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Battle of Stone Arabia Commemoration

On Oct. 19 the Stone Arabia Preservation Society held its annual commemoration of the Revolutionary War battles of Stone Arabia and Klock's Field. Reenactors from the Living History Alliance gathered at the Old Stone Arabia Church to commemorate the 239th anniversary of these two Revolutionary War battles. The 10 a.m. ceremony was held at the graveside of Massachusetts Col. John Brown, the hero who lost his life in the battle. The Fort Plain Museum and Stone Arabia native Skip Barshied showed off artifacts recovered over the past 60 years from the battlefield.

The Oct. 19, 1780 attack on the agricultural community of Stone Arabia was part of a British strategy to cut off the grain supply to Gen. Washington's army on the lower Hudson. Lack of money and manpower would prevent the American patriots from mounting an effective defense, and in the end, the local militias were outmatched by the experienced British rangers who marched up the valley. Col. John Brown (not to be confused with other John Browns in history) of the

Palatine Supervisor Bill MacLauchlin holds the proclamation with Willis "Skip" Barshied.



(Above) Attendees look over some of the artifacts at the recently renovated old church parsonage building. (Below) Dawn Lamphere was one of the speakers at the event.



Berkshire Militia had been stationed in Stone Arabia to help defend the frontier that autumn. Brown was a valiant, experienced commander who had served in the Continental Army invasion of Canada four years before. Now as a militia commander he led inexperienced farmers and shopkeepers onto the field of battle. Oct. 19 was also Brown's 36th birthday. The militia commander was shot from his horse while directing his troops.

Each year the local historic sites gather together to pay homage to this fallen hero of the American Revolution.

The gathered participants also honored local resident Willis "Skip" Barshied of Stone Arabia for his lifetime of preserving the history of the community. Barshied was presented with a plaque, and the old church parsonage building (recently remodeled) was rechristened as "The Willis 'Skip' Barshied Center for History." Palatine Supervisor Bill MacLauchlin also declared Oct. 19 as "Willis 'Skip' Barshied Day" in Palatine.





Members of the Living History Alliance fired their muskets and cannon to commemorate the 239th anniversary of the two battles.



Wreaths were laid at the graveside of Massachusetts Col. John Brown.



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Somewhere, somehow, I suppose there is a gaggle of folks that think Bill MacLauchlin is a fine fellow. And in the interest of complete disclosure, I too remember a happier time when Bill offered me a ride in his plane based at the Nelllis Field outside of Fort Plain. I wa waiting for my stepson to complete his flying lesson with another instructor, when Bill approached me and asked if I would like to go up with him. Having soloed myself a few years previous, I was not about to turn down this offer. (And to his credit having no clue as to what the next 35 years would lead to, he did not show me the door at 5,000 feet!)

Fast Forward To 2019

But back to the present and now Mr. MacLauchlin is the Supervisor for the Town of Palatine, and he is still clueless. This year he is running for reelection to that post, and like most politicians, he wants to run on his record. Here is a portion of Mr. MacLauchlin's nearly two year record as Town Supervisor.

Bill's Palatine Legacy

- 1) His first declaration as a new supervisor was to try to eliminate the public comment at the monthly Town Council meetings.
- 2) Next, he threatened and called the sheriff on fellow council members when they either disagreed or tried to correct false information.
- 3) He failed to understand the previous administration's budget process and summarily raised the taxes in the Town nearly 65% as a result.
- 4) It was his decision alone that the Town needed two office buildings and entered into a back-room deal with the County Treasurer to buy the derelict and decrepit Pizza Hut building, knowing full-well that the property is land-locked.
- 5) There was no "due diligence" done on the proposed purchase of the "Hut."
- 6) If that deal is taken to fruition, it may cost the taxpayers the better part of a half a million dollars to gain access and to refurbish the "Hut". (My estimate).
- 7) Because he knows nothing about how legal town governments work, he enlists at the Town's expense a local law firm that often has two lawyers present at meetings.
- 8) He continues to ignore the NYS Comptroller's recommendations on the establishment and maintenance of financial reserve funds.
- 9) The latest debacle Mr. MacLauchlin has initiated was to try to hold the villages of Nelliston and Palatine Bridge hostage for snowplowing charges beyond what they already have been paying.

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Who Are They?

Chris Novak, who operates a farm in Stone Arabia, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, bolstered by his ability and willingness to listen to others. Chris has served for four years as a council man and is running for the Town Supervisor's position.

Hank Vandenburg, also a four year veteran of the Palatine Town Council also brings an educated mind and opinion to the area. The interesting part of these two men is that they are both "transplants", or people that have moved to the Town of Palatine to settle, one to start a business, the other to retire. Neither of these gentlemen came here to change the Town into something they had envisioned. They came to Palatine because there was something in this sometimes sleepy, agricultural region that attracted them. Their goal in running for office is to maintain that flavor, not change it!

Brother Paul Spencer is a "horse of a different color." Except for college and a four year stint in the United States Navy as a "CB", Paul is as homegrown as they get, the first few years in Canajoharie, and since 1953, his heart has been in Palatine. His attendance record at the Town Council meetings over the last ten years would probably rival some of those who were elected to the Council. Paul's willingness and ability to research whatever issue is at stake is not matched by anyone. He understands the mechanics of things and is guided first and foremost by common sense.

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Veterans Day begins with Armistice Day

Veterans Day is a byproduct of the end of World War I, when Germany and the Allied Nations signed the Treaty of Versailles, formally ceasing fighting and establishing terms of peace. On Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the signing of the treaty, the first Armistice Day events were held. Armistice Day was initially a legal holiday to honor the end of World War I only, states History.com. The U.S. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday starting in 1938. However, in 1954, after the country had been embroiled in both World War II and the Ko-War, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by renaming the commemoration "Veterans Day" to honor veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day in October?

According Military.com, for a short time, thanks to the Uniform Holiday Bill, which 1968 established three-day weekends for brating national holidays on Mondays, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October - the first being Oct. 25, 1971. However, many people did not agree with this decision, continuing to honor the holiday on the original date. In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a new law that returned Veterans Day to Nov. 11 beginning in 1978. Since then, parades, memorial events, volunteer efforts and other celebrations revolving around veterans have been held on Nov. 11.

Veterans around the world

Many countries, including the United States, celebrate veterans on or near Nov. 11. America's closest neighbor to the north, Canada, commemorates veterans on Remembrance Day (also Nov. 11), as does the United Kingdom. Britain also has Remembrance Sunday, which is the second Sunday of November. Remembrance Day also is called Poppy Day, when people of the Commonwealth member states wear a red poppy flower in honor of military members who have died in the line of duty.

