield many townhomes that boast anywhere from 1,500- to 3,000-square-foot townhomes with three or more bedrooms.

# Maintenance

Townhouse communities often collect a maintenance or homeowner's association fee each month that covers upkeep of the grounds. Depending on the area, this fee may cover the cost of leaf and snow removal, landscaping and pool maintenance. That gives homeowners more time to relax on weekends.

# Amenities

Many townhouse communities are now designed with lifestyle in mind. Modern townhouses may have tennis courts, resort-style swimming pools, fitness centers, walking trails, and children's playgrounds right on the premises. In addition to the parks and fitness areas, many of these communities have common areas and green spaces that enable residents to meet and socialize. This affords townhome residents ample opportunities to socialize.

# Proximity to town

Whether they're in the city or suburbs, townhouse communities tend to be built in booming areas that are close to trendy towns, shopping, metro hubs, and good schools.





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# **NEW LISTING \$149,000** 15 South East Ave., Johnstown



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screened in patio area & shed. Seller is willing to include TV, Boat, snowblower, lawnmower etc. with an acceptable offer

# Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season from your friends at Junell Realty LLE



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# SIMPLE HOME RENOVATIONS — SEVEN PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE RESALE VALUE

(Family Features) - Even if you have no immediate plans for leaving your home, it's a good idea to approach renovations with resale value in mind. Upgrades that are likely to appeal to future buyers protect your investment while also improving your enjoyment of the home.

One key to a successful renovation is figuring out how to personalize the space without making it so customized that it's not attractive to other potential owners. For example, eliminating a bedroom to create a giant walk-in closet may help achieve your dreams, but losing that bedroom can be a major hit to your home's value.

A good rule of thumb is to focus on aesthetics when it comes to integrating more of your personal tastes, because these can be easily changed with a coat of paint or minor work. However, that doesn't mean you can't make other, more significant changes to enhance your home.

These renovation ideas – which include both cosmetic touch-ups and more labor-intensive suggestions – can help boost your home's value.

# Open space

Older homes were often designed with a boxy, formal layout that is less conducive to most modern families' needs. Today's open floor plans offer functionality for everything from keeping an eye on the kids while making dinner to entertaining guests. This type of floor plan can also make small rooms feel larger and invite more light into darker parts of the house.

The most cost-effective way to create an open space is to remove non-load-bearing walls (load bearing walls help support the roof; while they can be removed there's typically quite a bit more time, labor and expense involved). Removing a wall may not be that complicated unless you encounter plumbing or HVAC ductwork that needs to be relocated. You'll likely have some electrical outlets to move, and both the floor

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and ceiling will need attention to remove lingering signs of the former wall

# Color change

Although paint is one of the easiest ways to personalize your home, it's also one of the least expensive, simplest ways to improve its value and appearance. A fresh coat of paint, inside or out, can create an appealing illusion of newness no matter the age of your home. For maximum resale value, stick to neutral tones so future buyers can focus on envisioning the place as their own, without the distraction of your own vibrant choices. If you don't like the thought of boring beige, consider adding accent walls for pops of color that can be easily changed down the road.

# Climate comfort

Not every aspect of home improvement is visible at first glance like a fresh coat of paint; some value-boosting upgrades are more behind the scenes. One example is climate management. If you renovate a space that needs better climate control, or if you add a new room where extending the existing ductwork is impractical, a split-ductless HVAC system may be the perfect solution. The ductless design saves HVAC contractors time during installation, therefore saving homeowners money.

# Adjustable lighting

A room's ambiance can be completely transformed with lighting. For multi-purpose rooms, an option like dimmer switches lets you customize the lighting to fit the use, which can vary throughout the day. A well-lit living room is essential for a large gathering or a small group gathered for game night. That same space can be equally inviting for an intimate conversation or a casual movie night with the lights turned down low. One of the best parts is minimal experience is needed to swap out standard switches for the more versatile

dimmers. Plus, in today's technology-driven world, there's an app for seemingly everything – including lighting. Homeowners can control the ambiance from their phones by installing smart lightbulbs and lighting strips.

# Grunge-free garage

Even though a garage's functionality is the top concern for most buyers, a dingy, unkempt space can be a real turn-off. One way to instantly brighten and refresh the space is an epoxy coating on the floor. Applying the coating is relatively easy and once dry it helps prevent unsightly stains and damage in the future. Combine that with a thorough sweeping, wiping down walls and other surfaces, and organizing the clutter to create a more inviting space you can utilize to the fullest.

