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Christmas in Canajoharie – Elves Night Out

by Rachael Takacs

The streets of Canajoharie were full of life on the night of the 16th annual Elves Night Out. Shops, churches and restaurants were open and bustling with festive activity. All this excitement began at 4:30 p.m. in the Canajoharie Post Office. This is where many lucky children got to visit Santa Claus and his elves. Hailing from the Mohawk Valley Women's Club were Deb Riley and Linda Hudyncia, Santa's assistants for the evening. Although she had been in attendance of Elves Night Out for many years, this was Riley's first time assisting the jolly man in red. She was very pleased with the attendance, and stated, "The turnout was so high that Santa was delayed getting to the tree lighting. His elves had to wait as he saw the last five or so children so he didn't disappoint anyone."

Once Santa arrived on the scene, the tree lighting commenced. Carlie Leogrand, the fourth and fifth grade chorus director, led the attendees in some traditional Christmas carols.

Many shops and community buildings were open and hosted children's activities, vendors, music and Christmas goodies to snack on. Two of these were the Canajoharie day-hab sites of Liberty ARC. Mohawk Day Hab offered punch, cupcake decorating, crafts and even a

raffle. Church Street Day Hab hosted vendors, balloon artists and story time with Santa.

CHRISTMAS 3



Gia Fatta (9) crafts a unique Christmas ornament at the Canajoharie Youth Center.



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The elves of Lee's Shops at Wagner Square included (L - R) sales associate Anne Mekeel, elf Jayden Johnson, Buddy the Elf (Brandon Johnson), elf Lizzy Prime, elf Ashlynn Johnson, manager Janet Lee Stanley, elf Rachel Christman and assistant manager Darcie Lee Johnson.

Photos by Rachel Takacs

CHRISTMAS from 2

Shelby Colegrove from Shelby's Sweets and Treats was one such vendor. She was selling baked goods handmade with lots of love. She stated the importance of shopping locally. "There

were a lot of community members out supporting all the local businesses and vendors. It was nice to see. Supporting local and independent businesses is important to help a community grow,"

CHRISTMAS 4



Chelsea Snyder (15) displays handcrafted reindeer made by the girls of Girl Scout Troop 2040.



Santa Claus poses with Tyson Becker (5) at the Canajoharie Post Office.

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On New Year's Eve, 'Rocket into 2019' at the Fort Plain Free Library

FORT PLAIN – Launch into the new year with the Fort Plain Free Library on Dec. 31 as the library hosts children's activities during the Fort Plain Last Night Celebration coordinated by the Fort Plain Community

Activity Council.

Children and their families are invited to the library to kick off the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing. "Rocket into 2019" with a children's party that's out of this world. In addition to a "space travel photo shoot," there will be music, button making, galactic art and refreshments. The activities at the 19 Willett St. library run from 5 - 8 p.m.

The kids' party at the library is one of many events scheduled to take place in Fort Plain on New Year's Eve. A chicken barbecue will start the day off in the entertainment tent from noon until sold out. From 6 p.m. to midnight, entertainers slated to perform at various venues during the evening include Mickey Boslet, the Delnero Family Band, the Spike Brown Band and the Alex, Jim and Jan Band.

Other entertainment in the village includes a scavenger hunt, "Mohawk Valley Has Talent," hay rides, DJs, teenagers' activities (including a dance) at the fire hall, a gigantic fireworks display and a mini Times Square with fire pits, the midnight countdown and ceremonial ball drop. Several venues offer food for purchase, and the Masonic Lodge will be open for refreshments and tours of their museum.

There will be a free will offering at each venue. Donations in support of the event and the fireworks are gratefully accepted.

For more information about the library's New Year's Eve activities, call 518.993.4646. The Fort Plain Free Library is located at 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Follow the library on Facebook for updates.



CHRISTMAS from 3

she said.

In another part of town, Lee's Shops at Wagner Square was bustling with activity. Shopkeeper Janet Lee Stanley and her group of eleven helpers were hard at work assisting shoppers and making Christmas magic. This was their second Elves Night Out, and it was a huge success according to Stanley. "We saw a lot of familiar faces as well as first timers," she said. "Some of my regular customers who live out of the area participated in Elves Night Out too, which brought some new shoppers into the mix! Elves Night Out is one of the chamber's best community events and we are very proud of it."

A newcomer to Elves Night Out as well as a recent addition to the community is Berean and Bean, a coffee shop run by the Reverend Matt Draffon and his wife Teresa. Draffon is the reverend of the Reformed Church of Canajoharie and he explained, "Berean and Bean is a ministry station for the Reformed Church of Canajoharie. The goal is to provide a place for the community to gather. We have availability for meetings. We also have different ministry opportunities that we put on here mostly in the evening. We also have an open coffee shop which is free-will donation." He added that they opened Berean and Bean with the hopes to create a safe place for people to talk and to enjoy some coffee. Berean and Bean hosted a basket raffle and 50/50 ticket, both of which were very successful.