Paying tribute

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Library pauses meditation program until Nov. 12

The Fort Plain Free Library announced the temporary interruption of its meditation program from Tuesday, Oct. 22 through Tuesday, Nov. 12. The program's regular weekly schedule will resume on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Tibetan Buddhist monk Harold Rolls, now of Fort Plain, facilitates the free, ecumenical program for people who want to learn to meditate and to have guidance in meditation. Based at Pullahari, Nepal, for over 20 years, Rolls said, "Meditation is universal. Fundamentally, it's a spiritual journey. It's not something you do, it's a practice. It becomes a way of life."

For more information about the program, call 518.993.4646. The Fort Plain Free Library is located at 19 Willett St. Follow the library on Facebook for updates.

Need to advertise? (all John Snyder at (518) 673-0129 by Thursday, November 14 to get in the next issue!

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

November 2

Ames Museum Open. Final day the museum will be open in 2019. Call 518.673.5820 or visit www. amesmuseum.weebly.com or write to f@amesmuseum.

Montgomery County Rabies Clinic. Mohawk Town Barn, 2-4 Park St., Fonda, 9 a.m. - noon, For more information on rabies call 518.853.3531 or your veterinarian.

The Sullivan-Clinton Campaign Against the Iroquois, 1779 Symposium. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, 2805 NY-67, Johnstown. Pre-registration recommended. Walk-ins welcomed. \$50 advance registration, \$60 at the door. Students \$30. Includes lunch and refreshment. To register, email fortplainmuseum@yahoo.com your name, phone number, email address, city and state. You can also register by phone at 518.774.5669. www.fortplainmsueum.com

November 2 and 9

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November 4

Knit & Crochet with Carol. 6 - 8 p.m. at Arkell Center, 55 Montgomery St., Canajoharie. Contact Joan Cimino at 518.673.4408 or Joancimino77@gmail.com.

"Travelogue: Suez Canal Crossing" 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St. Free. Call 518.993.4646 for information.

November 5

NYS History Month Tuesday Talk: "The Story of Grant Cottage: can Hero" with Ben Kemp from Grants Cottage 6:30 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Call 518.829.7516.

November 5, 12, 19 & 26

New York State History Series. NYS History Series. Tuesdays. For more information, contact Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter at 518.829.7516 or nysparks.com.

November 6 - 9

Fall Book and Rummage Sale at Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday - Friday, and 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday. If you would like to donate items call 518.993.4646.

November 7

Creative Textile Fibers Group at the Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St. Each Thursday from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Call 518.993.4646.

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Arkell Museum presents Water-Marks: Etchings, Monotypes, & Paintings by Deborah Geurtze 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Arkell Museum & Canajoharie Library, 2 Erie Blvd., Canajoharie. Contact 518.673.2314.

November 9

Free Clothing Giveaway at Valley Alliance Church, Rt. 5 one mile east of the Nelliston traffic light. 9 - 11 a.m. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. Refreshments will be provided.

November 11

Greater Mohawk Valley Women's Club presentation by the League of Women Voters of Upstate New

The Final Home of an Ameri- York to Celebrate the "Centennial of Women's Right to Vote" 7 p.m. Canajoharie High School, 136 Scholastic Way, Canajoharie. Refreshments before, questions after.

November 12

NYS History Month Tuesday Talk: "Transportation in the Mohawk Valley" with Scott Haefner from Montgomery County Historical, Old Fort Johnson 6:30 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Call 518.829.7516.

November 15

Old Main Band. 7 - 10 p.m. band. At Amsterdam Elks Lodge 101, 8 Fourth Ave., Amsterdam. \$10 at door, or call Michelle Egelston at 518.339.2260 or www.facebook. com/amsterdam.elkslodge. Doors open 5:30 p.m.

Program about Marinus Willett, the Battle of Johnstown and the Death of Walter Butler by Terry McMaster at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Plain Museum. For more information, contact brianm248420@hotmail.com or call 518.774.5669.

November 16

Holiday Fair 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Arkell Museum, 2 Erie Blvd, Canajoharie.

November 19

NYS History Month Tuesday Talk: "On Trial: Susan B. Anthony" with Laurie Kozakiewicz from SUNY at Albany 6:30 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Call 518. 829.7516.

November 26

NYS History Month Tuesday Talk: "Looking History in the Eye" with Anne Clothier from Saratoga County Historical, Brookside Museum. 6:30 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site. Call 518.829.7516.

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The first phone call

I'm not referring to Alexander Graham Bell but to a young Amish girl named Sara. The phone and its use is not uncommon to many Amish folks even though they do not have telephones in their homes. I have an old house that is unoccupied except for a lot of a lifetime's accumulations. My friend Emanuel often uses the phone there. He calls me at my home or anywhere else I may be.

This morning I received a historic phone call. It seems he and Sara, his daughter, were on their way to Fort Plain to shop. Emanuel and Sara stopped at my old house on the way.

It is hard to believe that this is only Sara's second trip to Fort Plain, even though she had been to other surrounding places. This morning Emanuel's call to me had ended. Shortly afterward, my cell phone rang. I answered it and heard a girl's voice. The caller was my friend Sara, who said, "This is my first phone call." I was surprised and honored to receive that call.

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- Many elections take place in the United States on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. In 2019, Election Day falls on Nov. 5 and includes various gubernatorial elections, mayoral races and a variety of local elections.
- November used to be the ninth month of the calendar of Romulus. That all changed when the calendar was modified and January and February were added.
- November is 30 days long. It is one of four months that last 30 days.
- November is the last full month of autumn in the northern hemisphere.
 - The chrysanthemum

which is fitting since so many mums are seen during autumn.

- November's birthstones are topaz and citrine.
- People born in November fall under the zodiac signs of Scorpio or Sagittarius.
- Veterans are commemorated in both Canada and the United States each year on Nov. 11.
- November's full moon is known as the Beaver Moon. Algonquin tribes and colonial Americans would use the month to set beaver traps before the swamps froze to ensure a supply of furs for the winter. It is also sometimes called the Full Frost Moon.
- According to folklore and The Farmer's Almanac, "Ice in November brings mud in December."



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A home is the most significant purchase many people will ever make. Perhaps because of that, many buyers, particularly those purchasing a home for the first time, are understandably nervous about the home-buying process. The decision regarding which home to buy warrants ample consideration, but so, too, does the buyers' choice of lender.