# Understated elegance

Features like crown molding and other wood accents such as chair rails are elegant upgrades that can elevate a home's value with a relatively modest investment. An office or dining room is the perfect place to introduce these design elements to add a bit of formality to the space. You can also find crown molding in spaces like the living room, with the molding coordinating with built-in shelving flanking a fireplace. While getting the angles and fit just right is hardly a beginner's endeavor, it's a project that can pay dividends in the long run.

# Better bathrooms

Many homeowners approach a bathroom upgrade with big projects in mind, like swapping out the vanity, replacing the tub or installing tile flooring. However, it's possible to make a noticeable impact with much smaller changes. Simply updating bathroom fixtures and fittings such as shower heads, faucets, towel racks and lighting can transform the space with minimal effort and far less work and expense than a large-scale repoyation.



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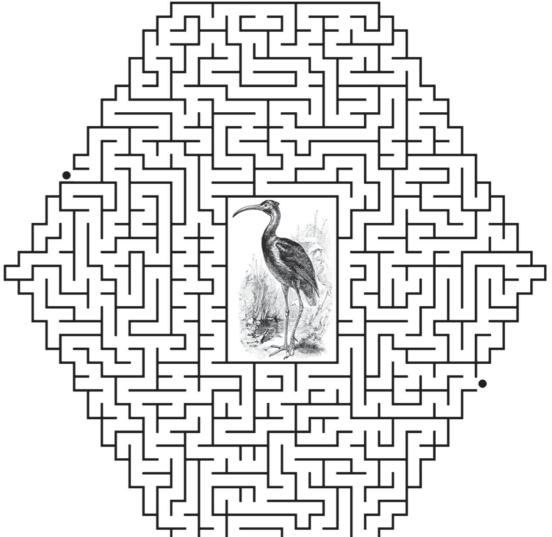
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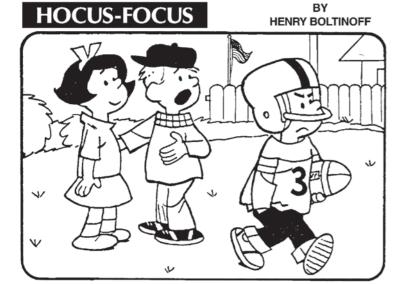
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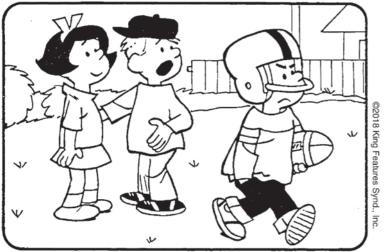
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# Clever party uses for crepe and tissue papers

Crepe paper streamers and gift bags lined with tissue paper can often be found at parties. They're certainly beautiful in these applications, but crepe paper and tissue paper can be used in many different ways to dress up event spaces or as the main components of crafts. Check out these clever ideas that can make parties even more festive.

Crepe paper puffs

Cut several strips of the same length from rolls of crepe paper. Gather the strips together and then tie in the middle using ribbon or twine. Crunch and fluff to turn the shape into a ball. Hang around the party space to coordinate with other decorative items. Make smaller ones to serve as napkin rings to really tie the look together.

## Luminaires

Use a clear glue or decoupage adhesive to stick tissue paper or crepe paper to the outside of glass vases or square candle holders. Place an LED votive inside and cast a delicate glow on the party table.

# Tissue paper pom-poms

Give partygoers a reason to cheer with these handmade pom-poms. Construct them just like the puffs above, only using longer strips of tissue paper. Wrap the ends around small dowels for handles.

## Party bunting

Cut a long strip of yarn, ribbon or twine to string across the party area. Cut several pieces of crepe paper to the desired length. Fold each crepe paper piece over the yarn and staple to hold it in place. Repeat along the length of the yarn at the desired spacing. Hang for festive flair at your next fiesta.

## Photo backdrop

Create an area where guests can pose for photos against a vibrantly hued backdrop. Place a long strip of double-sided masking tape on the wall. Cut strips of crepe paper the desired length and attach to the masking tape, slightly overlapping the edges. Repeat until you reach the end of the tape. Tape the bottom of the crepe paper to the wall so it won't fly up when guests pose. Cover the tape top to bottom with a strip of crepe paper to hide the edges, then start snapping those photos.

