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According to the Library of Congress, it's hard to pinpoint exactly why Valentine's Day is celebrated on Feb. 14, though the date might have ties to the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia. Lupercalia was a spring festival celebrated each year on Feb. 15. The holiday was moved to Feb. 14 after the spread of Christianity. The Christian faith had several early

martyrs named Valentine, and each of them were celebrated with a saint day on Feb. 14.

But the unique history of Valentine's Day and its association with Feb. 14 as well as its romantic sentiments does not end there. The Library of Congress also notes that, in the Middle Ages, people believed birds selected their mates on Feb. 14. As a result, it was not uncommon for lovers to recite prose to one another on this date.



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Food Sense is a food co-op program offered through the Food Bank of Central New York and local non-profits. There are no restrictions - if you eat - you qualify!

Registration sites for the community Food Sense Program are as follows:

Ilion: First Presbyterian Church, 90 Morgan St. Ilion. Beginning Monday, Feb. 4 to Friday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Old Forge: Nicolls Memorial Presbyterian Church, 228 Crosby Blvd., Beginning Friday, Feb. 1 through Thursday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delivery date for both sites is Friday, Feb. 22.

The projected list of foods for the February Food Sense package includes: Pork Tenderloin, 1.7 lbs. (avg.), - Chicken Thighs, 3.5 lbs. (avg.), - Fish Sticks, 1 lb., - Kielbasa Sausage, 13 oz., - Beef Sandwich Steaks, 10.5 oz., - Pierogis, 13 oz., - Cheddar Cheese, 8 oz., - Chicken Pot Pie, 7 oz., - Mixed Vegetables, 1 lb., - Diced Pears, 15 oz., - Fresh Produce, - Fresh Produce

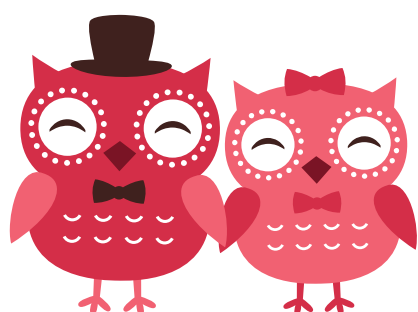
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If you plan to get your hair colored, professionals recommend doing so about three weeks in advance of the big day so it looks natural and any potential snafus can be remedied beforehand. Your stylist may suggest a light trim prior to the wedding so that the ends are fresh and healthy. And since you're putting your faith in a qualified stylist, trust their expertise and vision. Keep an open mind to their suggestions. You may fall in love with one of the options you hadn't considered.



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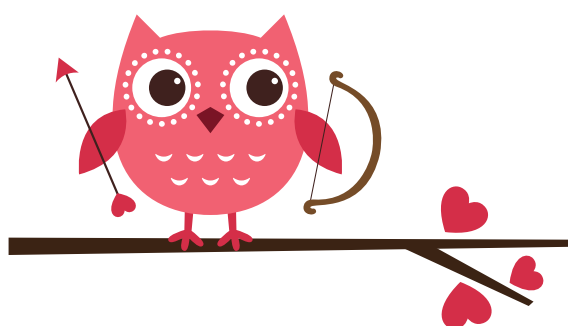
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During the Napoleonic Wars (1793-1815), over 120,000 French prisoners were held in camps in England. There was nothing to do, so they began making all sorts of things from materials at hand, like straw, wood and bones from pigs and mutton eaten at dinner, and ivory from whales. The prisoners were not volunteers; they had been conscripted and left lives as carpenters, farmers and tradespeople with many skills. The British let the prisoners sell their handiwork and keep the money. Gifts for children were popular, and games like dominoes and cribbage were easy to make from square or rectangular

pieces of bone. They were then given markings needed for the game.

One such set of dominoes seemed to be a collection of different non-matching dominoes, perhaps using parts of other partial sets. The box holding the dominoes and a cribbage board had a sliding top. The set sold at an Eldred's Marine auction for \$960. The box is 6 1/2 inches long by 1 1/4 inches wide.

Q: My family has a photograph of a female relative done by the Chicago Portrait Co. This is a photograph, not a painting or drawing. It's in a frame with a domed glass cover. How can I determine the date of the photograph?

A: The Chicago Portrait Co. was in business from 1893 to at least 1940. The

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- Sugar and creamer,

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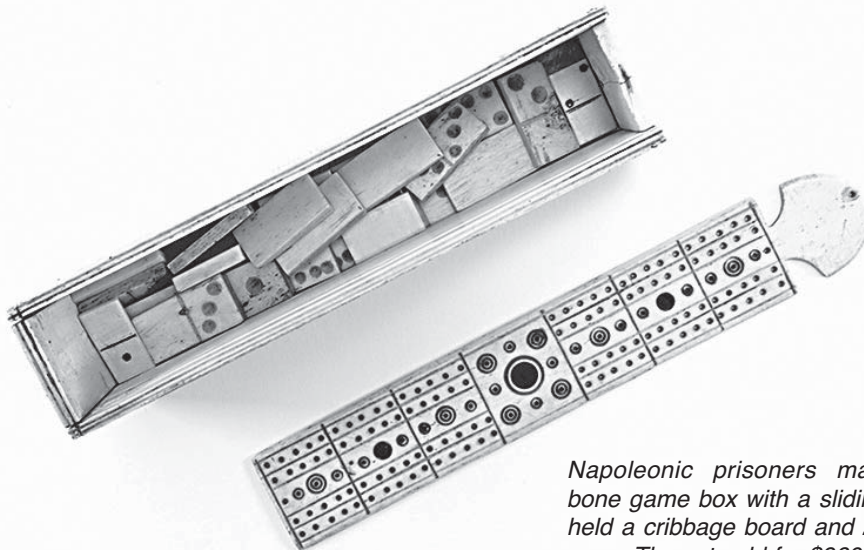
- Shaker, spool carrier, tiger maple, six carved spool holders, c. 1840, 3 1/2 x 4 1/4 inches, \$360.

- Tapestry, lady, unicorn, lion, attendant, canopy, red, blue, France, 1900s, 7 ft. 4 in. x 5 ft. 6 inches, \$500.

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Whatchamacallits

Some whatchamacallits may be true unknown items - objects of mystery. Others are very well known. This whatchamacallit is a piece of handwoven fabric.

Weaving is thought to have started in the Paleolithic era, 27,000 years ago. Although that is the current theory, it is known that weaving has been around as early as 7,000 BC. Early textiles were made from flax, cotton, wool or silk, depending on the civilization and materials available.

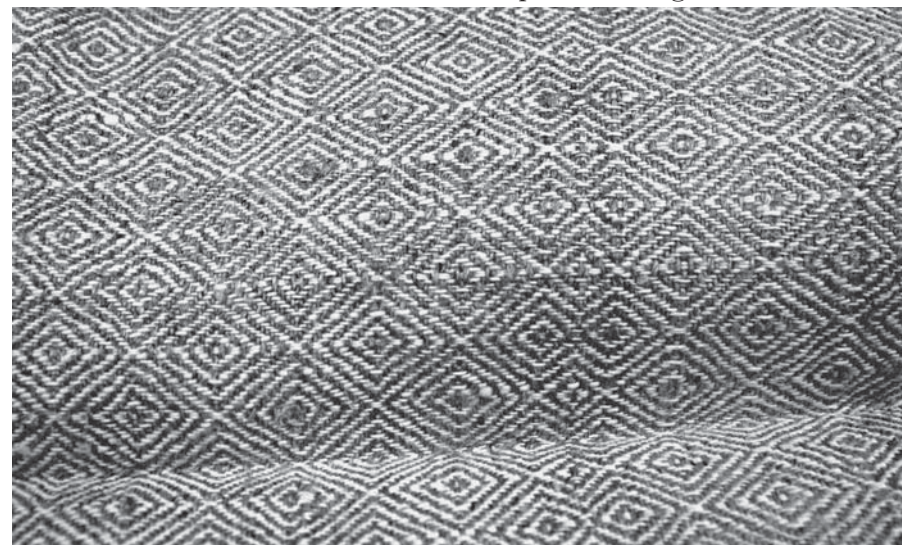
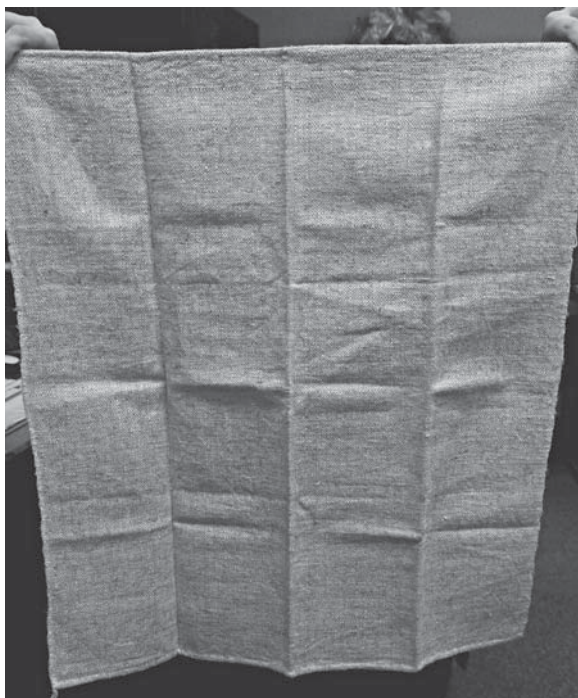
Weaving requires a basic but repetitive process. First, some thread is set up vertically on a type of board, becoming the taut warp, the base of project. Then more thread is interlaced horizontally, moving around the warp to create different patterns and textures. This piece is called the weft or fill.