Near the end of the night, Santa could be found at the Canajoharie Library and Art Gallery along with another very special guest. Sara James – Miss Montgomery County – was there for the very first time. She was serving hot chocolate and cookies to visitors. James and Santa helped to provide the perfect ending to the night for all the children in attendance.

A Community Conversation

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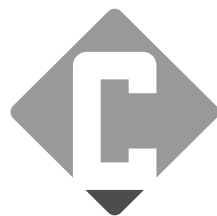
**Facilitated By: Mark Kilmer, President/CEO
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This initial conversation is intended to be the first step among stakeholders to share ideas, concerns and possible solutions towards creating a community wide initiative of ongoing strategic planning.

Our goal is to build consensus in an effort to move the community forward positively and productively while recognizing it will require extensive, active participation.

All are welcome; you do not have to be a business owner or a member of the chamber to attend.

Comments and questions, which will be used as talking points for the discussion, may be emailed to chamberprez13452@yahoo.com or mailed to PO Box 144, St. Johnsville, NY 13452



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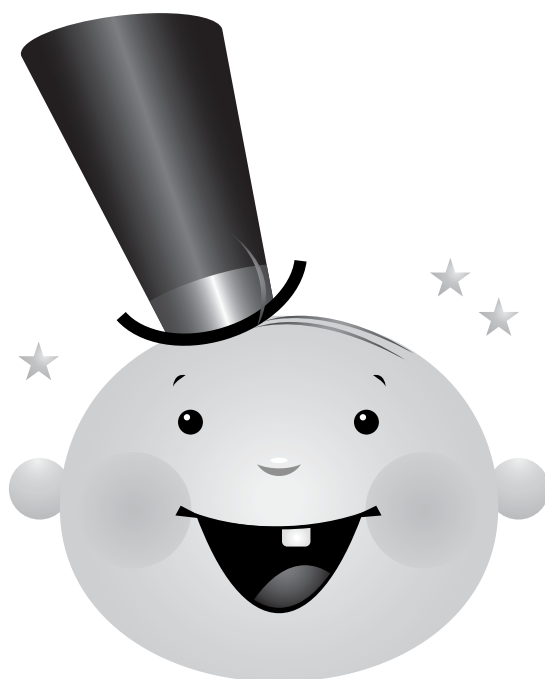
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A Merry Colonial Christmas at Fort Klock

by Rachael Takacs

It may have been a rainy Sunday afternoon at Fort Klock, but spirits were cheery and festive. Adults and children alike gathered in the cozy colonial building to warm up, have delicious holiday treats and visit with the many colonial reenactors there that day.

One of these reenactors was chairman of the Fort Klock Historic Restoration Committee, Robert Metzger. He portrayed none other than Saint Nicholas himself, which is a role that he has played for four years. Metzger stated that the legend of Saint Nicholas began in Turkey, and then explained why his attire was far different from the traditional Santa Claus. "He [Saint Nicholas] was actually a

bishop and this would be proper attire for a bishop."

Metzger and his assistant passed out unique and personalized ornaments to the children and listened to what they desired most for Christmas. Guests visiting Saint Nicholas were also treated to live music featuring the Liaisons Plaisantes. They entertained the guests with festive renditions of 18th century colonial Christmas carols.

In another part of the building were reenactors Lisa Emden and Mary Brewster, both members of the Fort Klock Historic Restoration Committee. Brewster was relaxing by the roaring fire while telling stories of Saint Nicholas to the children passing through. Emden

was behind the counter selling old-fashioned candy, pewter figurines, magnets and other treasures.

Emden spoke about the many unique experiences one can have at Fort Klock. "We have several events during the course of our open season from mid-May to Columbus Day. We have the Hammer In at the opening on Memorial Day. We have the Fourth of July celebration, along with the Strawberry Festival. In August we have the Young Pioneers Program for three days, for ages eight through 12. We accept 20 young pioneers. And then, of course, in September we have our craft fair and we have a Stone Soup concert. Then

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Lisa Emden mans the counter at the Fort Klock gift shop.



Steve Gurzler hammers out a six-penny nail in the blacksmith shop.

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The invention of this particular Mason jar came from John Landis Mason in 1858. But the glass jar itself wasn't his invention. It was the zinc screw-top lid. This lid also included a rubber ring to create an air-tight

seal. The glass jar, which was better than the metal containers previously used, was also well received by consumers since jar contents were visible.

This jar is quart sized. It was the common size for

canning for many years.

The biggest downside to the zinc lid was that it came in contact with the preserved food. This contact often gave a metallic taste to the food.