Mortgage lenders can be found all over the internet, and the sheer volume of lender options can make it hard for home buyers to find the right fit for them. Couple that with lending-related terminology that many first-time buyers may be unfamiliar with, and it's easy to see why prospective homeowners can feel overwhelmed about the process of borrowing money to buy their homes.

When looking for a mortgage lender, prospective homeowners should never forget that the choice of lender is, in most cases, entirely theirs to make. When making that decision, a host of variables should be considered. The following are three such factors that, upon ample consideration, may help buyers rest easy knowing they did their due diligence when looking for lenders.

1. Reputation/recommendation

Just like other businesses, lenders have reputations and of-

tentimes those reputations can be determined via some simple online research. Peruse online reviews to determine what past buyers felt about a given lender. If possible, ask friends, family or colleagues who they worked with to secure a mortgage.



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2. Fees

Fees vary from lender to lender. Fees should not be mistaken for interest rates, which change daily and are typically dictated by the financial industry and prospective buyers' credit history and financial standing. When speaking with potential lenders, ask for a rundown of their fees, and the services those fees include, and closing cost estimates in writing, then compare and contrast fees and costs of various lenders before making a final decision. Some lenders may charge considerably more in fees than others, so buyers should put in the effort necessary to comparison shop.

3. Personal interaction

Buyers, especially those who have never before purchased a home, will likely have lots of questions. This is where personal interaction with a prospective lender should be noted. Securing financing for a home purchase can sometimes seem like an impersonal process, but it doesn't have to be, and many lenders are happy to answer buyers' questions. Lenders who answer questions quickly and clearly can make buyers more comfortable about the home buying process. Buyers may want to avoid lenders who seem evasive or unwilling to answer questions in writing.



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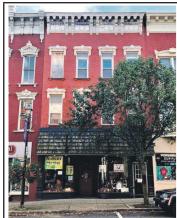
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COMPLETELY RENOVATED 3 BDRM, 1.5 bath home that has a view of Galway Lake & only a short walk to the lake. Large 2 car garage, partially finished basement, new roof, new kitchen, new SS authors of Roseitchen, new SS appliances, new flooring, new paint.. You name it, it's done - you need to show the \$ & move in!

2 FAMILY HOME \$69,500 16 Lincoln St., Gloversville



This 2 family home has a 3 BDRM apartment & a 2 BDRM apartment Upon the sale 1st floor unit will be available for you to move into or place your own tenant

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20 Lexington Ave, Gloversville



Charming side hall colonial home with 4 BDRMS, 2.5 baths, full attic & full basement, garage & car cover, fenced in back yard with a small decorative ond surrounded by flowers for beau tiful display all summer long. Annu taxes are \$1.657, Call Virginia Mackey Cell (518) 221-4340 for more details or to view.

2 FAMILY HOME \$69,900 82 Second Ave, Gloversville



Great investment property that is fully rented (Tenants are month to month) with offstreet parking. Beautiful hardwood floors and each unit features 3 BDRMS Annual taxes are \$2,869 Cal

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Cell (518) 221-4340 for more

REDUCED \$154,000 107 West Madison St, Johnstown



This home is truly STUNNING This home is truly STUNNING. All rooms are spacious, beautiful high ceilings throughout, 4 BDRMS, 1.5 baths, fenced in back yard, 1 car garage. This is a MUST SEE home! When you walk in & look around your likely to fall right in love! in love!

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REDUCED \$224,900 152 St. Hwy. 161, Amsterdam



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ng, Meticulous 119 acre horse farm with a completely remodeled 4 BDRM, 2 full bath home. 15 stall barn w/barn cleaner (easy to convert/ use for any livestock), heated work shop, 2 bay but 4 deep garage, 4 bay machine shed & hunting cabin. 80 acres of organic hay ground, 20 acres of mature woods & 19 acres of fenced pastures. All buildings on this farm are completely renovated! SELLERS ARE MOTIVATED, COME CHECK IT OUT!

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

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\$225,000 208 Round Barn Rd., Amsterdam A large 4 BDRM, 2 full



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188 Brumley Rd., Fultonville Very spacious A-Frame



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Library to host 'Travelogue: Suez Canal Crossing' on Nov. 4

Come to the Fort Plain Free Library on Monday, Nov. 4 and immerse yourself in the culture of the Middle East as retired educator Eunice Bollen takes participants on a virtual tour of sites in Israel, Egypt and Jordan during her final fall travelogue presentation. The program, "Travelogue: Suez Canal Crossing – Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the Red Sea," will take place from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. that night.

The presentation will include photographs, mementoes and impressions about the things Bollen saw and experienced during a specialty cruise to sites in the Holy Land. The tour took passengers to Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Jericho, Haifa, Bethlehem, the Baha'i Gardens UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem, among other places.

In Egypt, they toured Facebook for updates.

the Great Pyramid complex at Giza and the Karnak Temple and the Valley of the Kings at Luxor. In Jordan, they visited the "Lost City" of Petra, which was hand-carved into sandstone cliffs by the Nabataeans around the 3rd century BCE.

More than a sightseeing tour, the cruise allowed passengers to immerse themselves in the local culture, she said. In addition to the Mediterranean, the local residents traveled through the Suez Canal to the Red Sea and later visited the Dead Sea – one of the world's saltiest lakes at the lowest elevation on land.

The travelogue program is free and open to the public. Call 518.993.4646 for more information. The Fort Plain Free Library is located at 19 Willett St. Follow the library on Facebook for updates.

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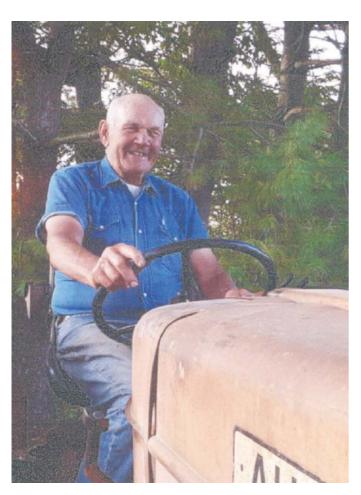
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MOHAWK VALLEY COUNTRY EDITOR

Rabies vaccination clinic set for Nov. 2

FONDA - There will be a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. - noon at the Mohawk Town Barn, 2-4 Park St., Fonda.