The pattern used in this fabric is called the diamond twill. It is a pretty pattern and rather popular,

but not the most basic method of weaving. This pattern starts with passing the weft over one or more warp threads and the under two or more warp threads. This is continued back and forth across the

width of the project until the desired length is achieved.

Weaving would always require a great amount of time and effort, but the type of loom used could help the process along.



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Countdown to Valentine's Day with week-long fun

Millions of people eagerly await the arrival of the shortest month of the year for the opportunity to show their spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends, companions, and many other special people in their lives how much they are loved. Even though Valentine's Day is just one day a year, that doesn't mean it should be the only time one expresses his or her love for a special someone.

With this in mind, individuals can count down the days to Valentine's Day with these daily events that precede the day of love.

Feb. 7: Rose Day

Celebrate love with a vase filled with roses. Red symbolizes love, and many other colors represent heartfelt emotions. The flowers will add to home decor and ambiance.

Feb. 8: Proposal Day

Couples ready to tie the knot can use this day as an opportunity to propose. Those already engaged or married can spend Proposal Day celebrating the events that led up to their own engagement or betrothal, and toast how their relationships have evolved.

Feb. 9: Chocolate Day

Lavish a loved one with all the decadent treats they enjoy. These can include store-purchased chocolates, chocolate fudge sundaes or warm brownies fresh out of the oven.

Feb. 10: Teddy Day

This day can be interpreted in different ways. Couples adding spice to their relationships can celebrate Teddy Day with the lingerie of the same name. Those looking for a more G-rated experience can gift each other with an adorable stuffed bear. Make-your-own stuffed animal retailers at nearby malls are a place to turn for customizable teddy bears.

Feb. 11: Promise Day

Promise Day provides an opportunity to make promises to each other that are specific to couples' relationships. These can include being more patient, traveling more or spending more time together.

Feb. 12: Hug Day

On this day the world celebrates the uplifting and comforting power of hugs, which can be powerful expressions of love.

Feb. 13: Kiss Day

Couples can pucker up and spend a few extra moments showing their affection with some kisses. The lips are quite sensitive to touch, and kissing is one of the more renowned expressions of intimacy.

Show love all week long leading up to Valentine's Day.

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by Jim Frohn, Grafton County Forester, UNH Cooperative Extension

During the recent holiday season, we gave thanks for what we have and gave gifts to friends and family. But all year round we receive gifts from trees that we often take for granted.

There's a long list of the gifts that trees give us — clean air and water, places to recreate, wildlife habitat, carbon storage, and watershed protection. And we can harvest trees for a multitude of wood products and still protect all these values at the same time — this is what forestry is all about, after all.

One morning, while walking back to the house with a wheelbarrow load of firewood, I looked around at the many gifts that trees give us in the form of wood. The firewood that heats our home is just one. The pile of leftover bark that will be made into mulch is another. Walking up the front steps (made of wood), I put the firewood pieces into a wooden box that sits on the wood porch. Opening the door to our wood-framed house, I passed the holiday wreath made of balsam fir

boughs. Stepping over the wood threshold, I walked into the room where the woodstove sits, and stopped to look around at all the things made from trees. The Christmas tree in the corner, with some wooden ornaments hanging on it; trim and molding around the room's edges; window frames; shelves; chairs, tables, a bench, the box for kindling; books, magazines, and paper; even the wallpaper. Not to mention the studs, subfloors, and floor joists hidden from view.

Other things that are made from trees that can be found in our house or on our property are cutting boards, spoons, rolling pins, guitars, toys, a swing set, the barn, a canoe and paddles, frames for the raised garden beds, pallets stacked with firewood, and plenty of other items. I'm sure there are many more that I'm not even thinking of. And beyond wood, there's the maple syrup we make from sap each spring. The list goes on when we expand the boundaries of where we're looking.

All of these things are made from trees, which we use in our daily lives, some of

which are essential to society as we know it. And since I'm fortunate to live in a rural area, when I look outside I mostly see forests. The story of forests in the United States is one of net expansion over the last 100 years, not one of loss. And every year we harvest less, in some places significantly less, than growth. Through various factors, such as improved knowledge of how to manage sustainably for not only timber but wildlife habitat and recreation, plus more efficient utilization of the trees that we do harvest, forests have been able to expand. We've also been able to set more areas aside that will not be harvested at all. So despite all the products made from wood that we all use every day, we've still been able to expand the territory of forests for all the things for which we value them.

Take a look around sometime, and count up all of the items surrounding you that are made from trees. And take a minute to appreciate all the gifts of trees, and the efforts of many to ensure that we can enjoy these gifts in perpetuity.

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Lighting is a key component of curb appeal

Curb appeal can affect prospective buyers' perception of a home. When addressing curb appeal, homeowners may be inclined to focus on features that are easily seen from the street during the day. But what can a homeowner do to improve on his or her home's nighttime aes-

thetic?

Outdoor lighting is one aspect of curb appeal that is often overlooked, advises the home improvement experts at The Spruce. Homeowners may fail to recognize the importance of how proper illumination can provide their homes with a warm glow and

make it look beautiful after the sun has set. For example, think of how cozy and inviting neighborhoods appear during the holiday season when homes are strung with twinkling lights. Homeowners can replicate that look all year long with lighting elements.

Lighting for evening hours also helps maintain a safe environment for people who are visiting the property. Illuminating walkways and doorways provides a clearly visible and safe path to and from the home.

The following are a few ways to improve outdoor

lighting.

- Focus on architectural features. Outdoor lighting can focus on the external features of the home's architectural style. Use light to draw attention to interesting gables, dramatic roof lines, dormers, or curved entryways.

- Play up landscaping. Stylish lighting can highlight trees, shrubs, pathways, gardens, and all of the elements of softscapes and hardscapes on a property. The lighting experts at Vernon Daniel Associates say that soft lighting can make homes feel warm and cozy. Uplighting trees or other elements can add a dramatic effect.

- Light up all doors. Make sure that doors, both entry and garage, are properly lit for ease of entry and egress from the home. Safety.com, a home and personal security resource, says a home burglary occurs every 15 seconds in the United States. Installing motion-activated lights or lights on timers can deter break-ins. Consider using home automation to control porch lights and other outdoor lights remotely, if necessary.

- Create entertaining areas. Outdoor lighting can be used to extend the hours residents can spend outside. This is great for entertaining and can be an excellent selling point.

Homeowners are urged not to overlook outdoor lighting as a vital part of their plan to improve curb appeal.

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

Feb 5

Toddler-preschool story time to launch at library. First and third Tuesdays of each month from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. The program is free, however seating is limited. Advance registration is suggested. For more information, please call 518.993.4646.

'Altered Books' workshop series. 5 - 6:30 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Over six Tuesdays in February and March, the library will host mixed-media artist Julie Takacs. Classes will take place on the 5th, 12th, and 19th of February and March. For more information or to register, please call 518.993.4646.