The mason jar pictured is from the 1900s. Usually, these jars are marked with a cursive "Ball." The block lettering was only used during this time period.

Mason's invention was patented in 1858 but the patent expired in 1979. This left room for other inventors to come in and alter the design.



Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?
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KLOCK from 8

we have Saint Nicholas Day!"

In the blacksmith shop, Steve Gurzler was hard at work demonstrating how to make six-penny nails. Gurzler has been a blacksmith at Fort Klock for around 30 years. "It's always a nice event!" he exclaimed. "It's always fun hanging out with the other blacksmiths and making stuff."

For more information on Fort Klock, the restoration committee and the events and programs they offer visit www.fortklockrestoration.org.



Kai (11) and his sister Ella Jones (7) pose with Saint Nicholas.

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Mary Brewster reads the story of Saint Nicholas to Tyler Sprague (12) and Kenza Boussalham (4).

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Photo courtesy of Laurie Weingart, Real Estate Broker

Ten early signs of Alzheimer's disease

Change plays a big role in the aging process. As adults age, both their minds and bodies undergo changes.

The changes associated with aging are not uniform. Some people may experience small changes as they inch toward and ultimately pass retirement age, while others may undergo changes that affect nearly every aspect of their lives.

Cognitive decline is the type of age-related change that can have a dramatic impact on a person's life, affecting his or her ability to live independently. A general term used to describe symptoms associated with a decline in memory or thinking skills such as judgment and reasoning, dementia is often mistaken as a normal part of aging. However, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America notes that dementia-related illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease, are not a normal part of aging.

Because many people associate memory loss with

aging, they may be compelled to accept some of the early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's as mere byproducts of growing older. However, the Alzheimer's Association urges men and women to report any of these 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's to their physicians the moment they're noticed. Family members who notice these signs in their relatives also should report them to their loved ones' physicians.

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life: Examples of this symptom include forgetting recently learned information; forgetting important dates and events; and asking for the same information over and over.

2. Challenges in planning or solving problems: Someone exhibiting this symptom may have trouble following a recipe or paying monthly bills.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home at work or at leisure: Forgetting the rules of a favorite game or experiencing trouble driving to a familiar location are some examples of this symptom.

4. Confusion with time or place: People with Alzheimer's lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time.

5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships: Some people with Alzheimer's have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing: Difficulty joining or continuing a conversation and calling things by the wrong name are some examples of this symptom.

7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps: People with Alzheimer's sometimes put things in unusual places and then cannot retrace their steps to find those things.

8. Decreased or poor judgment: Poor judgment and decision-making often affects people with Alzheimer's.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities: People with this symptom may begin to withdraw from favorite activities or avoid being social because of the changes they're experiencing.

10. Changes in mood and personality: Mood changes affect people with Alzheimer's, who may become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful, or anxious.

Learn more about Alzheimer's disease at www.alz.org.

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 29

Country Hoe Down at the Amsterdam Elks Lodge 101 located on 8 Fourth Avenue, Amsterdam, NY. Linda Lee & the Foxcreek Band play from 4-8 p.m. with a variety of music, including some square dancing! \$10 admission at the door. Doors open at 3 p.m. Free munchies and food for purchase. Cash Bar. Cowboy hats encouraged. For more information call Michelle Egelston at 518-339-2260.

Dec 31

Rocket Into 2019. 5-8 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Kids party with music, food, button making, galactic art, space travel and a photo shoot. Help kick off the

50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing. For more information about the library's New Year's Eve activities, please call 518.993.4646.

Dec 31

Fort Plain to host Gala Last Night Celebration. The Village of Fort Plain, under the directorship of the Fort Plain Community Activity Council, is hosting the event Dec. 31, 2018. Current updates will be found at the Fort Plain Community Activity Council Facebook page. Call the village office at 518.993.4271 for more information.

Jan 19

Canajoharie Forest, Fish and Game Association Rabbit Hunt. Jan 19.

Registration due by Jan. 18. 5-8 p.m.

Feb 8

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Carbon Monoxide: Know the hazards

Montgomery County Public Health wants everyone to be warm this winter, but we also want you to be safe while heating your homes during these cold, winter months ahead.

Every year, many people get sick or die due to carbon monoxide poisoning from alternate heating sources. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that can kill you in minutes. It is invisible, tasteless, odorless and non-irritating. Carbon monoxide is produced from burning fuels such as wood, oil, natural gas, propane, gasoline and kerosene.

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

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

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

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

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

- Never use a portable generator, gas or charcoal grill or portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, building or shed.

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

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

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

Working carbon monoxide detector alarms provide you and your family with warning signals and critical time to escape your house in case of a carbon monoxide inci-

dent. Place carbon monoxide alarms in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. Test all alarms every month to make sure they are working properly.