# Take home treats

Send guests home with a few candies wrapped in a tissue paper pouch. Cut rounds out of tissue paper and place the candy inside. Gather the tissue paper together around the candy and tie off with curling rib-



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deadline for this endeavor is Dec. 15 so that the collection can be packed and sent to the Albany VA facility and care packages sent in time for Christmas.

This year the Voluntary Services Chief at the VA facility has issued an updated list of veterans' needs, including the following: toiletries – large bottles of body wash, full size toothpaste, single toothbrushes, shaving gel (not cream), disposable razors (at least two blades), small packages of Q-tips and stick deodorant; and clothing items – new knit hats, heavy wool socks, winter gloves,

new winter coats (sizes L, XL and 2XL), new undershirts, briefs and boxers (sizes M and L), new sweatshirts and sweatpants (sizes M and L) and new thermal underwear (tops and bottoms, all sizes). All clothing must be brand new – no used items accepted.

Also needed are snack items, such as popcorn, nuts, hard candy and gum. Gift cards from Walmart, Target, Price Chopper, Hannaford, Shop-Rite, etc., will also be accepted to be used for emergency purchases of clothing and toiletries.

Care packages for our deployed soldiers will be purchased with any monetary donations received. If you wish to make a monetary donation, send a check made out to "CDA Court #1264" to Susan Everett, Treasurer, 39 Walnut St., Canajoharie, NY 13317. Thank you all for anything that you can do to help our veterans, wounded warriors and deployed military, and above all, remember them in your prayers.

For more information contact Marlene Nalli at 518.993.2837 or Kathy Walsh at 518.673.5568.

# **Strange but True**

# by Samantha Weaver

- It was way back in the 19th century that American author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau made the following sage observation: "Men have become the tools of their tools."
- If you were asked to name the U.S. state that is geographically closest to

the continent of Africa, you might be tempted to say Florida. You'd be wrong, though; the closest state is actually Maine.

- In 1938, Time magazine featured Adolph Hitler on the cover as its Man of the Year.
- If you're like most parents, at some

point you've been shocked by how quickly your kids outgrow things — especially shoes. What may be an annoyance in a developed country is a major problem in undeveloped areas of the world; Kenton Lee is working on changing that. As a volunteer in an orphanage in Kenya, he noticed that many children sport of

in Kenya, he noticed that many children had the toes cut out of their shoes just so they could fit in their growing feet. After returning home, Lee developed an adjustable sandal that can grow with a child, increasing up to five sizes using a

child, increasing up to five sizes using a system of snaps. Although the shoe is only available to nonprofits that send them to organizations in need, domestic

demand is increasing. If you're a parent

sick of buying seemingly endless pairs of new shoes, you'll be glad to hear that Lee and his team are working on a commercial version.

• It was beloved British author (and, of course, creator of Sherlock Holmes), Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who introduced the sport of skiing to Switzerland, thereby transforming that snowy country into a premier tourist destination.

Thought for the Day: "The reason that adulation is not displeasing is that, though untrue, it shows one to be of consequence enough, in one way or other, to induce people to lie." — Lord Byron

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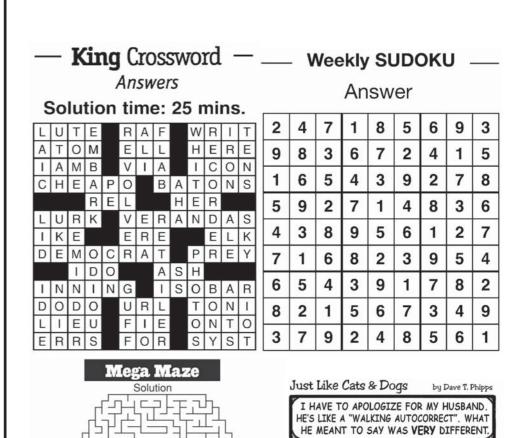
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# Stay safe this holiday season

The holiday season is an exciting time of year, and it is easy to get swept up in the decorations, crowds and social engagements. Despite the joviality and revelry of the holiday season, there is also the potential to become a target of theft. Allstate Insurance says breakins, package theft, online hacking and pick-pocketing incidences increase around this time of year. As a result, it's imperative that celebrants exercise caution come the holiday season.