Feb 9

Valentine's Soirée. 6:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown. Reservations are \$150 per person, and all proceeds will support Bassett Medical Center's Arts in Health Care program, an evidence-based initiative that is designed to reduce stress and promote healing among patients, their families and providers through artistic engagement. For soirée reservations,

call Sheila LeMaster at 607.547.4799 or make your reservation online through the Friends' website at www.friendsofbassett.org.

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

And 'sew' it begins. 5:30-7 p.m. each night. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. Intermediate and advanced sewists are invited to join retired Family and Consumer Sciences teacher Pamela Boynton at the Fort Plain Free Library on Monday, Feb. 11, to brainstorm about potential classes and/or workshops they would like to see offered in a group setting related to their sewing machines, challenges, skills, or techniques. Participants will plot out a workshop or series of workshops pertaining to their interests.

St. Johnsville Seniors. 1:30 p.m. February birthdays will be celebrated.

Feb 11

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Feb 16

George Washington's Birthday Symposium. 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Fulton-Montgomery Community College, 2805 NY-67, Johnstown. Admission fees are \$35 for advance registration, \$40 at the door and there is a discounted rate for students of \$20. To register, send an email to fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, email address, city and state. A check can be made out to and sent to the Fort Plain Museum, Attn: GW BDAY, PO Box 324, Fort Plain, NY 13339. We also accept credit cards by phone, 518.774.5669 (if no answer, please leave a message). Visit our website, www.fortplainmuseum.com for details.

Mar 2

Palatine Settlement Society 14th annual Antique Show & Sale. 10 a.m - 4 p.m. The show will be held at the Arkell Museum, 2 Erie Blvd., Canajoharie. Features 25 dealers. An appraisal booth and light lunch will be available. \$5 suggested admission. Benefit of restoring the 1747 Nellis Tavern of St. Johnsville, NY. Text or leave message for Joan Draus, Show Manager 518.894.7807.

Show your vehicle a little love

(NAPS) — Your car doesn't ask for much. It's always there for you, getting you where you need to go. A little extra care this Valentine's Day — or any day — in the form of an oil change, tune-up and basic service can be a great gift for the one who keeps you going.

"Don't let your car break your heart by neglecting to take care of it," advised Rich White, executive director of the nonprofit Car Care Council. "Being car

care aware can add years of useful life to your relationship with your vehicle and keep you from being stranded because of an unexpected breakdown."

The Council recommends a little tender loving auto care.

- Schedule a tune-up annually to optimize your car's performance. A well-tuned engine delivers the best balance of power and fuel economy and produces the lowest level of emissions.

- Change the oil and filter per the owner's manual. Periodic oil and filter changes keep your engine clean on the inside.

- Check the tire pressure monthly, including the spare. Your car's tires affect its ride, handling, traction and safety.

- Have the alignment checked annually. Potholes and other road conditions, as well as normal wear, can take their toll on your car's steering and suspension. A wheel alignment reduces

tire wear, improves fuel economy and handling, and increases driving enjoyment and safety.

- Inspect the windshield wipers and lights on the car. Lights and wipers play a major role in safe driving, and they are normal wear items that need periodic replacement.

To help make vehicle ownership more enjoyable, economical and convenient so you can keep your relationship with your car on track, the Car Care

Council has a free custom service schedule available on its website.

The Council is also the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

For a free copy of the council's popular "Car Care Guide" or for more information, visit www.carcare.org.

Decoding your VIN

(NAPS) — When cars are sold, recalled, stolen or involved in accidents, you may hear references to the VIN; that is, the Vehicle Identification Number. Many data registries use the VIN to record details of the vehicle's history. Before you buy a used car, do a VIN lookup to get the vehicle history report and find records of its previous owners, accidents and repairs. You can also find out if the manufacturer has ever issued a recall of the vehicle and whether those repairs were made.

What the VIN Is

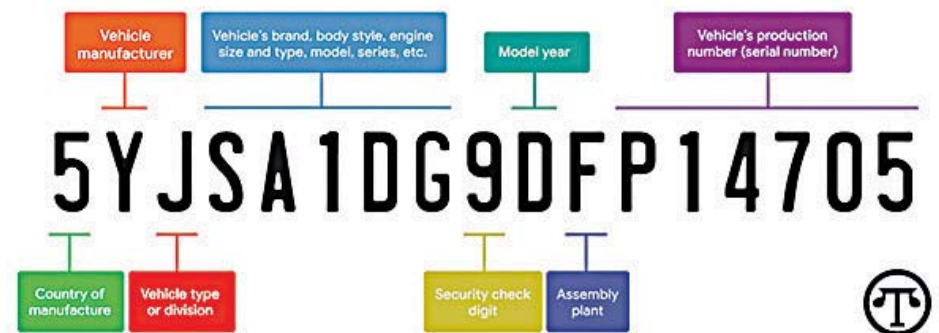
It's a unique code that's assigned to every motor vehicle when it's manufactured and is a 17-character string of letters and numbers without intervening spaces or the letters Q (q), I (i) and O (o); these are omitted to avoid confusion with the numerals 0 and 1. Each section of the VIN provides a specific piece

of information about the vehicle, including the year, country and factory of manufacture; the make and model; and the serial number. VINs are usually printed in a single line.

How to find the VIN number

On most passenger cars, you can find the VIN number on the front of the dashboard on the driver's side. The best way to see it is to look through the windshield from outside the car. You can also find the VIN number on the driver's side door pillar. Open the door and look around the area where the door latches to the car. A motorcycle's VIN is usually on the steering neck below the handlebars, although sometimes it's on the motor or on the frame near the motor. A semitrailer's VIN is located on the front part of the semitrailer on the left side.

If you can't find the VIN number on



Knowing a car's VIN could help you save time, money and trouble.

the vehicle, you should be able to find it on your vehicle's title or liability insurance documents.

To decode your vehicle's VIN number

or see if there are any active recalls on your car, visit the free VIN Decoder at <https://driving-tests.org/vin-decoder/>.

Topics to cover when interviewing financial advisors

Investors put a lot of faith in their financial advisors. Many professionals work hard to save up enough money to invest so they can secure their financial futures. Handling that hard-earned money to a financial advisor can be nerve-racking. But prospective investors can calm their nerves by discussing certain topics with planners before deciding to work with them.

Fiduciary status

People new to investing will no doubt find some financial jargon confusing. Fiduciary is one term that novice investors may be unfamiliar with. A fiduciary is a financial professional who must place clients' interests ahead of his or her own. Fiduciaries also must disclose any existing or potential conflicts of interest that might affect clients' willingness to work with them. That includes how they earn their money. Non-fiduciaries have no such responsibility, so

they can sell clients a particular investment without having to tell clients how their own compensation is affected by that sale.

Some fiduciaries work for specific funds that only allow them to sell those particular funds' proprietary products. That's the case even if they believe there are other investments that are better for given clients. Such arrangements must be shared with clients for advisors to maintain their fiduciary status. The Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards' "Rules of Conduct" can be found at www.cfp.net.

Fees

Fees should be discussed before signing an agreement with a financial advisor. Ask each advisor you interview how they earn their money. Some might charge clients a percentage of the assets they're managing while others may earn money by selling you specific prod-

ucts. Investors have a right, and an obligation to themselves, to understand how financial advisors they work with will earn money. That's smart investing and can help investors sleep easy knowing their advisors have put clients' interests first.

Services

Financial advisors offer different services. Some might only suggest investments, while others may help clients come up with comprehensive financial plans that focus on short- and long-term goals. Some investors may only want suggestions, while others may need more from their advisors. Determine which type of investor you are and then find the right advisor for you.

Access

Investors, particularly those without much experience, might be comfortable knowing they can contact their financial advisors as often as they'd like. Some advisors are more accessible than oth-

ers, so discuss access with advisors before signing any agreements and determine if you're comfortable meeting just once a year to go over things or if you want more routine check-ins.

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Celebrate Chinese New Year: 2019 is the Year of the Pig

More than one billion people across the globe celebrate Chinese New Year every year. In 2019, Chinese New Year officially begins on Feb. 5, continuing for two weeks until celebrations draw to a close on Feb. 19.