If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Get out of the building and into fresh air.
- Call the fire department from outside the building.
- Call the gas company

from outside the building.

- Call 911 if you or someone else is experiencing symptoms, or take the ill person to the emergency room. Tell the physician you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

Don't let having a carbon monoxide detector give you all the security you need to be safe. Preventing the problem is better than relying on an alarm.

New Year's resolutions are made every January, and many people use this tradition as a chance to declare their intention to change jobs in the year ahead. The reasons why people change jobs vary, but the most popular reason to do so might surprise you.

According to a LinkedIn survey of more than 10,000 people who recently changed jobs, 45 percent of respondents

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indicated they changed jobs due to a lack of opportunities for advancement with their previous employers. The next most popular reason to switch jobs was dissatisfaction with the leadership of senior management.

Employers may be surprised to learn that dissatisfaction with compensation was relatively low on the list of why people changed jobs, as just 34 percent of respondents

listed that among the top reasons why they left their old jobs. While that may encourage employers to find ways other than pay increases to keep their employees happy, it's also important to note that the LinkedIn survey found that money was the second most popular reason job switchers, 74 percent of whom received higher salaries at their new jobs, chose their new positions.

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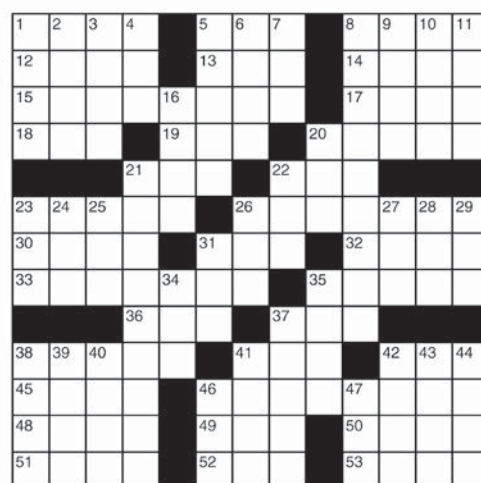


Differences: 1. Lamp is missing. 2. Ear flap is smaller. 3. Sign is different. 4. Number is different. 5. Pocketbook is missing. 6. Wreath is missing.

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King Crossword**ACROSS**

- 1 Trumpet
5 Recipe meas.
8 Arduous journey
12 Reed instrument
13 Pussy-Cat's partner
14 Present
15 Freebie
17 Wedding symbol
18 "Golly!"
19 Illuminated
20 Actor Tommy Lee
21 Automaton, for short
22 Not many
23 Strictly — nous
26 Excise
30 Old Italian money
31 Godfather's address
32 Greet silently
33 Abandon the nest
35 Gold measure
36 Child
37 Whatever number
38 Caesar, for one
41 Saturnian saucer?
42 Locate
45 Cabbage salad
46 Hidden pas-

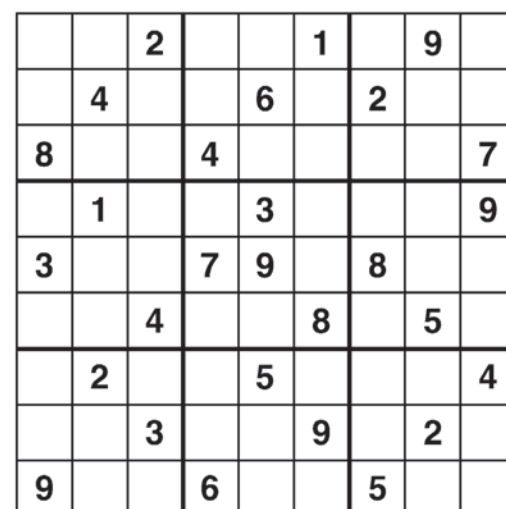


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49 Rowing need
50 Foundation
51 Annoyingly slow
52 Definite article
53 Picnic invaders
7 Thickness
8 Disposable
9 Check
10 Sea eagle
11 Small barrels
16 Burn aid
20 Lustrous black
21 Made to come apart easily
22 Merriment
23 Sprite
24 Zero
25 Have a go at
26 Coquettish
27 Series of skirmishes
28 Actress
29 Still
31 Pop
34 Victory
35 Recognize
37 Earlier, in verse
38 Answer an invite
39 Hodgepodge
40 Halloween purchase
41 Hexagonal state
42 Former ugly duckling
43 Bridge position
44 Spud's buds
46 Drunkard
47 Lawyers' org.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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RIDDLE CARD

- How do locomotives hear?
- What nut is like a sneeze?
- What fish is definitely out of place?
- What can be right but never wrong?
- Why is the letter "N" like a pig?



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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A PAR FIVE PUZZLE!