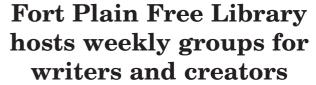
New York State Public Health Law requires that all dogs, cats and domestic ferrets shall have initial vaccinations administered against rabies no later than four months of age and stay up to date with re-vaccinations. Re-vaccinations are required one year later and a booster shot is needed every three years. It is important to have pets vaccinated in a timely manner in order for the pet to be considered protected against the virus. Pet owners should bring proof of their pet's last rabies vaccination. This helps the veterinarian determine whether

the pet will receive a one- or three-year vaccination; without it your pet will receive a one-year vaccination

Veterinarian administration fee is \$10 per rabies vaccine. Other vaccines will be available for additional fees. This is the last rabies vaccination clinic scheduled for

To assure the safety of other pets and people, dogs must be leashed; cats and ferrets must be contained in a pet carrier or box when attending the clinic.

For more information about rabies contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531 Monday -Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. or call your veterinarian.



Are you looking for an outlet for your creative talents? Do you enjoy writing? The Fort Plain Free Library has free weekly groups that might interest you each Thursday.

Thursdays from 12:30 -2:30 p.m., makers of traditional textile arts and handcrafts such as embroidery, needle felting, crocheting and knitting gather for the free and casual Creative Textile Fibers Group. Each week, participants share patterns, advice, ideas, laughter and friendship as they work on individual proj-

That is followed from 3 -

5 p.m. by participants of the creative writing group facilitated by published writer Joan Caska. Wordsmiths from varied writing backgrounds, genres, interests, goals and experience levels share their work in a fun and nonthreatening setting. In addition to memoirs, participants work on novels. short stories, poems and more. Each free session features constructive feedback in a friendly and supportive setting.

All of the groups are free and open to the public. Call 518.993.4646 or visit the library at 19 Willett St. for information.

Moments in Time The History Channel

- On Nov. 6, 1528, the Spanish conquistador Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca is shipwrecked on a low sandy island off the coast of Texas. Starving, dehydrated and desperate, he is the first European to set foot on the soil of the future Lone Star state.
- On Nov. 10, 1775, a resolution, drafted by future U.S. president John Adams, creates the Continental Marines and is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. The motto of the service is Semper Fidelis, meaning "Always Faithful" in Latin.
- On Nov. 7, 1914, while World War I rages in Europe, a new weekly magazine, The New Republic, is first published in the United States. Though its first issue sold only 875 copies, after a year the circulation reached 15,000. The New Republic still operates today as a weekly journal of opinion.
- On Nov. 8, 1951, Yankees catcher Yogi Berra is voted the American League's most valuable player. He went on to be the league MVP twice more, in 1954 and 1955.
- On Nov. 5, 1968, in one of the closest elections in U.S. history, Republican challenger Richard Nixon defeats Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Because of thirdparty candidate George Wallace, neither Nixon nor Humphrey received 50% of the vote.
- On Nov. 4, 1979, student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini send shock waves across America when they storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists took 90 hostages.
- On Nov. 9, 1989, East German officials open the Berlin Wall, allowing free travel from East to West Berlin for the first time since 1961. The next day, celebrating Germans began to tear down one of the ugliest and most infamous symbols of the Cold War. The wall was built to keep a flood of refugees from fleeing Communist East Germany to the West.

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What to expect when adopting a shelter dog

shelters or in foster homes just waiting for someone to make them permanent members of their family. The ASPCA says there are nearly four million dogs in shelters across America. Bringing home a puppy or an older dog can be an exciting, selfless endeavor.

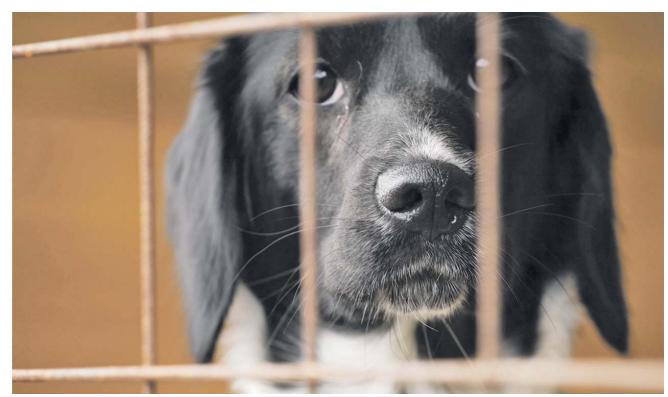
Shelter dogs have the capacity to be loving, devoted pets. Unfortunately, many such dogs have been dealt difficult hands, ending up in shelters through no fault of their

Prospective pup parents should be aware that there can be a transitional period as dogs acclimate to their new homes. Understanding what to expect the first few weeks and months can be help-

- Creatures of habit: Dogs are creatures of habit and feel most comfortable when they know what to expect. Moving from a shelter into a home can be a big change. Shelter dogs will need time to understand the workings of a household. By remaining consistent and patient, dog owners can help their pooches acclimate to their new surroundings. Feed the dog at the same time and place each day. Take the dog for a walk the same time each day with the same route. Knowing what to expect can be calming for the dog.
- · Housetraining regression: New puppies likely do not fully know the rules of housetraining, but even older dogs who may have been housetrained can regress in a new environment. Pet parents may have to go back to basics and reinforce housetraining lessons.
- Shyness and anxiety: It's impossible to know what dogs went through before landing in a shelter. Shelter workers may have conducted certain tests, such as food aggression or resource guarding, but that only paints part of the picture. It will take time for the dog to trust and understand, and dogs may be timid and experience anxiety for a brief period. Some may even act out by exhibiting damaging behavior.
- Safe space: The experts at Hill's Pets advise employing a crate that can serve as a den for the dog.

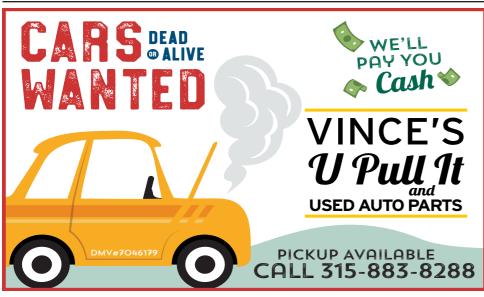
Millions of dogs reside in It not only is an area that can keep the dog out of trouble as they learn the rules of the house, but it also can serve as a safe haven that is familiar and comforting.