# Stop the "porch pirates"

Shoppers are not the only ones eagerly awaiting the arrival of packages come the holiday season. Thieves are ready and waiting to snatch up items once they are delivered. Dubbed "porch pirates," these criminals take packages off of porches when the delivery services leave them behind. According to a study by Blink, a video security company, residents of rural areas have a higher chance of being victimized by these crimes, which can occur anywhere. A 2016 survey from InsuranceQuotes.com found that roughly one in 10 adults has had a package stolen from his or her home before they were able to open it.

To avoid such crimes, consider having packages sent to a business location where there are more people around to receive them or to a neighbor who is home all day. Other suggestions include requiring a signature through the shipping service upon deliver or requesting the package be dropped off in a concealed area.

# Be alert of your surroundings

While shopping in busy malls and other stores, keep track of the people close to you. Consider keeping credit cards and cash in an inside pocket rather than a back pocket or in a purse, which is more easily snatched. Exercise caution at ATMs, guarding PIN codes and retrieving and storing withdrawn funds quickly. When checking out at the store, ensure that your card never leaves your hand. Many retailers now have chip-imbedded card readers that enable customers to complete transactions without handing over their cards.

# Check receipts and statements

Because digital theft and identity theft spike this time of year, be sure to cross-reference purchases made against banking and credit card statements frequently. Alert banking institutions to any fraudulent purchases immediately so you will not be responsible. Then have new cards issued and prior accounts closed. Shop from secured sites, and only use secure

# Keep gifts and purchases out of sight

Do not leave bags in the back seat of a car in plain sight of thieves. Hide purchases in the trunk or under a cargo cover in an SUV or truck. Also, do not advertise what you've bought or received to thieves by leaving the empty boxes outside. That big-screen TV box is a big giveaway that you now have expensive electronics in the house



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# Are poinsettias poisonous?

Christmas trees, Santa Claus, menorahs, and glittering lighting displays are just a few of the many prominent symbols of the holiday season. And while mistletoe might garner more attention and inspire more displays of affection, poinsettias are another prominent sign that the holiday season has arrived.

Thanks to its bright red and green colors, the poinsettia is perhaps the ideal holiday plant. But as much as it suits holiday decor and seems tailor-made for that special time of year between Thanksgiving and the first of January, the poinsettia has a reputation that few plants would want.

First discovered in Mexico and brought to the United States by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the poinsettia has long been rumored to be poisonous. However, the National Capital Poison Center notes that poinsettias are not deadly. In fact, the NCPC notes that the rumor that poinsettias are deadly may have been around for more than a century, tracing its origins all the way back to a child who was found dead lying next to a poinsettia plant. The plant was blamed for the child's death, and even though that blame was misplaced, the stigma stuck. WebMD notes that others trace the false surrounding poinsettias to 1919, when parents blamed the death of their daughter, who they thought had eaten poinsettia leaves, on this ubiquitous holiday plant.

Even today, when researchers have long since proven that poinsettias

are not deadly, many people still believe they can be fatal if consumed.

The NCPC notes that, in most cases, exposure to any part of a poinsettia plant in children or pets has little, if any, effect. However, if the plant is swallowed, some people and pets may experience symptoms including nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Some who touch the plant may develop a rash after contact.

While poinsettias are not deadly, the NCPC still advises those who plan to include the plant in their holiday decor to take every measure necessary to prevent children and pets from swallowing it. Placing poinsettias beyond the reach of kids and pets is one simple way to accomplish just