Solve these five word puzzles and win the Junior Whirl Word Open! In this type of puzzle, you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed PUTT to SINK in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

- HAND to PICK
- JUTE to MILL
- SLIP to KNOT
- MILE to POST
- SLOB to NEAT

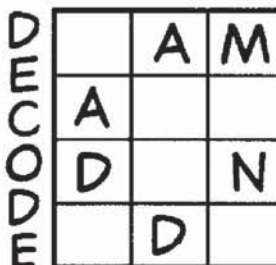
A PERFECT PUZZLERS' BREAKFAST! Can you solve this AlphaMath puzzle before our order comes? You must replace the letters in the menu with the digits 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.



Our Answer: H=8, A=7, M=3, N=9, D=2, E=1, G=6, S=5. (873 + 792 = 1665).

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DECODE." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across): Dam, ace, den, odd. (Down): Dado, aced, mend.



Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers:
1. HAND, HANK, HACK, PACK, PICK.
2. JUTE, MUTE, MITE, MILE, MILL.
3. SLIP, SNIP, SNIT, KNIT, KNOT.
4. MILE, PILE, POLE, POSE, POST.
5. SLOB, SLOT, SLAT, SEAT, NEAT.

Moments In Time The History Channel

• On Jan. 4, 1785, the older of the two Grimm brothers, Jacob, is born in Hanau, Germany. His brother Wilhelm is born the following year. As young men, the brothers published "Children's and Household Tales," later known as "Grimm's Fairy Tales," in several volumes between 1812 and 1822.

• On Dec. 31, 1879, in the first public demonstration of his incandescent light bulb, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison lights up a street in Menlo Park, NJ. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company ran special trains to Menlo Park in response to public enthusiasm over the event.

• On Jan. 5, 1933, construction begins on the Golden Gate Bridge, as workers began excavating 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt for the structure's huge anchorages. The bridge officially opened on May 27, 1937, the longest bridge span in the world at the time.

• On Jan. 1, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issue a declaration, signed by representatives of 26 countries,

called the "United Nations." The signatories vowed to create an international postwar peacekeeping organization.

• On Jan. 2, 1962, an appearance by the Weavers on NBC's "The Jack Paar Show" is canceled when band members refuse to sign an oath of political loyalty. The folk group saw their careers nearly destroyed by the anti-communist Red Scare of the early 1950s.

• On Jan. 6, 1975, some members of a large crowd in line to buy tickets to the rock band Led Zeppelin break into the Boston Garden arena and cause \$50,000 in damage. In response, Boston's mayor Kevin H. White bans the band from Boston for five years.

• On Jan. 3, 1987, the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame admits its first female artist, Aretha Franklin. Since then female inductees have included the Supremes, Janis Joplin and the Shirelles.

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E-cigarettes (vaping) has become very popular with young people, the use has grown dramatically within the last five years.

According to the Surgeon General in 2014, almost two and a half million middle and high school students were exposed to e-cigarette ads in stores, internet, TV, movies and magazines. Unfortunately, glorifying the use of their products contributes to an increase use of vaping among youth. Today, more high school students use e-cigarettes than regular cigarettes, and more high school students are using e-cigarettes than adults are.

Adolescent years are times of important brain development. Brain development begins during the growth of the fetus in the womb and continues through childhood and to about age 25. Nicotine exposure during this time can cause addiction and harm the brain during development.

E-cigarettes are devices that heat a liquid into an aerosol that the users inhale, the liquid usually contains nicotine and flavoring in it, along with other additives. The nicotine, just like in regular cigarettes is addictive and is considered a tobacco product. No matter how nicotine is delivered, it is harmful for youth

and young adults. Exposing the respiratory system to these potential harmful chemicals could have lifelong results.

You, the parent can influence your child's decision about use of e-cigarettes or cigarette smoking. Be clear you don't approve of them smoking or the use of e-cigarettes. Explain the risk of nicotine addiction, effects it may have on the body especially if you yourself used tobacco and can relate to the issue.

For more information please visit <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/> or www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm.

Good Housekeeping

Bagel Breakfast Bake

- 4 "everything" bagels, toasted and chopped
- 6 large eggs
- 2 cup milk
- 4 ounce Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 4 slices cooked bacon, finely chopped
- 4 green onions, sliced, plus more for garnish
- 1. Arrange bagels in 2- to 2 1/2-qt. baking dish.
- 2. In large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, cheese, bacon, 4 sliced green onions, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Pour over bagels, pressing down slightly to submerge. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or up to overnight.
- 3. Heat oven to 350 F. Uncover dish and bake 45 to 55 minutes until set.
- 4. Let cool 15 minutes before serving; garnish with green onion. Makes 6 servings.