2019 is the Year of the Pig. The pig is the twelfth of the 12 Zodiac animals,

and myths tell some rather amusing stories about how the pig earned its place in the pecking order. One such myth suggests Jade the Emperor invited 12 animals to his party, and the order of those animals would be determined by when they arrived. As the legend goes, the pig over-

slept and was the twelfth and final animal to arrive at the party.

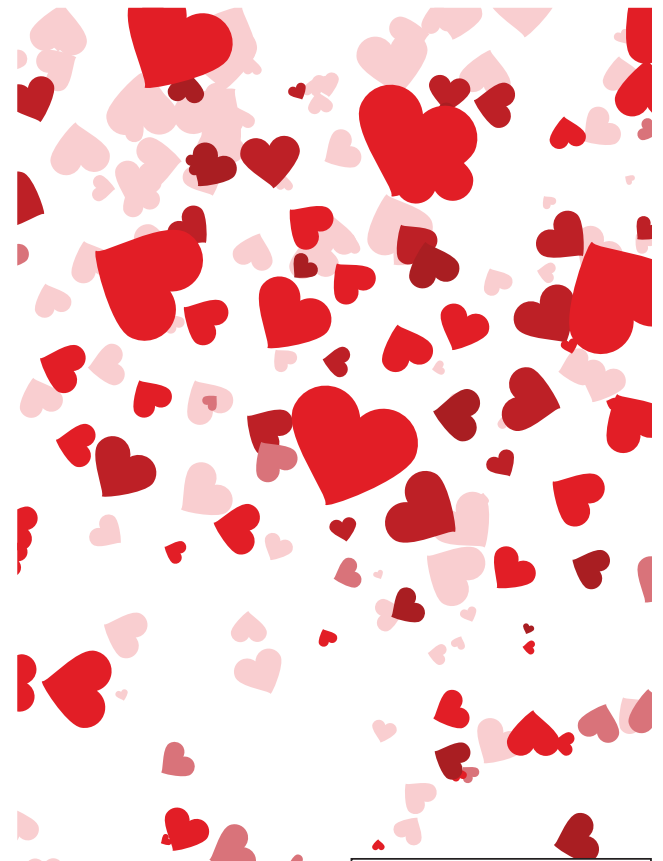
Another myth suggests the pig was the last animal to arrive at the party because a wolf destroyed its house. Forced to rebuild the house before it could depart for the party, the pig was the last one to arrive.

But revelers should not mistake the pig's placement for bad fortune. In fact, according to Travel China Guide, the pig has been regarded as wealth because it has no plan to harm others and can bring affluence to people. ChineseNewYear.net also notes that pigs' chubby faces and big ears are also symbolic of fortune.

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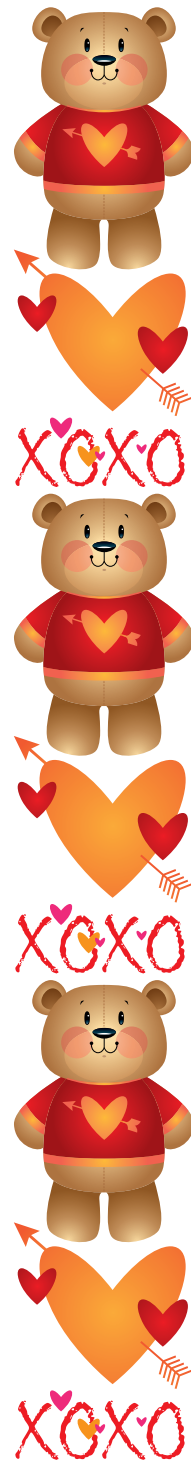
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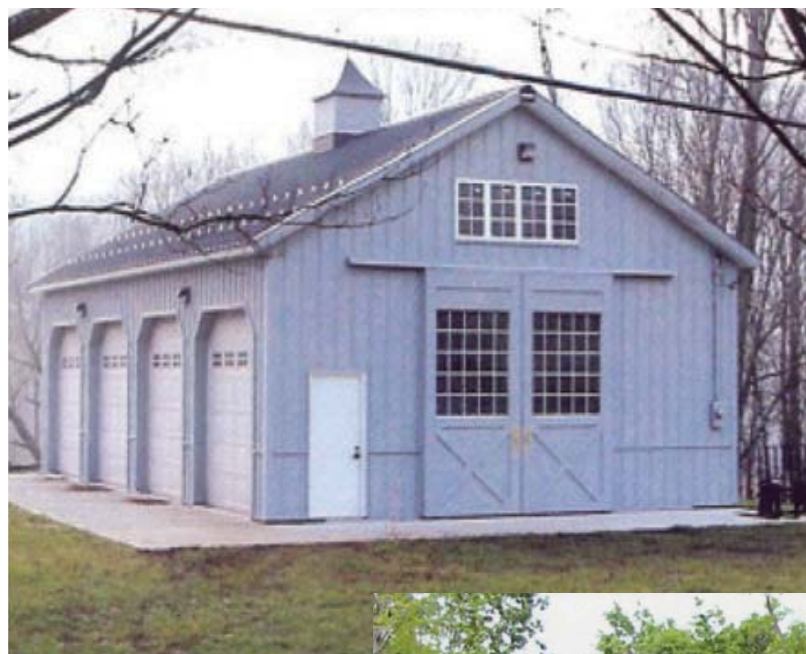


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Tom Brady, considered by many to be the greatest quarterback of all-time, has appeared in eight Super Bowls as New England Patriots' signal caller, winning five of them. The eight appearances are the most ever, and Brady's five Super Bowl wins with a single team are a record as well. Incredibly, Brady is still going at age 41, so he

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Many players have appeared in five Super Bowls. Cornelius Bennett, Lodish's teammate on the Bills, appeared in five Super Bowls during his career. Unfortunately for Bennett, he lost all five, including one with the Falcons after he departed Buffalo as a free agent. On the flip side of that coin is Charles Haley, who shares Brady's record for Super Bowl wins as a player. Haley appeared in five Super Bowls during his playing days with the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys, winning all five.



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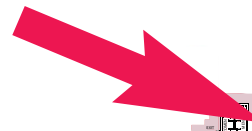
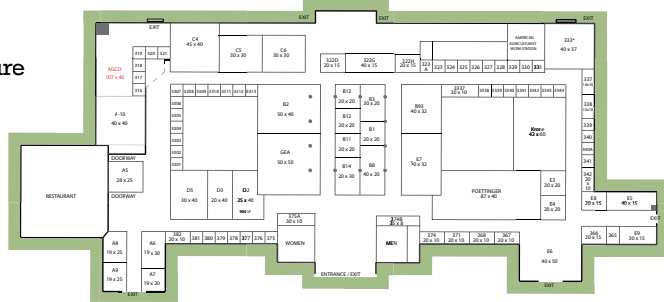
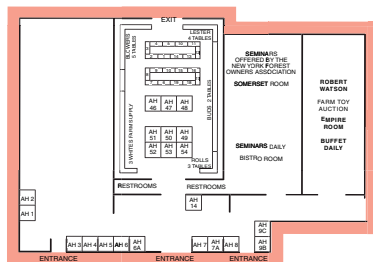
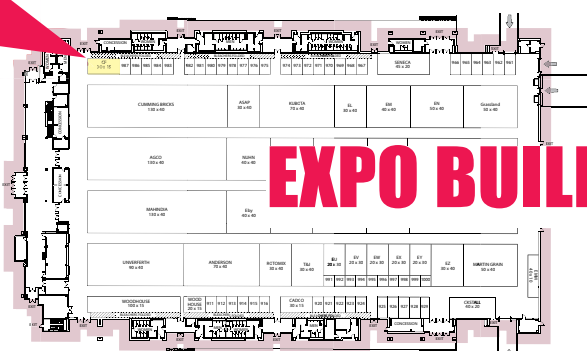