- Training classes: Enroll in training classes so that the pup begins to learn commands. Obedience training also helps keep the animal safe.
- Vet care: Make an appointment to have the shelter dog checked over by a vet as soon as possible. This helps everyone get on a vaccination schedule and can pinpoint illnesses or behavior problems. Many shelter dogs have common communicable illnesses like kennel cough or worms that require prompt treatment.





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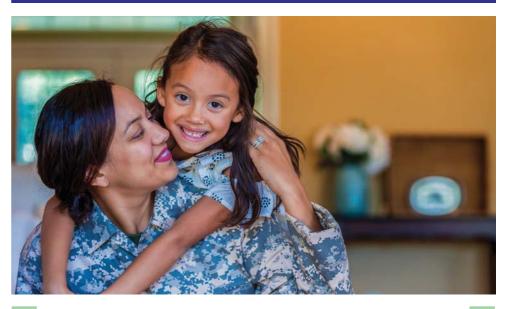
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Kovels: Antiques and collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel Jack-o-Lantern

Halloween is the second most popular holiday among collectors of holiday memorabilia. Christmas comes first. But Halloween decorations are in such demand today that there are even mail-order catalogs and pop-up stores that feature nothing but Halloween. The idea behind Halloween goes back centuries, but the first Halloween parties that resembled modern celebrations were costume parties for adults in the 1880s and 1890s.

Costumes from those parties - some of the earliest Halloween collectibles - were almost always homemade. Pressed-paper "veggie people," jack-o-lanterns and other Halloween decorations were being made by the 1900s, mostly in Germany. By the 1920s, jack-o-lanterns were made of a composition material, holes were made for the eyes and

mouth and a hand-painted piece of paper was glued inside to create a finished face. By the 1950s, Halloween decorations were being made of hard plastic, and in the 1990s a strange sponge-like plastic was popular for soft jack-olanterns.

Pre-1950 Halloween memorabilia is scarce, so prices are high. But beware: Many reproductions of early paper jacko-lanterns and Halloween candy containers have been made in Japan. New mail order catalogs sell copies of old pieces along with new life-size witches, ghosts, skeletons and zombies, as well as tombstones, black cats and huge blow-up monsters and spiders. These too will be popular collectibles in a few years.

G: I have my grandfather's black hat. The name in the hat is "Sheldon & Co., London." It was in a hat box that says "Mallory Hats, Fifth

Ave., New York, NY." I think he had the hat when he was a member of the Shriners. Can you give me any information?

A: Both Sheldon & Co. and Mallory were hat makers listed in the 1908 "American Hatter." G.W. Sheldon & Co. was a maker of felt in 1823. It was the first hat maker in the U.S. and was one of the largest by the early 1900s. E.A. Mallory & Sons became a division

of the John B. Stetson Hat Co. in 1946. Production of Mallory hats ceased by 1965. Maybe Mallory sold hats by other makers, or maybe the hat was put in the wrong box by the owner. Vintage top hats in great shape sell for about \$100. Twentieth-century hat boxes with good names or graphics are \$50 to \$75 retail.

Current prices

• Halloween postcard,

little boy, carving a jacko-lantern, seated, girl in blue dress, standing above, watching, signed, c. 1905, \$20.

- Door knocker, mask, grotesque, horned head, knocker ring in mouth, 14 x 8 inches, \$190
- Halloween jack-inthe-box, pumpkin man, turnip nose, bug eyes, plaid paper litho wood box, 7 inches, \$350.
- Halloween decoration, witch face, hand-painted

papier mache with black and gray horsehair and burlap hat, cleft chin and wart, 1920s, \$750.

Tip: Be careful where you put a fresh pumpkin or gourd. Put a plastic liner underneath it. A rotting pumpkin will permanently stain wood or marble.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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This 5-inch-tall witch-head jack-o-lantern made in Germany is probably from the 1920s. Although the paint has been touched up, it sold for \$1,121 at a Bertoia auction in Vineland, N.J.



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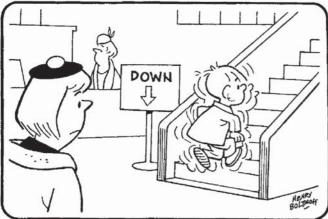
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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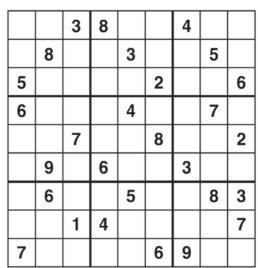
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

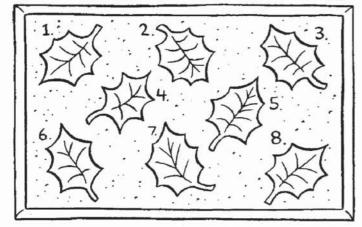


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆ ◆ ◆

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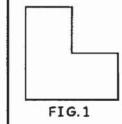
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Answer: Leaves 1 and 8.

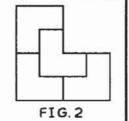
by Charles Barry Townsend

LET'S FIND THE ANIMALS!





A BETCHA PUZZLE! Place an L-shaped piece of paper on the table and challenge your friends to cut it into four equal pieces, all the same size and shape. The solution is shown in figure 2



Hidden in the above diagram are the names of 21 species of animals. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the names you're looking for:

Hippo

Llama

Rattler

Zebra

Leopard

Mustang

Shetland

FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

- Weight of a container.
- 2. To be.
- 3. Outstanding performer.
- 4. A sailor.

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Anaconda Cougar Antelope Deer Boar Eagle Elephant Camel Cardinal Gazelle Goat Caribou Gorilla

Cheetah Answers: 1. Tare. 2. Are. 3. Star. 4. Tar. Mystery word: Stare.