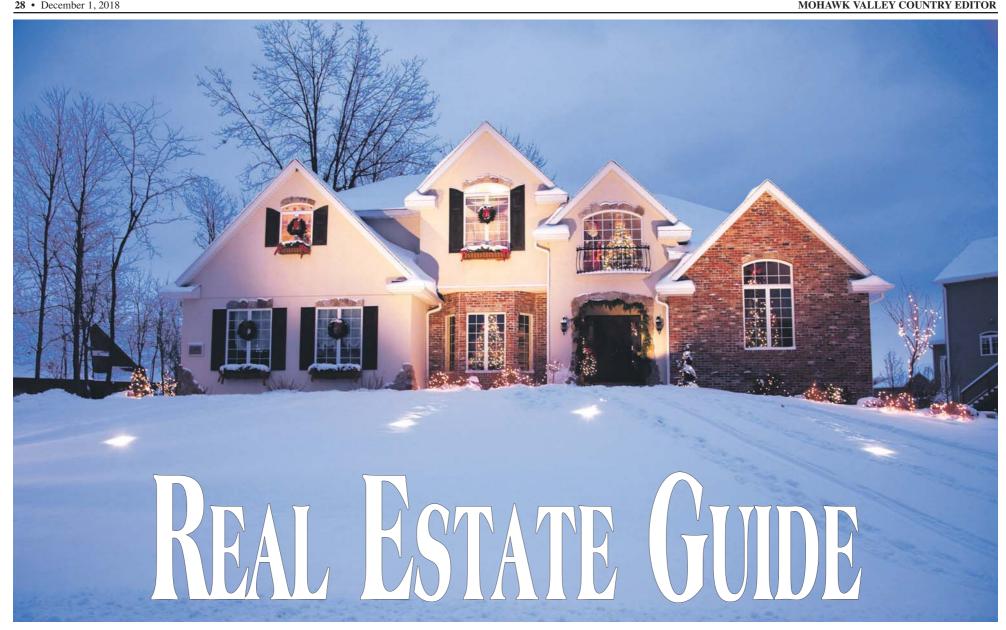
Poinsettias are seemingly everywhere come the holiday season. And because they're not fatal, celebrants can continue to display these beautiful plants that call to mind the colors of the holiday season.





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# Busted: Five of the biggest holiday myths



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If all the holiday prep and bustle is giving your inner Grinch a migraine, you may find yourself in very good company! A recent Coinstar survey, conducted among 2,000 adults by Atomik Research, uncovered some of these hidden attitudes

toward the holidays.

The findings revealed truths behind the following five myths we often cling to when it comes to the holiday season.

# Mvth #1: Regifting is in poor taste.

Many people have a secret stash tucked into drawers and stuffed way back into closets: Presents from the past they don't really want but the guilt is too strong to let them go. If you think regifting is a tacky solu-

tion to lightening the load, here's a good secret you should know. Nearly two-thirds of us (65 percent) do it anyway, according to the survey. So if you can picture your aunt's wide grin when she sees that over-the-top holiday sweater, by all means, wrap it up and give it to her. She'll commend you for your excellent taste and your holiday budget will also give a tiny gasp of relief.

Myth #2: Sticking to a holiday



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# budget is just too hard.

After past failures to make a holiday budget, you decided it's just easier to close your eyes and dive into a credit coma until January. Because it's impossible to keep up with the unexpected extras that keep popping up: added gifts, events, replacement decorations, holiday attire and food. Here's a reality check. Some 68 percent of people stick to a holiday budget. Maybe past failures can be chalked up to not having enough information to create a good plan. Look back on last year's bank and credit card statements to help you make a better plan for this year.

# Myth #3: Adding spare change to your budget doesn't add up.

These days, you think pocket change won't even cover the cost of a cup of coffee, which is why you may not be in the habit of counting on your change to fill out your holiday budget. Remember this: Most people who cash in spare change have more than they think, and according to the survey that's about \$78 on average. So don't discount the power of pocket change. Grab a container and explore the nooks and crannies of your house just to see what you find. Check handbags, car consoles, spare change jars, dresser drawers and sofa cushions. With this new cash stash, you can easily knock out an item or two on your budget.

# Myth #4: Spending time with family is what the holidays are all about.

No better occasion than the holidays to spend quality time with your family, eating a delicious meal, followed by opening gifts in the soft glow of the fireplace and twinkling lights. If picturing your extended family in this idyllic holiday scene is more than a stretch of the imagination, you're not alone. One in five people say they'd rather bow out of the family celebration. In fact, they'd prefer to spend time with friends, be alone or go to work. But for those who enjoy family time, holidays are perfect for making new memories.

# Gift-giving comes from the heart.

Ideally, every single gift is a pure expression of love and generosity from the giver, right? Wrong. You probably have a competitive gift giver in your group. And maybe it's even you! One quarter of Americans confessed to getting into an altogether different kind of holiday spirit when it comes to buying presents. They want to be the one behind the most talked-about, flashiest or best gift at the gathering. Whatever the motivation, keep on giv-







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# Dos and don'ts of holiday safety



It's the most wonderful time of the year, as long as holiday happenings go as planned. Celebrants can ensure that this joyous time of year is not marred by injury, theft or accidents by always keeping safety in mind.