* Nutrition: About 385 calories, 21g protein, 39g carbs, 16g fat (7g sat), 2g fiber, 805mg sodium.

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by Lucie Winborne

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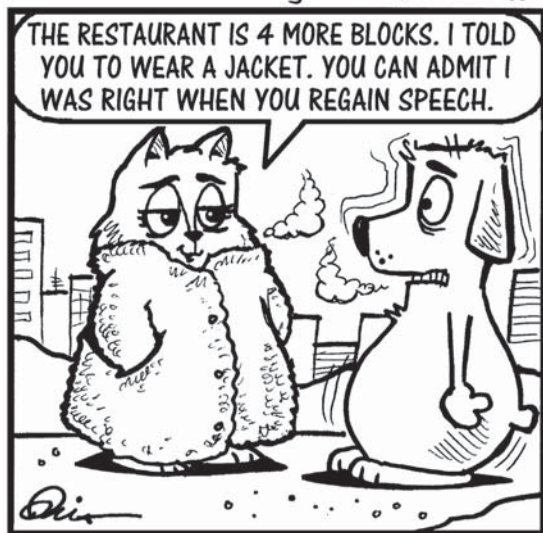
— **King Crossword** —
Answers

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



**"Ring out the old,
ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells,
across the snow:
The year is going,
let him go;
Ring out the false,
ring in the true."**

~ Alfred Tennyson

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A Stone Arabia relic



Not long after I came to the Nellis Farm at Stone Arabia in August 1948, I first entered the building called the shop. The building was originally an ice house before the first electric refrigeration came to the farm. Now it was a place to go if something broke and you needed a nut, bolt, nail or screw to do the repair. A vise and anvil were there also in case they were needed. An unusual cupboard was nailed to the north wall. It was 18 3/4 inches high by 30 3/4 inches wide and 8 3/4 inches deep. There were no doors on the cupboard. It was divided into 34 small pigeonholes, one large drawer and one small drawer. The cupboard was well built of thin boards, some of which had been used before. Those were once part of an agricultural advertising sign reading “Champion Mowers and Reapers Sold by ____.” It was the same type of sign found in the old England blacksmith shop a mile or so to the south. Those in the old cupboard probably came from the blacksmith and wagon shop near the upper corners. The cupboard was painted a green color now faded and alligatored.

At the time I first saw the cupboard it held small screws, parts and other things that deserved a special place so they did not get lost. The question was, just what was the original use of this strange cupboard? The question was answered by my father-in-law Benjamin S. Nellis. He said it was the Stone Arabia Post Office. Little was thought about the Stone Arabia relic at the time. Years later, when I took the shop building down to build the new garage, I carefully saved the Stone Arabia Post Office. It was stored away for many more years before questions again arose regarding the old Post Office's important job in a time long ago. What path the Post Office took from active service to a Stone Arabia workshop is unknown. It was discovered that the Post Office in Stone Arabia was opened on Oct. 27, 1830 and closed May 31, 1907. My father-in-law's mother was a member of the Schults family. A very important and influential family who may have owned the hotel or other building where present Stone Arabia Road crossed State Route 10. Helen Nellis and her great-nephew Joseph Van Heusen interviewed Manley Shults in 1995. He stated that he lived on that corner when he was a boy and until he went to high school. Manley was in his 80s when the interview took place. This puts the Shults family near or in the building where the Post Office was located at the time it was closed. Earl Shults was my father-in-law's uncle. He owned the farm where the Post Office relic was later found until it was sold to the Nellis family just prior to the Depression. Thus the question of its removal and by whom is nearer answered. We have accurately followed the path of the old Post Office for the 60 years I have known about it and hopefully back to a time when it bulged with the mail for the residents of old Stone Arabia.

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Stone Arabia

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Celebrate safely this New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is a time to celebrate. But for hundreds of people each year, the week between Christmas and New Year's Day proves fatal.

According to fatality data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over the last five years an average of 300 people died in drunk driving fatalities between Christmas and New Year's Day. Holiday celebrations, and New Year's Eve festivities in particular, tend to include alcohol, raising the stakes during this festive yet too often fatal time of year.

The sobering statistics provided by the NHTSA don't have to prevent people from toasting a new year. In fact, there are many ways to have fun this New Year's Eve without putting yourself in harm's way.

- Don't overindulge in alcohol. For many people, overindulging in alcohol is part and parcel during New Year's Eve celebrations. Such behavior puts everyone at risk, even people who don't drive. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, conservative estimates suggest that roughly one-half of sexual assaults on American women involve alcohol consumption by the perpetrator, victim or both. While alcohol and its relationship to traffic fatalities draw the bulk of the attention on New Year's Eve, even people who don't intend to drive should recognize the dangers of overindulging in alcohol and drink responsibly.