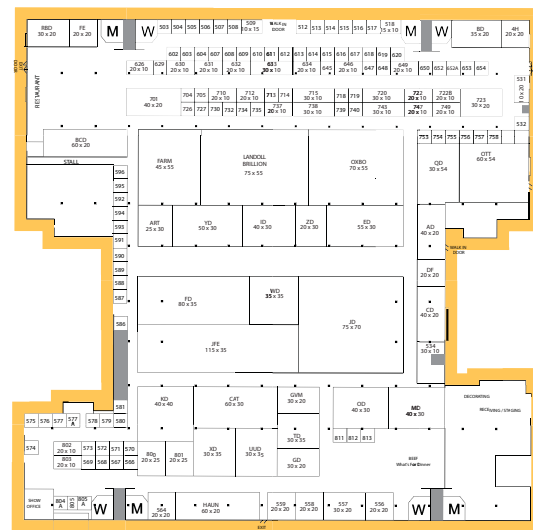
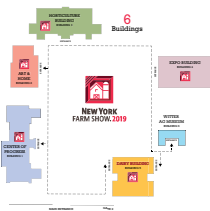
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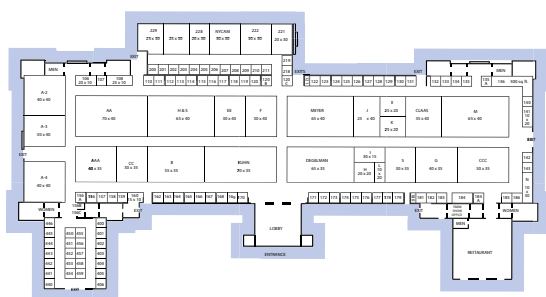


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 15 Korea-based sitcom
 16 Laterally
 18 Tartan patterns
 20 Go by
 21 "Star Wars" princess
 23 Saute
 24 Motorcycle attachments

DOWN

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 31 Historic period
 32 Prepare to pray
 34 Chicken-king link
 35 Weaver's filling thread
 37 Revolvers, e.g.
 39 Air safety org.
 41 Soon to come
 42 Coral rings
 45 Money, slangily
 49 Secondary job
 51 Anger
 52 Infamous ldi
 53 Enjoyment

4 At a snail's pace
 55 Hide
 56 Explosive stick
 57 Spud's buds

8 Ahead
 9 2012, but not 2013
 10 Potato chip brand
 11 Church section
 17 Sprite
 19 Pack of cards
 22 "The results —"
 24 Stitch
 25 Anger
 26 Jonquil's cousin
 27 Dregs
 29 Shady tree
 30 More, to Manuel

33 Toy block name
 36 Skill
 38 Richard III's cry
 40 The whole enchilada
 42 Pronto, on a memo
 43 Fourth dimension
 44 Winnow
 46 Easter emblem
 47 Lotion additive
 48 Chops
 50 Convent denizen

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pajamas are different. 2. Moon is higher. 3. Hair is different. 4. One picture is missing. 5. Headboard is lower. 6. No. 7 is missing from picture.

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A CRUSTY PROBLEM! Hidden in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around counter-clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answers: Starting with "H" in the left rail: "Half a loaf is better than none."

Answer: The wall won't break or fall! (Did you think he meant the egg?)

I CAN THROW AN EGG AGAINST A WALL, AND IT WILL NEITHER BREAK NOR FALL. EXPLAIN THAT!

DON'T SLIP UP solving this magic square puzzle. Can you find the five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words must read the same both across and down.

1. A short literary composition.
2. To glide on ice (given).
3. Group of Pacific islands.
4. Very small items.
5. Used in bread-making.

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5		E				

Answers: 1. Essay. 2. Skate. 3. Samoa. 4. Atoms. 5. Yeast.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1. BAT
 2. BAT
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 7. BAT
 8. BAT

BATS IN THE BELFRY!

Don't go batty trying to figure out what these "bat" words are. To the left is a list of eight words, each of which starts with the word "bat." Using the following hints, see if you can hang them all up in five minutes.

1. A type of mat.
2. Needed in a relay race.
3. A flat-bottomed Louisiana boat.
4. Can be wet or dry.
5. A lounging garment.
6. A large army unit.
7. Part of a castle's walls.
8. Free-diving deep-sea vessels.

Answers: 1. Bath. 2. Baton. 3. Bateau. 4. Battery. 5. Bathrobe. 6. Battalion. 7. Battlement. 8. Bathyscaphs.

Community Bank System to enhance Capital District presence with acquisition of Kinderhook Bank Corp.

SYRACUSE/KINDERHOOK, NY – Community Bank System Inc. (“Community Bank System”) and Kinderhook Bank Corp. announced on Jan. 22 that they have entered into a definitive agreement pursuant to which Community Bank System will acquire Kinderhook Bank Corp., parent company of National Union Bank of Kinderhook (“Kinderhook Bank”) in an all cash transaction representing total consideration valued at approximately \$93.4 million. The transaction has been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both companies.

This transaction will provide natural market extension for both institutions, joining two high-quality, low-risk franchises with long histories of customer service, as well as a commitment to their communities.

Kinderhook Bank provides Community Bank, N.A. a solid operating presence in the Capital District of Upstate New York, with total assets of nearly \$640 million, deposits of \$560 million and 11 banking offices across a five-county area.

Under the terms of the agreement, shareholders of

Kinderhook Bank Corp. will receive consideration per share of common stock equal to \$62 in cash. This price represents, assuming full conversion of preferred equity, approximately 193 percent of Kinderhook Bank Corp.’s tangible book value as of Sept. 30, 2018.

“Our acquisition of Kinderhook Bank Corp. will extend our banking footprint into the attractive Capital District markets which are similar to the other Upstate New York markets in which we successfully compete,” said Mark E. Tryniski, president and CEO of Community Bank System. “Our move to establish a broader and deeper banking presence in this region reflects the relative economic, demographic and geographic attractiveness of the area. This investment also complements the financial commitment we made in 2018 when we added an experienced commercial banking team focused on the greater Albany area. We’re pleased with the results of this activity to date and confident that the Kinderhook franchise will further support our efforts to grow our retail and business banking presence in the Capital District. Kinderhook Bank has an impressive 165-year history of service to its customers, its communities and its shareholders, values which align closely with those of Community Bank. Equally important, our institutions have similar organizational values and cultures that respect and value the people that contribute to our success. We are delighted to welcome the Kinderhook Bank team to the Community Bank organization and look forward to the future of the combined company.”

“The shareholders, customers and associates of Kinderhook Bank should benefit from our merger with Community Bank System, a financially strong and effectively managed institution,” said John A. Balli, president and CEO of Kinderhook Bank Corp. “Our customers will continue to receive the highly personalized service they expect while having access to a greatly expanded set of products and services available from the larger combined organization with an extensive branch network. We are pleased that all of the Kinderhook Bank branch offices will remain open and our employees benefit by becoming part of an organization that also values their commitment and contribution to the company’s growth and profitability and which offers additional opportunities for professional growth and advancement. We view our combination with Community Bank as a win for all of our stakeholders, and we look forward to working closely with their team to complete the combination.”

Upon completion of the transaction, the combined company will have approximately \$11.3 billion in assets. Community Bank System expects the transaction to be approximately \$0.07 - \$0.08 per share accretive to its first full year of GAAP earnings and \$0.09 to \$0.10 per share accretive to cash earnings, excluding any one-time transaction costs.

The merger is expected to close in the second quarter of 2019 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval by the shareholders of Kinderhook Bank Corp. and required regulatory approvals.

Loomis & Co. Inc. acted as exclusive financial advisor to Community Bank System and Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP acted as its legal advisor. Endicott Financial Advisors LLC and First Capital Equities Ltd. acted as financial advisors to Kinderhook Bank Corp. and Cranmore, FitzGerald, & Meaney acted as its legal advisor.

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Victor Hugo

Tax filing tips from the New York State Tax Department

Use free resources and services to promptly receive refunds owed

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance recently encouraged taxpayers to prepare for income tax filing season by reviewing some important tips that can ease the process and ensure accurate returns and promptly issued refunds.

“We are committed to fair and efficient tax administration, which means all returns are analyzed by our advanced processing system to detect errors and fraud,” said Acting Commissioner Nonie Manion. “To ensure your return sails through this process and any refund owed is issued promptly, review these tips and all the resources on our website at www.tax.ny.gov.”

E-file for free. A large percentage of New Yorkers qualify to electronically prepare and file both their federal and state income tax returns for free. Last year, more than 155,000 taxpayers took advantage of the free-filing options available on the Tax Department website, and close to 92 percent e-filed their returns – speeding refunds.

File early. Don’t put it off until the last minute. Filing in a rush can lead to errors that will delay any refund you may be owed.