DO turn off Christmas lights before going to bed or leaving home. Lights left on can overheat and cause fires. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment

was involved in two of every five home Christmas tree fires between 2011 and 2015, according to the National Fire Prevention Association.

DON'T locate a Christmas tree too close to a heating source, fireplace or lit candles, as trees can dry out and ignite.

DO extinguish candles before retiring for the night.

DON'T gift without doing research into whether or not toys are age-appropriate. Pay attention to toy recalls as well. The Consumer Product Safety Commission provides lists of recalled items.

DO roast rather than fry the holiday turkey. Burns, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning are some of the dangers associated with turkey fryers. The CPSC, which discourages the use of fryers, says there have been 168 turkey-fryer related incidents since 2002.

DON'T keep purchases in view of potential thieves. Resist putting presents under the tree until the night before Christmas. Hide large product boxes so they're not visible in the trash or recycling pickups, where thieves might look to see what's inside the house.

DO wait until after your holiday excursion to take to social media about it. Otherwise, you're simply advertising that you are not home and risking a break-in.

DON'T drive distracted or under the influence. This is a busy time of year when more people are out and about, so keep your eyes on the road at all times

DO keep poisonous plants out of reach of pets and children. These can include Jerusalem cherry, mistletoe berries and holly

DON'T locate breakable ornaments close to the bottom of the tree in reach of young children. Glass can shatter and cause serious injuries.

DO tie the Christmas tree to the car securely after purchasing it to avoid lift-off while taking it home from the lot. At home, secure the tree to the ceiling or a wall with a piece of invisible fishing line for extra security against tip overs.

DON'T underestimate the things that can and will go wrong when hosting for the holidays. Take a deep breath, assess the situation and stay calm through any hiccups.







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Remember to turn off Christmas lights before going to bed or leaving home.

# Did you know?

Nineteenth century political cartoonist Thomas Nast was among the most influential people of his time, and chances are he's still influencing the lives of millions of young people today, more than a century after his death.

In addition to his political cartoons, which historians feel are invaluable tools in helping to understand how nineteenth century Americans felt about their country's civil war, Nast created the now-iconic image of Santa Claus. Nast, who was born in 1840, created the image in 1863 after his wife read him Clement Clark Moore's poem "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." Though the image of Santa Claus has evolved from Nast's original in 1863, he is credited with forming the basis of the popular depictions of Santa that have become synonymous with the holiday sea-

# Moments in Time The History Channel

- On Dec. 8, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln offers his conciliatory plan for reunification of the United States with his Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction. It allowed for a full pardon for and restoration of property to all engaged in the rebellion with the exception of the highest Confederate officials and military leaders.
- On Dec. 6, 1933, a federal judge rules that "Ulysses" by James Joyce is not obscene. The book had been banned in both the United States and England when it came out in 1922. Three years earlier, its serialization in an American review had been cut short by the U.S. Post Office.
- On Dec. 5, 1941, John Steinbeck's nonfiction book "The Sea of Cortez" is published. The book reflects Steinbeck's serious study of marine biology. He would later use his knowledge of the sea and its creatures in creating Doc, the marine biologist in "Cannery Row" (1945).
- On Dec. 4, 1952, heavy smog begins to hover over London. Smoke, soot and sulfur dioxide from the area's industries and cars were trapped by a high-pressure air mass, leading to the deaths of at least 4,000 people, many of whom died in their sleep.
- On Dec. 3, 1967, Lewis Washkansky, 53, receives the first human heart transplant, in Cape Town,

South Africa. He was given drugs to keep his body from rejecting the heart, but died 18 days later.

• On Dec. 7, 1982, the first execution by lethal in-

• On Dec. 7, 1982, the first execution by lethal injection takes place in Texas, when Charles Brooks Jr. receives a fatal dose of a barbiturate by intravenous injection.

• On Dec. 9, 1992, nearly 2,000 U.S. Marines arrive in Mogadishu, Somalia, to spearhead a multinational force aimed at restoring order in the conflict-ridden country. In October 1993, rebels shot down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters and killed 18 American soldiers.

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# Make party hosting a breeze

Entertaining is a great way to show good will and friendship to others and to celebrate special occasions.

Many people can successfully throw parties, but hosting a great party takes a little extra effort. By following some tips, hosts can ensure their next party is one to remember.