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315-429-7381
Worship 11:00am
Sunday School @ 9:30am beginning
September 18th
Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 12:30pm

Emmanuel
Episcopal Church
588-594 Albany St., Little Falls, NY
315-823-1323
Sunday Mass 10am
Coffee Hour following Sunday Mass
Sunday School & Youth Group
Tuesday 10am Mass & Bible Study
Friday 10am-2pm Thrift Shop

Ephratah Reformed Church

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

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

518-673-3440 Communion Sundays at 9:30a Fellowship Time to Follow Call for Holy Day services The Rev. Virginia L Ogden, Rector

Everlasting Joy Believers Fellowship

14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fellowship) St. Johnsville, NY 13452 315-858-2112 Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10am

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United Methodist Church Lower Level
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Hope and Love Christian Church" and our
website http://faithhopeandlovechurch.com

First Baptist Church Springfield Center, NY

Rev. - Gary Tyler
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Morning Worship 11:00am
Sunday night Worship 6:00pm
Wed. night Bible Study 7:00pm
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2nd Sat. of the month 4-7pm

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

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

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

Fort Plain United **Methodist Church**

39 Center St., Fort Plain Audie Miller,

Lay Supply Pastor Church Office 518-993-3863 Kitchen 518-993-3464

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Freysbush United Methodist Church

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

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

Fultonville Reformed Church

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Glen Reformed Church

State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen 4 miles South of Fultonville glenreformed@nycap.rr.com Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School nmediately following Children's Message

Grace Christian Church

20 Center St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Pastor Martin Glynn 518-568-2122 Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 11:00am **Grace Episcopal Church** 24 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley

315-585-4016 Kyle Grennen, Rector Sunday School 11:00am Holy Communion/sermon 11:00am Active Youth Group - call for detail

Grandview Baptist Church

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

Pastor Dan West

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

Holy Family Parish

Little Falls, NY 315-823-3410 Saturday 4pm Sunday 10:30am

Joy Fellowship

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

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

Lassellseville United **Methodist Church**

State Hwy. 29

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church 1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114 Stratford, NY 13470-0114 315-429-8854

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

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Route 10 South

Rev. David Bowley

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

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Oppenheim United Methodist Church

Route 29 Rev. Jack Ford 315-429-7381

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Paines Hollow United Methodist Church

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

Randall Christian Community Church

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Reformed Church of Canajoharie

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

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

Reformed Church of Fort Plain

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

Worship 10:30am, AA meetings Mon. & Tues. 7pm, cond Thurs. Prayerspace 6am to 6p

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

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

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

River of Jubilee Church

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

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

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Sunday Worship 9:00am

Salisbury Center United Methodist Church

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

Seeker's Fellowship

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St. John's Lutheran Church

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

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

St. John's **Reformed Church**

68 W. Main St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7396

Faithfully Following Jesus Christ Sunday Worship 10:30am

St. John's & St. Mark's **Lutheran Church**

143 Church St., Canajoharie 518-673-2224

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

St. Johnsville **Methodist Church**

7 East Main St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Pastor Corey Jones 518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic

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

St. Mary's

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

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of Rural Grove
170 Rural Grove Ad., Sprakers, NY 12166
518-922-7831
Pastor Joshua Fetterhoff pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am, Morning Service 11am, Eve. Service 6pm Wed.-Family Night 7pm, "Where Bible Teaching is Fundamental

The Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

618 E. Gansvoort St. Little Falls, NY 315-823-0793 Father Rafal Dadello

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Victorious Life Church

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

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Fort Plain Free Library to host Fall Book & Rummage Sale Nov. 6 - 9

FORT PLAIN - Book lovers and garage sale enthusiasts can land themselves some real finds at the Fort Plain Free Library's Fall Book and Rummage Sale Wednesday, Nov. 6 through Saturday, Nov. 9. The four-day event will be held at the landmark 19 Willett St. location from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday - Friday, and from 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday.

In addition to children's and adults' paperback and hardcover books, there will be magazines, videocassette tapes, dishware, small appliances, handmade and vintage Christmas ornaments and gently used household items for sale.

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

If you would like to donate items, or if you would like more information about the sale or the library's other fundraisers, call 518.993.4646. Follow the Fort Plain Free Library on Facebook for more news and events.

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Good Housekeeping

Spiced Apple Pancake

For the puffiest pancake, use a cast iron skillet. If you don't have one, choose a heavy 12-inch skillet with a bottom that is at least 10 inches in diameter and has an oven-safe handle.

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 pounds (3 to 4 medium) Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into 8 wedges
 - 3 large eggs
 - 3/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice or 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1. Heat oven to 450°F. In 12-inch cast-iron skillet, heat butter, water and 1/2 cup sugar over mediumhigh heat to boiling. Add apple wedges; cook 12 to 15 minutes or until apples are golden and sugar mixture begins to caramelize, stirring occasionally.
- 2. Meanwhile, in blender or food processor with knife blade attached, place eggs, milk, flour, pumpkin pie spice, salt and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar, adding liquid ingredients to blender first. Blend until batter is smooth.
- 3. When apple mixture in skillet is deep golden, pour batter over apples. Place skillet in oven; bake 15 to 17 minutes or until puffed and lightly browned. Serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.
- * Each serving: About 210 calories, 6g total fat (3g saturated), 140mg sodium, 36g total carbohydrate, 2g

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Many area businesses have donated items to choose from. You will not want to miss this annual event!

Please stop by on Saturday, November 9th!!

Whatchamacallits

As we continue our leather working Whatchamacallit theme, this week we have a punch plier, also called a punch or spring plier (among other things). The punch was used to "punch" the round lace holes which were later fitted with eyelets (grom-

One jaw holds the bit and the other jaw is fitted with a brass plate, also called the anvil. The anvil protected the sharp cutting edge of the bit after it bore through the leather. The handles are spring-loaded, keeping the jaw open when not in use — and to protect the sharp cutting edge of the

The name stamped on it is either

Faiebaigh or Faiebrigh, but neither of these produced any results during an internet search.

Our example has a magazine to hold a variety of bit sizes and I think it doubled as a pricking punch, which was used to punch holes around the edge of the heel toppiece in order to receive the cobbler nails. Once again, my online searches did not produce an example quite like the one we have here.

Even in the exhaustive book provided, "Dictionary of Leather Working Tools, circa 1700-1950," did not include an example of this particular style of tool.



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"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn." — Harriet Beecher Stowe

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This Week's Holidays

Nov. 2 – Book Lovers' Day

Nov. 3 – Sandwich Day

Nov. 4 – Check Your

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Nov. 5 – Gunpowder Day

Nov. 6 – Saxophone Day

Nov. 7 – Men Make

Dinner Day (first Thursday of every month, ladies)

Nov. 8 – Cook Something Bold Day

To Your Good Health

by Keith Roach, M.D.

Can nothing be done for severe back pain?

Dear Dr. Roach: I have severe lower back pain and can't stand up straight or walk very well. I saw a back specialist, and he took X-rays and reviewed an MRI. He informed me nothing could be done for me because I have diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis (DISH). I would like to know what this is and why nothing can be done for me. – Anon.