Save a tree. E-filing is safer and more efficient than sending paper returns through the mail. Nearly 92 percent of all New York State personal income tax returns are electronically prepared and filed. All returns, whether filed electronically or on paper, under-

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Dream Land dance hall and its many uses over the years



This building along Route 5 in Palatine Bridge has had several uses in its long history. It was at one time the Falk family bottling works, where Flavor Spot soda pop was made. The building was also called Dream Land during the years of the Great Depression and signs cropped up saying that dances were held every Saturday night. Also, Ruben Failing, a member of a target shooting family back in the late 1800s and early 1900s, said the place was called Park House and turkey shoots were held there. Other community functions at the Park House included events at a horse track located at the property around 1905.

top ten

Most Anticipated Films for 2019

1. *Avengers 4: Endgame*
2. *Captain Marvel*
3. *Spider-Man: Far From Home*
4. *Toy Story 4*
5. *The Lion King*
6. *Star Wars: Episode IX*

7. *Aladdin*

8. *X-Men: Dark Phoenix*

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Choose wisely when selecting Valentine gifts

As the clock ticks down to Valentine's Day, the pressure is on to find the ideal gift. While some sweethearts may provide some clues to help with Valentine's Day shopping, many gift-givers are on their own.

The National Retail Federation predicts that, in 2019, shoppers may match Valentine's Day spending from a year ago, when lovebirds spent a total \$18.2 billion on gifts for their sweethearts. With so much money invested, shoppers no doubt want to find the best gifts possible. When shopping for Valentine's Day, try to avoid these common mistakes and choose gifts that are creative and heartfelt.

- Skip the gas station flowers, candy or last-minute gifts. Valentine's Day is a time to show you care. If you've left gifting to the last minute, you may make the situation worse by giving something impersonal you picked up on an errand. If you forgot or ran out of time, simply admit you goofed or time got away from you. Then ask your sweetheart what he or she wants and go shopping together.

- Avoid attention-getter antics. Sure it may seem like a good idea to send 20 helium balloons and a boatload of flowers to a sweetheart's office. But what if he or she really doesn't like being in the limelight? Are you gifting this way for the at-

ention you'll receive rather than doing so to make your sweetheart happy?

- Eschew overly personal gifts. If your relationship is in its infancy and you haven't both mutually expressed interest to take it to the next level, avoid gifts that suggest moving in together (appliances), personal fragrances, couples massages, or other intimate activities. Wait until the relationship has reached certain milestones before getting too personal with gifts.

- Stop trying to be helpful. If your sweetheart has expressed a desire to make certain lifestyle changes, you may think a gym membership or a subscription to a new wardrobe mail service makes a great gift. But such gifts may send the wrong message, inadvertently, and even falsely, indicating that you don't like your partner the way he or she is.

- Pass up practical gifts. Valentine's Day is a time to cater to fantasies and wishes more so than necessities. Even if your sweetheart needs that new electric shaver or a snow scraper for the car, go for something more special on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's gifters should focus on presents that will be meaningful to the recipient and something he or she may see as an indulgence.

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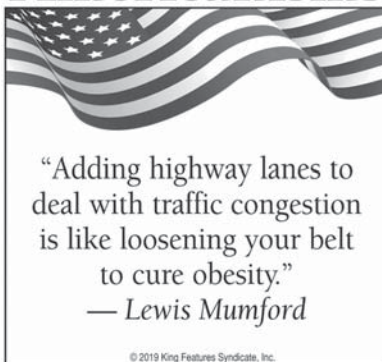
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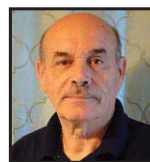
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War period home with
five bedrooms and one
full bathroom.
There are numerous out buildings and two two-car garages,
one attached. There is a generator hookup. Three dug wells,
updated 200 amp electrical service and a 1000 gallon concrete
septic, pumped in 2016. This seller is open to all offers and is
willing to negotiate any ideas or suggestions. This is a quiet
country road. **Asking \$121,900**



152: 0 Egelston Road,
FULTONVILLE:
The owner is very
motivated to sell, make any
offer. There is a stream that
runs through the property
and has good hunting.
Now priced below Town's
assessed value.
Owner states there is a
couple thousand dollars
worth of oak and hickory
trees located on
the property.
Asking \$11,300



218: 63 Fowler Drive, **ST. JOHNSTVILLE:** Beautiful residential area in the Village of St. Johnsville. This split level home offers great space for kids, pets and entertaining. Country kitchen with a large window overlooking your backyard formal dining room and living room 1st floor with a family room and propane stove. Two full baths, three bedrooms, back deck, shed, above ground pool and total of two lots. **Asking \$159,999**



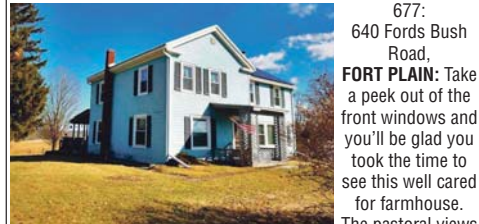
254:
48 Reed Street,
CANAJOHARIE:
This exquisite
1920's era
Colonial is
bursting with
curb appeal and
elegance.
Featuring a
lovely
landscaped lot, stamped concrete walkways with patio and a large fenced in backyard. Step inside to enter this dream home and enjoy a spacious kitchen, hardwood floors, a cozy fireplace, and so much more. **Asking \$159,900**



302:
16 Hough Street,
ST. JOHNSTVILLE:
Two-story, 5 bed-
room home located
on a quiet street in
St. Johnsville. Full
bath and bedroom
on 1st floor.
Four bedrooms and
a full bath on 2nd
floor. Above ground
pool with deck and
detached garage.
Asking \$63,900



450: **NEW LISTING!!!** 00 Route 5, **PALATINE BRIDGE:** This 28 acre plus acreage goes from Route 5 to all the way back to the railroad tracks. Level and Rolling. **Asking \$180,000**



677:
640 Fords Bush
Road,
FORT PLAIN: Take
a peek out of the
front windows and
you'll be glad you
took the time to
see this well cared
for farmhouse.
The pastoral views
go for miles!!! The updated kitchen with granite counter and stainless appliances will tempt your inner chef. The home has four bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor. The deck right out back also has views of beautiful farmland so you'll enjoy relaxing and grilling this summer. **Asking \$129,900**



687:
130 Short Road,
**SHARON
SPRINGS:**
The dream
kitchen and open
living and dining
space will wel-
come you home
the moment you
arrive. This is a
four bedroom,
two full bath home. You'll notice the care that has been placed in updating and maintaining every room here. The large outdoor living space has been transformed into a park-like setting. **Asking \$209,000**



838: 32 Maple Ave., **CANAJOHARIE:** Lovely two family that has many updates--new roof, furnaces, windows, sheet rock to mention a few. Each apartment has two bedrooms and one full bathroom. Walking distance to school and downtown. Plenty of off street parking. **Asking \$69,900**



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



352: 180 State Highway 67, **AMSTERDAM:**
OWNERS ANXIOUS!!! Great 3/1 house on 8.1 acres with a view! Commercial/Residential/Agricultural - Lots of options! Solar panels/wood stoves mean lower utility bills. Cozy kitchen/dining room with large add on family room with sliding glass doors in each room to multi-level deck and fenced inground pool (needs liner). One bedroom on first floor and one full bath. Two bedrooms on second floor. Beautifully landscaped back/front yard with paver sidewalk to front door. Etched glass in main front door and family room door. 25x30 Pole Barn and 19x28 Open front building a PLUS. Make an OFFER. **Asking \$259,000**



253: 389 Dingman Road,
FORT PLAIN: This beautiful Chalet style home sits on 53.7 picturesque acres. Stunning views in every direction! 43 acres of tillable land with 10 acres of hardwoods. House has an expansive wrap-around porch to enjoy the cool evenings and watch the sunsets and wildlife. Large 36x50 barn with a loft gives you endless amounts of storage. This property gives you so many options whether it be farming, gardening, or just enjoying the outdoors with the many trails throughout the property. **Asking \$320,000**



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\$53,000 - 2 FAMILY HOME
196 Bleecker St, Gloversville



Spacious 2 family home. 1 unit has 4 BDRMS and the 2nd unit has 3 BDRMS. It has 2 driveways that offers a lot of off street parking. You can pay off this house in less than 3 years. Call **Katie-Anne Isabella**, NYS Licensed Real Estate Salesperson cell (518) 866-1089 to view

NEW 6 UNIT & COMMERCIAL GARAGE
- INVESTMENT PROPERTY \$345,000
389 McKay Rd, Perth



Fully Rented, Plenty of Parking Space, 5 acres if you're looking to expand & Super RARE opportunity found in the Town of Perth. Rents could pay for itself in 5 to 6 years. Call **Gretchen Salvione**, NYS Licensed RE Salesperson today on her cell (518) 848-1843 for more details.