- Stick to a theme. Many party hosts find that themes help in the planning. Themes make it easy to coordinate invitations, decor, food and music. Guests also may enjoy dressing up according to the theme.
- Start making lists. Make lists regarding which foods you plan to cook, what you need to buy, who you plan to invite and any other details that are floating around in your head. Getting things on paper and checking off the list can help keep things moving.
- Do as much you can in advance. When hosting at home, spend the day prior to the party getting the house in order and making any food if the party will not be catered. If it will be catered, confirm with the catering company the delivery time and firm up any other details. You'll be far

less frazzled if you space out your tasks than trying to squeeze them in a few hours before guests arrive.

- Expect early/late arrivals. Some people just aren't punctual. Some may leave home too early and arrive well before the party starts, while others think "fashionably late" is showing up long after the party starts. Have some easy-to-grab snacks so that early and late guests can munch while you finish your tasks.
- Stick to what you know. A dinner party or other event may not be the best time to get creative. Lean on recipes you've made before and can guarantee correct timing and flavor.
- Have a seating plan. Have ample seating available and consider assigning seats at formal affairs so guests can sit next to friends or like-minded fellow invitees.
- Spread out foods and beverages. Guests tend to bottleneck around the goodies. Ensure mingling and avoid traffic jams by having drinks and snacks in different locations.

These are just a handful of ways hosts can throw memorable parties where everyone has a good time.



**NOVEMBER 2018** 

Fort Plain Pacers: The district is once again inviting community members to walk inside the elementary school building, from now through April 30th. District residents may walk during the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on days that school is in session. There is a \$5 fee to join the Pacers, and all walkers must be registered and signin each time they enter the building. To sign up for the Fort Plain Pacers program, contact Becky in the district office by phoning 518-993-4000 #1000.

Fitness Center Open: The district is allowing residents to use the Fitness Center in the Jr/Sr High School building from now through April 30th. The Fitness Center is open from 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on days that school is in session. The cost is \$20 per month for school district residents, and \$30 per month for non-residents. Anyone aged 65 and older may use the facility at no charge. To become a Fitness Center member, contact Becky in the district office at 518-993-4000 #1000, during regular school hours.

Class of 2021 Fall Ball: The sophomore class hosted the annual High School Fall Ball on Novemer 17th. Students in grades 9-12 gathered in the school cafeteria for an evening of photos, dancing, food, and good times. The theme, "A Country Fall Ball" featured rustic decorations and beautiful autumn colors.

Health Fair 2019: The district is accepting businesses, organizations or school groups who would like to exhibit at this year's Community Health & Wellness Fair in April. Contact Lauri Broady at lauri.broady@fortplain.org to sign up, or for more information.

# Students of the Month:

Congratulations to the Students of the Month for October

the Month for October.	
Bently Dodson	Grade 1
Devin Nicolella	Grade 1
Natalee Crews	Grade 2
Sophia Rockwell	Grade 3
Aaliyah Delgado	Grade 4
Chanel Jefferson	Grade 5
Adeline Handy	Grade 6
Zachary Sanders	Grade 7
Savonna Tyler	Grade 8
Seth Rivkowich	Grade 9
Howie Kelley	Grade 10
Nata Roam	Grade 11

# **Upcoming Events:**

**Sherry Huang** 

Dec. 14 Santa's Big Trouble 7:00 p.m.

Grade 12

Capital Project Vote 1:00-9:00 Dec. 18

Dec. 24-Jan. 1 School Closed

Jan. 16 Board of Education Mtg 6:00

Jan. 21 School Closed

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# District to Hold Public Vote on Capital Project:

The Fort Plain Central School district has announced a public vote on December 18th, to support an 11.2 million dollar capital project which will address health & safety upgrades to our facilities, along with building and site maintenance & improvements. By addressing maintenance needs now, "this proposal protects the Fort Plain community's long-term investment in our school facilities. This project helps us to avoid any potentially large future expenditures," said Supertindent of Schools Dr. David Ziskin.

\*\*Health & Safety upgrades will include a new fire alarm system in both buildings, HVAC upgrades, classroom door security, kitchen updates at the elementary school, and the installation of an emergency generator at the Jr/Sr High School.