- Arrange for transportation. If you need a car to get around on New Year's Eve and plan to drink alcohol, arrange for someone else to do your driving for you. Groups of friends should choose someone to be their designated driver or pool their money and hire a taxi or bus service for the night so no one who's been drinking gets behind the wheel. The NHTSA even offers a free app called SaferRide that is compatible with Apple and Android devices and enables users to call a taxi or a friend to be picked up.

- Host responsibly. Even people who don't intend to leave their homes can take steps to make New Year's Eve safer for everyone. If you're hosting a party at home, do so responsibly, making sure none of your guests overindulge and making the party less about drinking and more about having fun. Shift the focus

from toasting drinks to games and activities that don't include alcohol. Make sure to have plenty of food and nonalcoholic beverages on hand and encourage people who are drinking to eat full meals and drink water throughout the night. People who fill up on food and water during the party may feel full, which may discourage them from having extra drinks. While many people will expect to drink alcohol on New Year's Eve, don't stock up on too much alcohol, the availability of which may encourage guests to overindulge. Hosts also should keep the phone numbers of local taxi services handy just in case some guests cannot drive themselves home safely.

New Year's Eve should be as festive as possible. Celebrating responsibly can ensure everyone has a fun and safe time.

Happy New Year!

Comfort Foods Made Fast and Healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

These chocolate treats are so yummy – enjoy a couple of these without guilt!

S'more Cake Brownies

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Sugar substitute to equal 3/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 cup fat-free yogurt

1/3 cup fat-free mayonnaise

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3/4 cup water

1 cup miniature marshmallows

6 tablespoons purchased graham cracker crumbs

1/4 cup mini chocolate chips

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-by-13-inch cake pan with butter-flavored cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar substi-

tute, cocoa, baking soda and baking powder. In a medium bowl, combine yogurt, mayonnaise, vanilla extract and water. Add liquid mixture to dry mixture. Mix gently just to combine.

3. Spread batter evenly into prepared cake pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Evenly sprinkle marshmallows over top of partially baked brownies.

4. In a small bowl, combine cracker crumbs and chocolate chips. Sprinkle crumb mixture evenly over top. Continue baking for 10 to 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

5. Place cake pan on a wire rack and let set for at least 10 minutes. Cut into 16 brownies. Makes 8 (2 each) servings.

* Each serving equals: 170 Calories, 2g Fat, 4g Protein, 34g Carb., 352mg Sodium, 2g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fat

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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 sign in 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.

Buddy Bench Campaign: The Elementary Student Council is continuing to accept donations to their “Buddy Bench” campaign. The bench will be placed on the playground, and any student who is feeling left-out and needs a buddy to play with can sit there. This will be a universal sign to students that someone is feeling lonely and they should show compassion and kindness by going to sit or play with them. Donations may be made to “Fort Plain Elementary Student Council” and sent to Michelle Hext at Fort Plain CSD, 25 High St, Fort Plain, NY 13339

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.broaday@fortplain.org to sign up, or for more information.

Substitutes Needed: The district is actively seeking substitutes in the areas of school bus drivers, cleaners, and food service workers. To apply, submit an application, letter of interest and three letters of recommendation. Applications are available online at www.fortplain.org.

Students of the Month:
Congratulations to the Students of the Month for November:

Oliver Parkinson	Grade K
Laylah Hardett	Grade 1
Jazmain Leonard	Grade 2
Daija Suits	Grade 3
Caitlyn Stephens	Grade 4
Constance Narzyski	Grade 5
Marionna Stephens	Grade 7
Andra Fuhs	Grade 8
Erin Crouse	Grade 9
Kris Clapper	Grade 10
Michaela Stockwell	Grade 11
Quinn Jones	Grade 12

Public Approves Capital Project: Residents of the Fort Plain Central School district voted on December 18th, to approve an 11.2 million dollar capital project which will address health and safety upgrades, building and site maintenance, and improvements. Some of the needed work will include a new fire alarm system, HVAC upgrades, security updates, 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, masonry repairs, and floor refinishing in the Jr/Sr High School gym. Scheduled site improvements 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 and drainage reconstruction behind the transportation facility. Project construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2020. Of the positive vote, Superintendent of Schools Dr. David Ziskin said, “The Fort Plain community has once again demonstrated its strong support for our schools, by approving the proposed Health, Safety and Infrastructure Capital Project. The project is a wise long-term investment that will maintain our school facilities in the most fiscally advantageous manner for our local taxpayers. Thank you again to the taxpayers of the Fort Plain CSD, for your continued support of the children of Fort Plain and their schools.”