REDUCED \$95,000
505 N. Market St., Johnstown



Newly & completely remodeled 3BDRM, 2 full bath home w/1 car garage & nice yard. Granite countertops, tiled showers, stainless steel appliances & new roof. Annual taxes \$2,700.

NEW LISTING \$194,000
1761 Hickory Hill Rd., Fonda



Come take a look at this very SPACIOUS 4 Bedroom, 2 full bath home w/2 car garage, located in the Town of Mohawk & Fonda-Fultonville School District. BEAUTIFUL VIEW, covered screened in back porch, carriage house kitchen, wood floors throughout & full basement.

NEW LISTING \$149,000
121 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam



Charming, very large & one of a kind 5 BDRM home constructed of limestone. Brand New Kitchen with SS Appliances, 1st floor laundry, fireplace in living room, 1 Full Bath with 2 Half Baths. AN ABSOLUTE MUST SEE!

REDUCED \$139,000
49 South Main Street, Fultonville



This is a GORGEOUS 5 BDRM, 2.5 Bath home with tons of character, beautiful wood floors & woodwork throughout. Off Street Parking & in-law apt. set up if needed

NEW 2 FAMILY LISTING \$99,900
46 Phillips St., Amsterdam



HUGE 2 family home. Each Unit has 3 BDRMS & nice hardwood floors throughout. 2 Car Garage, a lot of off street parking. Upper unit is leased & lower unit will be available to move into. Call **Katie-Anne Isabella** NYS Licensed RE Salesperson cell (518) 866-1089 to view.

3 FAMILY HOME \$99,000
24 Cady St., Johnstown



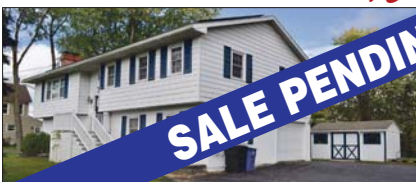
GREAT INVESTMENT - 3 Family home w/lots of off-street parking, large yard, only 0.4 miles to Knox Field & low taxes at only \$2,084 annually. Call **Katie-Anne Isabella**, Licensed Real Estate Salesperson Cell (518) 866-1089 for more info.

REDUCED \$375,000
171 Zarcarco Rd., Town of Glen



137 +/- ACRE Farm with a BEYOND BEAUTIFUL VIEW & some nice large barns & outbuildings. Lots of Rd. Frontage if you wanted to subdivide.

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



SALE PENDING

4 BDRM, 2 Full Bath Raised Ranch with 1 Car Garage, Newly remodeled bathroom, fireplace, wood stove, pellet stove, paved driveway, nice yard, covered in patio area & shed. Seller is willing to include TV, Boat, snowblower, lawnmower etc. with an acceptable offer.

\$69,500
68 Prospect St., Canajoharie



Looking for affordability? We have it here with this 4 BDRM, 2 Full Bath home, 1 car garage, back yard & annual taxes are only \$2,760 a yr with No exemptions. Natural Gas Furnace is only 5 yrs old.

COMMERCIAL \$129,000
32 Main St, Fultonville



Amazing opportunity for someone to have great storefront space & a number of apartments. Back in 1878 The Starin Hotel & Opera House was called The Jewel of The Village. We need someone handy & a cash buyer to give us a New Jewel of The Village! SO MUCH OPPORTUNITY HERE!

2 FAMILY \$84,900
8 Cayadutta Street, Fonda



SOLD

This 2 family home features 2 BDRMS for each unit, separate gas & utilities. Huge kitchens with marble flooring and marble countertops & extra outbuilding/1 car garage. GREAT INVESTMENT OR OWNER OCCUPIED HOME!

REDUCED \$110,000
280 Cty Hwy 140, Ephratah



PRICED TO SELL, 3BDRM, 2 full bath Ranch w/2 car garage, full dry basement w/ finished space, annual taxes only \$3,687, located in a nice country setting, 1 mile from Saltsman's Hotel.

REDUCED \$85,300
23 Alexander St, Gloversville



Super cute well maintained 3 BDRM, 1.5 bath with lots of charming wood work within the home, 2 car garage with lots of storage space, small yard & patio area to enjoy.

Commercial/Mixed Use/Residential
\$85,000 • 13 Main St, Fultonville



Amazing Building with Stunning Construction. Currently set up with an Apartment option & open Congregation Area. Opportunities are endless at this price. 4 designated off street parking spaces & room to make more if desired.

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NEW LISTING

Caroga Lake Vacant Land \$16,000

2 Lots w/Power & Electric, cleared and ready to go. Concrete Septic tank, gravel driveway. 200 ft. road frontage, 180 ft deep. Owner says BRING ALL CASH OFFERS!



PRICE REDUCED

Lasslesville Farm \$154,900

7.5 Acres - Water, Woods & Pasture! Oversized 4+ Bedroom Colonial, Classic wide plank floors, Formal Dining, New kitchen, furnace and more! Barn, Lean-to, & Cabin on the Creek!



161 Acres! \$170,000

WOW Level land with trails to ride 4-wheelers & snowmobiles. A 4BR/1BA house to come back to has a furnace for year round. Get away! Lake Access available too!



PRICE REDUCED

80 Acres Bleeker! \$65,000

With Rustic cabin! Insulated w/ wood stove. Off the grid with 12V Lights, drilled well (hand pump) On the Snowmobile Trail!



Town of Johnstown \$163,000

Private Retreat! Beautiful One Owner home sited on 1.76 acres. 4BR, 2 BA-Gorgeous Master Suite, Open Floor Plan. Big kitchen, sunroom to relax after swimming in the pool.

ADIRONDACK LAND!

8.5 Acres BUILD HERE- Wells- \$35,500

8.5 Acres BUILD HERE- Caroga- \$42,000

38 Acres HUNTING LAND Bleeker- \$28,000

250 Acres w/Waterfront Great Sacandaga! \$450,000

BUILD! HIKE! HUNT! Call for Details!



98 Acres Bleeker Very Private Land \$135,500

Overlooks Adirondack Vly! Long gravel driveway leads to clearing & Rustic Camp- Perfect hideaway near Snowmobile Trails!



PRICE REDUCED

Caroga Lake ACREAGE \$159,000

25 Acres WATERFRONT on the Outlet. APA says OK to Build! Beautiful wooded Lot you can design your dream home!



Mountain Lake \$145,000

Lots of updates to this seasonal waterfront cottage on peaceful Mountain Lake. Several lots makes up the offering. 2 BR/1 BA open living and dining with room for extra guests.



West Caroga Waterfront! \$298,000

South Shore Rd. 2BR/1BA. Open great room, large lake front sun room. Neat rock features and lakeside patio & dock. 2C garage, extra storage. This owner lived here year round! 2 Back lots included!



Peck Lake \$238,000

Enjoy this Private location nestled into the woods with lake access just down the street! Entertaining is easy here, Fantastic Kitchen! 3BR/2BA, Full finished basement. 2 Car Garage Come Enjoy Sportsman's paradise!



Lake House on East Caroga Lake \$209,900

Year Round Waterfront 4BR/1BA!! 2 Car Garage Move in ready! Very Spacious thru-out, tons of storage. Living room and Family Room. Overlooking Peaceful waterfront on East Caroga Lake!



\$89,900

West Caroga Lake Access! Updated 2BR/1BA cottage w/deeded lake access Modern conveniences ready for you! Some work being finished so you can Relax!



72+ Acres, Oppenheim \$79,900

72 Acres Borders State Land and Snowmobile trails VERY Private. Trails thru the woods.



NEW LISTING

Peck Lake Building Lot \$30,000

High and dry, just steps from the deeded lake access. Build here and be part of this quieter lake community.



SOLD

West Caroga Lake \$239,900

65x400Ft. Lot. Wonderful 2BR + loft, open interior, open living room, eat in kitchen. Modern septic. Sandy Waterfront.