\*\*Building Maintenance and Enhancements will include roof reconstruction at both schools, outdated window replacement at the elementary school, masonry repairs, updates and floor refinishing in the Jr/Sr High School gym, expansion of the server room to accomodate growing technology infastructure, and enclosing an open maintenance area at the bus garage

\*\*Improvements to our building sites will include permanent repair of the main water/sanitation line at the elementary campus, replacing pumps at the athletic complex, reconstruction of the deteriorating track surface, paving restoration in both parking areas, and drainage reconstruction behind the transportation facility.

By completing these needed repairs, improvements, and upgrades through a capital project, 94.9% of the funding will come through bonds which are supported by state building aid reimbursement. This leaves a local share in the project of 5.1% or \$1.3 million. This local share would be funded from the district's already exisiting capital reserve fund. As a result of using these reserve funds, there is no anticipated tax increase associated with this project.

If approved, the district's project outline would be submitted to the State Education Department for approval in July 2019, go out to bid in January of 2020, and begin construction in July 2020. The total time of construction is anticipated to be 18 months.

The Capital Project Vote will be held on Tuesday, December 18th from 1:00-9:00 p.m. at the Harry Hoag Elementary School at 25 High Street, Fort Plain, NY. All district residents aged 18 and over are qualified to vote.



Elementary Drama Club presents "Santa's Big Trouble" a one-act comedy:



Starring: Chad Rogers as The ToyMaker, Andan Gomez as Sanata Claus, Isaac Clark & Jasmine Lapi as Head Elves, and Jed Douglas as Wondertoy. The show also features 14 other students and three crew members.

Friday, December 14th 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Plain Jr/Sr HS Auditorium Admission is FREE is open to all ages

Gram Lorraine Program: For nearly twenty years, the Gram Lorraine Program has been serving local families by providing deserving children of the Mohawk Valley with four items of clothing, and a toy, book or game during the holidays. For the 9th consecutive year, members of the Fort Plain School staff, along with other community members, have come together to support students in the Fort Plain area with gifts and clothing at Christmastime. Local coordinators Tara Hayes, Lori Fredericks and Julie Crouse are grateful for the outpouring of support for the many families in our community who rely on the Gram Lorraine Program to bring joy to their children's faces on Christmas morning.

# Environmental Study Team Field Trip: The High

School Environmental Study Team traveled to the Schoharie River Center on November 11th, for a presentation on invasive species. Invasive species often leave their natural enemies behind. This allows them to spread unchecked, which causes extensive damage to the local ecosystem, creates a negative impact to local economies, and presents a threat to human health. Educator Marilyn Wyman, from Cornell Cooperative Extension, presented the study team students with information about how to identify invasive species, management options, and the resources needed to remediate issues. The Fort Plain HS Environmental Study Team was joined by students from other schools in Schoharie and Montgomery Counties. They took a nature walk, sat for the presentation, and enjoyed a lunch prepared by River Center volunteers. The trip was the first of a series of projects which will also include water quality testing and the making of a video for possible inclusion on the Smithsonian Institute website. Picture below are: Owin Landry, Tucker Jones, Keagen Ford, Willow MaGinnis, and Hailey Hogan. Other EST members include: Michaela Stockwell, Bryce Thibodeau, Brady Fureno, Seth Wintermute, Grace Hoffman, Sarah Paradiso, Even Crouse, Zach Young, and Damien Young.



Fall Sports Conclude with Honors: The following students were recoginized by the NY State Western Athletic Conference, for their outstanding performance in fall sports:

Girls Soccer: Emily Abrams-1st Team All-Star and Mohawk

**Division All-Star** 

Boys Soccer: Jaxson Yacowenia - Div. Two 1st Team All-Star

Troy Butler - Div. Two 1st Team All-Star Ethan Spaulding - 2nd Team All-Star

Bryce Thibodeau - 2nd Team All-Star <u>Cross Country:</u> Sherry Huang - Girls WAC All-Star Team

Ty Perue(C) - WAC All-Star

Trevor Howard(C) - WAC All-Star

<u>Volleyball:</u> Lauren Weinberger - Hudson Division Defensive Player Honorable Mention

Sydney Shepard(C) - Hudson Division 2nd Team All-Star Kayla Mastin(C) - Hudson Division 2nd Team All-Star Football: Wide Receiver Joe Nare(C)- Central Div. 1st Team Defensive Lineman Brandon Wolfkiel(C)-Cent. Div. 1st Team