Student Council Organizes Troop Drive: Members of the Jr/Sr High School recently collected items for military men and women stationed at Al Asad Airbase in western Iraq. The student council was contacted by SSgt. Samuel Hoffman, a member of the Fort Plain High School class of 2012. SSgt. Hoffman is a member of the Combat Christmas Party Committee, which was tasked with putting together a celebration for the 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group. The Student Council immediately began collecting donations of food and comfort items, putting together eight full boxes of items and sending them by mail to reach the airbase in time for the holidays. The student council thanks everyone who contributed toward making the holidays a bit brighter for the many soldiers stationed so far from home.

Band Teacher Provides Holiday Spirit: Throughout December, district Band Director, Mr. Pete DiBiase, played holiday tunes for the elementary students in the cafeteria before school in the morning. The students truly appreciated the festive breakfast atmosphere, singing along with familiar tunes, applauding with gusto, and thanking “Mr. D” for making their mornings more “merry and bright!” Thank you Mr. DiBiase!



Holiday Events at the Jr/Sr High: Several programs and events took place during the month of December at the Jr/Sr High School. The student council hosted Spirit Week, with students wearing themed clothing each day - including Flannel Shirt & Jeans Day, Pajama Day, and American Pride. The lobby was filled with Christmas Trees, with each class decorating their own tree with a special design of their own. A non-perishable food drive was held, with the boxed and canned goods being donated to the Fulmont Center, to be used for holiday meal baskets and other food pantry needs. The students also enjoyed sending “Candy Cane Grams” to their friends, having a pep rally to kick off the winter sports season, and experiencing their annual concert from the band “Flame”. “Flame” is a touring band from the Lexington Chapter of The ARC New York, which is a private, non-for-profit agency supporting people with disabilities and their families. The band is comprised entirely of differently-abled adults, “spreading hope and inspiration through music.”

Local Students Benefit from Holiday Giving: MVP Healthcare and United Way of Montgomery County recently distributed warm, winter coats to elementary school students in five districts, including Fort Plain. Employees and community members donated coats of all colors, styles and sizes, to benefit any student with a need for keeping warmer in the cold weather. Additionally, Harry Hoag students received hats, mittens and scarves which had been collected at the NBT Bank during October and November. Finally, Solitude Lake Management conducted a company-wide outreach program and raised money to donate ten \$25 Price Chopper gift cards, so that Fort Plain School District families could purchase some needed items to contribute towards a holiday dinner in their home. The district’s students and families are grateful for all of this holiday giving, bringing some much-needed cheer at this special time of year.

Technology Students Visit HVCC: On Monday, November 26th, Fort Plain High School technology students traveled to Hudson Valley Community College in Troy to tour the Automotive Technology, Manufacturing Technology and Electrical Technology programs. Hudson Valley Community College offers 85 degree and certificate programs, and provides technology students with many Associates Degree opportunities, in areas such as: Agricultural Technology, Civil Engineering, Drafting, Construction, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical Line Worker Technology. Fort Plain’s technology students were able to witness the college classes working with hands-on projects, listen to some of the instruction, and receive an overview of the many opportunities available to them as students who are interested in the many fields of technology and engineering.

Harry Hoag School Talented & Gifted Program: The Elementary Talented & Gifted Program for this school year features many new and exciting activities for students in grades 3-6. A cast and crew of 22 fifth and sixth graders recently presented the play “Santa’s Big Trouble” as members of the Performance Drama Club. In addition, 4th and 5th graders will have an opportunity this spring to participate in drama and acting skills activities, and perform small skits as they prepare to perform on the stage in the future. “TaG” is a program for 5th and 6th grade students, with activities focusing around STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Sessions this year include: Crystal Growing, Solve This! Technology Experiments, Fun With Math, and Young Architects. “TaG Jr.” is a group of 3rd and 4th grade students, who will complete activities related to the earth and our environment. Sessions will include Recycling as Art, and Window Flower Gardens. All of the Elementary Talented & Gifted Program activities are held on select Tuesdays or Thursdays after school. Schedules and permission slips will be provided to the families of students who signed up.

8th Grade Families Tackle the Escape Room: The annual 8th Grade Family Math Night was held this fall, with students and their families coming together to enjoy math activities in a fun and festive atmosphere. The families were treated to dinner and desserts, before being placed into groups to tackle the “Escape Room.” The groups worked to solve math clues, which would lead to their eventual “escape” from a designated classroom. The first families to successfully solve the puzzles were rewarded with freshly-baked pumpkin pies! All of the students and families had a great time putting their math skills to the test, and reminding themselves that math can indeed be fun!



Upcoming Events:

Dec. 24-Jan. 1	School Closed
Jan. 16	Board of Education Mtg 6:00
Jan. 21	MLK Jr. Day: School Closed
Jan. 22-Jan. 25	Regents Exams
Feb. 1	Jr/Sr HS Report Cards Mailed
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day