PRICE REDUCED

Country living! New Turnpike Rd, Ephratah \$35,000

2BR/1BA Mobile on 2.6 acres, Johnstown Schools! Drilled well, septic, Town of Ephratah. Cash Offers Wanted!

CITY HOUSES! INVESTORS



NEW LISTING

Gloversville \$117,000

Entertain here!! Formal Dining room, New kitchen & Baths Gleaming hardwood floors, 3BR's 1.5 BA on quiet street. HUGE Fenced Backyard!



PRICE REDUCED

INVESTORS! 86 West Street, Gloversville \$42,000

Making money! 2 Family fully rented ready for you to make money! Big Barn can earn more \$\$\$



PRICE REDUCED

31 NORTH ST GLOVERSVILLE \$42,000

Investors! 2 Units with a Garage! Fully rented and making \$\$



NEW LISTING

2 Family! 183 Spring St, Gloversville \$49,900

Many improvements and updates to this oversized 2 Family. Each unit 3BR/1BA. Down is Vacant, Up is long term Renter New windows, roof, and more!

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Calendar Changes: Please take note of the following updates to the published district calendar...

June 25 Baccalaureate Rehearsal 4:00
 June 26 Baccalaureate Service 7:00
 June 27 Senior Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
 June 27 Graduation Rehearsal 9:15
 June 29 Graduation 10:00 a.m.

Winter Break: School will be CLOSED for winter break on Friday, February 15th. (this day is not listed on the school calendar) School is also closed from Monday, February 18th through Friday, February 22nd. Classes resume on Monday, February 25th.

The Sound of Music: The Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club will present their annual spring musical, "The Sound of Music": Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 31st at 2:00 p.m. All performances are held at Canajoharie High School. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors & students.

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.

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 December:

Daniel Jones	Grade 2
Aiden Leonard	Grade 3
McKenna Karker	Grade 5
Breidyn Wall	Grade 6
Conner Dillenbeck	Grade 6
Dustin Welch	Grade 6
Payton Skiffington	Grade 7
Nora Handy	Grade 8
Talia Narzyski	Grade 9
Molli Bates	Grade 10
Crystal Smith	Grade 11
Michelle Reese	Grade 12

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 13 Board of Education Mtg 6:00

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 School Closed: Winter Break

Feb. 18-22 School Closed: Winter Break

March 6 Public Hearing on Buildings & Grounds, Transportation...with regular BOE meeting to follow 6:00 p.m.



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A Newspaper For Kids, By Kids:

Under the direction of district Technology Instructor, Mr. Matt Heiser, a group of 6th grade students are volunteering their time to put out the "Harry Hoag New Newspaper." Published once per month, the newspaper is entirely planned and written by a large team of Technology Club students. The newspaper staff uses Google Docs to work on and submit their contributions. Each student is assigned an article or section, which they work on in the computer lab, adding to the newspaper layout as they work. By utilizing Google Docs, up to 15 students can work on the same edition, at the same time. The students are learning skills which include: writing, editing, graphics and design. Each issue features items such as movie reviews, comics, puzzles & coloring pages, debates, science articles, editorials, jokes, Dear Jessica advice letters, Animal of the Month, Student Council news and interviews with administrators, teachers or staff. Recent issues featured topics such as: Real Christmas Tree vs. Artificial, Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, interviews with Principal Lauren Crisman and Teacher/Ninja Warrior Geoff Snyder, sports and club updates, and student opinion about Common Core and state testing. Technology club students working on the newspaper include: Jasmine Lapi, Brandon Schuyler, Maiya Sousa, Alex Ellis, Jordan Brown, Kaedence David, Jed Douglas, Payton Landry, Vienna Jackson, Chloe St. Louis, Julie Kirby, Country Hammond, Chase Tyler, Serenity Johnson, Damien Massie, Chad Rogers, Bionika Hernandez, and Morgan Stone. The Tech Team has had an amazing time putting together the content, working collaboratively, and using technology to create the best presentation for the readers.

History Students Give Back:

The spirit of giving that surrounds the holiday season was the focus of Mr. William Ryan's recent challenge to his period 5 Global History 10 class. He asked his students to consider how they might support the local first responders, who do so much for our families and community. The class decided to collect their "spare change" to benefit the Fort Plain Fire Department, with Mr. Ryan offering to personally match whatever funds they could raise. Pictured are the 10th grade students proudly presenting a check for \$100 to Fort Plain Fire Department President, Mr. Joseph Hanifin. Mr. Ryan commended his class for their sense of civic responsibility and appreciation. Great job!



Morning Program Tradition Continues:

Each Friday morning, the Kindergarten through Second Grade students at the Harry Hoag School can be found gathered in the gym, to share the tradition of weekly Morning Program. Starting the school day together on a positive note instills in each student positive feelings about their school, themselves, and each other. Each month features a theme, with activities centered around holidays, seasons and the important school events. A typical Morning Program includes students performing most of the jobs, including: pledge leader, flag carrier, song leaders, calendar, Tidbit of the Day reader, riddle host, and birthday helpers. Each Friday features songs, often with the students also performing them in American Sign Language. Weekly songs include patriotic anthems and the school's Alma Mater. Each Friday, one grade level gets the chance to introduce their friends and family members in the audience, who have come to support the school and cheer on the student program leaders. Morning Program activities are currently building towards the all-important "100th Day of School" celebration. "Morning Program offers our early learners a chance to celebrate our school and community pride" said Principal Lauren Crisman recently. This important tradition sends students and adults alike off to tackle their day with a smile on their face!

Every Person is Connected:

"Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story" said Jr/Sr High School Counselor Colleen Cushing, in quoting best-selling author Josh Shipp. This was the mentality and motivation that has brought the EPIC program to the Jr/Sr High School this year. EPIC stands for Every Person is Connected, and is a program that seeks to ensure that every student in school has at least one trusted adult that they can make a connection with. The EPIC committee met several times over the summer, to lay out a framework for the program, with a goal of improving student attendance and encouraging greater interest and participation in the school community as a whole. Each EPIC team consists of one or two adults and no more than 10 students, from different grade levels. The teams will stay together year after year. They meet about once a month, on a rotating basis that does not compromise the academic schedule. Each month features a program theme, such as: connections, unity, gratitude, goal setting, good vibes, grit and learning to give yourself a hand. Each team leader is provided with a menu of suggested activities, which they can feel free to expand upon – or even come up with their own. A typical session might include a team building exercise to build trust, an artistic activity to spur creativity, or a share-discussion aimed at exposing the students to new ideas, new activities and new people. The EPIC committee continues to meet, and to gather both staff and student input as to what activities are working best and where they want to go in the future. They are finding that kids who didn't know each other before being placed onto an EPIC team together, are now greatly enjoying each other's company and finding out about their shared interests and passions. The team leaders are making solid connections with their students, which will help the students to feel more secure and valued on a daily basis. Said Mrs. Cushing, "So far, it has been an EPIC year!"



Harry Hoag School Talented & Gifted Program:

Fifth and sixth grade students in the TaG Program recently met to conduct a science experiment to see if they could make crystals form. The students prepared all of the ingredients, mixed them in beakers, and placed them into special holding containers. The crystals grew quickly over the weekend and students enjoyed seeing them continue to get bigger with each passing day. "This was so much fun," one student announced during the activity. "I love feeling like a real scientist!" At another recent sessions, the students had a chance to conduct several science experiments, which explored the topics of air displacement, water phases and balance. Each group rotated through five different experiments, comparing their efforts and recording their results. Upcoming activities for the fifth and sixth graders will include a day of "Fun With Math" featuring math games, puzzles and activities. "Young Architects" will spend several sessions designing a house floor plan and assembling a 3D model of that home. The TaG Junior group consists of third and fourth grade students. They will soon meet for "Recycling as Art", where they will collect discarded paper and turn it into jewelry and keychains. They will also celebrate spring by making and decorating a flower box, and then designing a layout and planting the seeds. The flower boxes will be on display for them to water and keep an eye on the progress of the spring plants. The TaG Junior Drama Club will also meet for a couple of sessions, learning about playing roles, participating in acting activities, and performing small skits for their club members. Their learning will prepare them to be the future stars of upcoming Elementary Drama Club performances.