Answer: DISH is essentially a disease of bone spurs. The ligaments and their attachments to bone themselves become calcified and bonelike. The cause is unknown. Symptoms are commonly back pain (more often, middle or upper back, not the lower back pain you have), but pain also may occur in the neck. Problems with walking are not common, but can happen if a nerve is being compressed.

Surgery is not a usual treatment for DISH. It is occasionally necessary if the bone spurs press on nerves or if the bone spurs are so large that they interfere with eating. That doesn't mean nothing can be done for you. Physical therapy may be very beneficial; judicious pain medication and regular gentle exercise are the other effective treat-

If the difficulty standing straight and walking persist, you should get re-eval-

Dear Dr. Roach: What is your take on the benefits versus risks of DMSO? -

Answer: DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide) has only one use approved by the Food and Drug Administration, in people with interstitial cystitis, where it is directly instilled into the bladder. It is also used (off-label, meaning without an official FDA indication) as a recovery treatment when the tube delivering some types of chemotherapy comes out of the vein.

DMSO may have a pain-relieving effect, both topically when applied, as well as in the brain, though the mechanism for this is unclear. DMSO is an antioxidant and opens pores in lipid membranes, but again it's unclear how this relates to its possible effects on people's symptoms.

It is an interesting and difficult-tostudy compound. It is exceedingly permeable: Within five minutes of being applied to skin, it is detectable in the blood. It has a distinct flavor and odor that can be noticed after application to the skin, which makes doing a controlled trial difficult; subjects in a study find it very easy to know whether or not they have been given DMSO.

It's estimated that people have spent billions of dollars on DMSO for other conditions, especially arthritis and inflammatory diseases. However, the evidence that it is effective is poor, largely because of the difficulty in doing good studies on this compound, but also because large-scale studies are very expensive and there is little enthusiasm on performing such studies on a cheap compound.

The risks appear to be small. Apart from the taste and smell changes, there are rare reports of allergies, discomfort in the bladder after instillation there and possible damage to the eye lens (at least in animals).

You didn't tell me what condition you are considering DMSO for, but except in the case of interstitial cystitis (where there are other therapies more likely to be effective), given uncertain benefits, I don't recommend DMSO despite the low risk of harm

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NYS History Month Series at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site



President U.S. Grant writing his memoirs during his final days.

Photo courtesy of U.S. Grant Cottage State Historic Site

FORT HUNTER – Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will conduct its fifth annual Tuesday Talk series to recognize New York State History Month this November. Each week a speaker will present on regional or New York State history. All presentations are free and open to the public. They will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Enders House adjacent to the Schoharie Crossing Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter. Refreshments will be provided and donations are always appreciated.

On Nov. 5, join Ulysses S. Grant Cottage State Historic Site Operations Manager Ben Kemp as he shares the compelling story of how famed Civil War general and two-term U.S. president Ulysses S. Grant ended up spending his final days in the foothills of the Adirondacks. Kemp will present "The Story of Grant Cottage: The Final Home of an American Hero." Grant's last year is an inspirational tale of family devotion and a true character study of a man known for his triumph over adversity. Learn how the amazingly preserved cottage atop Mt. McGregor, with sweeping views of the Hudson Valley and Green Mountains, became a historic site that has welcomed visitors for the last 135 years.

Historian Scott Haefner will discuss "Transportation in the Mohawk Valley" on Nov. 12. This presentation will explore the significance of the river valley in developing transportation to the west and covers the Bateaux era in the 18th century through turnpikes, canals and railroads. Haefner is a registered historian and is the site manager of Old Fort Johnson, operated by the Montgomery County Historical Society.

On Tuesday, Nov. 19 Laurie Kozakiewicz, Ph.D., a lecturer in the Department of History at SUNY Albany, will discuss the 1873 trial of Susan B. Anthony. The suffragette was charged for having cast a ballot in the presidential election of 1872

and in doing so she seemingly violated both federal law and the New York State Constitution. Suffragists had been stunned and angered at women's exclusion from the 15th Amendment which in 1870 had given freed black men the vote. This trial represents Anthony's strategy to test what she hoped would be the new winning argument: that the 14th Amendment's creation of national citizenship had given women the right to vote. Her task was to get the court to agree. Our purpose in revisiting the trial is to get a better sense of the challenges suffragists faced in the late 19th century as they struggled to win the vote.

The last Tuesday Talk of the series will be on Nov. 26: a presentation by Anne Clothier, who will present a workshop lecture about identifying 19th century photography methods called "Looking History in the Eye." Photography was an emerging and changing new technology as well as an art form in the 19th century. Discover tips on identifying images captured during this era as well as learn about some of the methods used to create lasting photographs. Clothier is a history educator from the Saratoga County region. Her particular interests include women's history, textiles, medical history and the history of photography.

New York State History Month

November was designated as New York State History Month by the New York State Legislature in 1997 with the addition of Section 57.02 to the state's Arts and Cultural Affairs Law. New York State History Month represents an opportunity for historians, cultural institutions and the public to assert the vital importance of preserving and learning about our state's history.

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- 1/2 teaspoon table salt 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups (2 medium) cored and finely chopped cooking apples
 - 1/4 cup chopped black walnuts
- 1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray a deepdish 10-inch pie plate with butter-flavored cooking spray.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine eggs, half & half, margarine and sugar substitute, using a wire whisk. Add flour, salt and baking powder. Mix well to combine. Stir in apples and walnuts. Evenly pour batter into prepared pie plate.
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How seldom we hear those words in an era when everything we need or want is within easy reach. Man's ingenuity has created things that would go beyond imagination to even living persons. With this little article we step back to a commodity that is still used even in this age of zippers and Velcro®. I do not know who first invented the button but it goes back a long, long way. There have been buttons made from rolled leather, bone, ivory, sea shells and all kinds of metals, not to mention the plastic used in political buttons. By the way, political buttons are not new. As Washington was inaugurated, large, flat buttons with eagles on them came into being. Both civilian and military buttons are found in the ground and in old houses. Often in the 18th century, regimented markings appear on them.

The two artifacts illustrating this article are early button molds. The brass one would be used to cast pewter buttons. It would be a manufactured item and was from the early Eaker family in the town of Palatine. Anyone in the early days seeing



The small brass button mold was used to cast pewter buttons like the ones next to it. The larger wooden one was made by an early Gramps family member.

this mold might desire one. There comes the "I'll make one" in the title. Someone in the early Gramps family in Stone Arabia did just that. These two button molds are now in the collection of the Reaney Library Museum in St. Johnsville.

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Knowing what to do during a breakdown can help drivers and their passengers get through such situations unscathed.

Drivers expect their vehicles to safely transport them from point A to point B. But sometimes drivers find themselves stranded on the side of the road due to a breakdown. That can be an especially precarious position to be in, but knowing what to do during a breakdown can help drivers and their passengers get through such situations unscathed.

- 1. Find a safe spot to pull over. Whenever possible, guide the car to a shoulder or area out of the line of traffic but still visible to oncoming traffic. If the car is not drivable, enlist the help of someone to push it into a safe zone.
- 2. Turn on hazard lights. Esurance advises to put on hazard lights, which will warn other drivers that something is wrong. Hazard lights also may alert other motorists who might offer assistance. Once your hazard lights are on, pop the hood, which can serve as an additional alert to other drivers.
- 3. Engage the emergency brake. Turn the wheel away from the road and put on the emergency brake to help prevent the car from rolling.
- 4. Set up other warning signals. Prepared drivers keep cones, reflective triangles or flares in their cars. AARP suggests placing three warning signals. The first should be 50 feet away and directly behind the vehicle. The other two can then be placed nearer to the vehicle.
- 5. Remain in the vehicle. It is safer to stay in the vehicle and call for help than to get out and stand on the side of a busy roadway.
- 6. Call for assistance. Use a mobile phone to dial a roadside assistance service or tow truck. Drivers also may want to contact the nearest police station to ask for help.

Roadside assistance programs are available for a fee from private companies and sometimes through vehicle dealerships or insurance companies. Such services can provide peace of mind if and when breakdowns occur.

Honoring all heroes this Veterans Day

Veterans Day, which is celebrated annually on Nov. 11, commemorates the hardworking men and women who sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm's way to defend the country's core values of freedom and opportunity. While Veterans Day certainly is a chance to honor those who have donned the uniform during wars and military installments, it also can be a chance to recognize the unsung heroes of wartime – those who step into roles so that soldiers and strategists can focus their attention elsewhere.

Take for example Naomi Parker Fraley. In 1942, Fraley was a machine shop worker at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, CA. She was one of scores women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, helping to produce munitions and war supplies. Parker was 20 years old in 1942 and served as the inspiration for what would become one of the most indelible images of the era, known as "Rosie the Riveter." Parker unknowingly inspired the iconic image after she was photographed at work bent over an industrial machine in a jumpsuit with

her hair tied back in a polka-dot bandana. In 2018, Naomi Parker Fraley died at the age of 96, not nearly the household name she perhaps should have been.

Rosie the Riveter helped to tout the contributions of female war employees who were defending America by working on the home front. Rosie was a successful morale-booster, and some may be surprised to learn that Rosie has various incarnations.

Norman Rockwell's depiction of a female riveter, which appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943, became an iconic staple of that time. Muscular, with a rivet gun on her lap, a sandwich in hand and a boot stomping on a copy of "Mein Kampf" - and timed perfectly to coincide with the release of a song called "Rosie the Riveter" by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb - Rosie became a household name. But another Rosie image actually predates Rockwell's Post cover.

Naomi Parker Fraley was reportedly the inspiration for an ad created by a lesser-known artist named J. Howard Miller. Miller produced a "We Can Do It!" poster for Westinghouse Electric in 1942 aimed at boosting spirits among the company's workers. The poster helped to recruit new female personnel, according to scholar James J. Kimble. This Rosie was portrayed in a red bandana with her bent arm flexed, rolling up her shirtsleeve.

Both Miller's and Rock-well's depictions of female war workers became ingrained in popular culture. Rockwell's cover art was eventually loaned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for use in war bond drives for the duration of the war. Miller's version has been emulated for generations and still epitomizes a strong female presence in the workforce.

This Veterans Day is a prime time to delve into American wartime history, with interesting stories like the origins of Rosie the Riveter, and pay homage to all of the heroes that help ensure America's reputation as a great nation.



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Veterans Invited

Harry Hoag Elementary students invite veterans and their families to attend a Veteran's Day assembly on November 8th at 8:15 a.m. in the gym

SADD Officers Elected: Students Against Destructive Decisions have announced their 2019-2020 officers:

Co-President Robert Bowley
Co-President Mekhi Lanier
Vice President Kaylee Sanders
Secretary Sarah Vanasse
Treasurer Sinem Demir
Pulic Relations Committee: Alexis Euler,

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Student Council 2019-2020: The Jr/Sr High Student Council recently held

President Jasmine Livingston
Vice President Brady Fureno
Secretary Lauren Weinberger
Treasurer Rachel Zuppardi
Public Relations Sarah Paradiso
The Student Council has begun the year with the annual Halloween Dance, and then will make plans for Spirit Week in early December.

NY Yankees Treat Students: The students in Lisa Petty's high school Lifeskills class are huge New York Yankees baseball fans. As a special surprise, aide Lori Shults recently wrote to the Yankees organization, telling them about the Lifeskills class and its terrific kids. In response, the Yankees sent each student a gift pack of tech gear, hat, pencils, baseball cards, and stickers. The kids were so excited about their official Yankees merchandise, and got right to work on thank you cards and photos. Thank you,

Students of the Month:

New York Yankees!

The elementary school principal Lauren Crisman is proud to announce the elementary September Students of the Month:

Noah Clark
Elaena Minarich
Sienna Dean
Lainie McDuffee
Elijah Smith
Landon Kretser
Bailie Richardson

Kingergarten
1st Grade
2nd Grade
4th Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade

Upcoming Events:

11/5 Supertindent's Day: no classes

11/8 Jr/Sr HS Report Cards Mailed

11/11 School Closed: Veteran's Day

11/13 Board of Education Meeting 7:00

11/21 & 11/22 Elementary School Noon Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/27-11/29 School Closed: Thanksgiving



Superintendent's Message: Some years ago, my son Patrick was a cast member in his high school production of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," a play based upon a book by the same name by author Robert Fulgrum. The message embedded in one particular soliloguy has remained with me for these successive years, and is one that I still use with friends and family on particular occasions. In the second act, Patrick came out on stage alone, and spoke these words directly to the audience: "Life is lumpy. We can have a lump in our oatmeal, a lump in our throat, or a lump in our breast. We need to learn to recognize the differ-Those three simple sentences contain more wisdom than many full length books. As we move through life, we will encounter many very challenging situations. How we respond to those situations will have a significant impact upon not just ourselves but also upon those with whom we interface. We have a choice, everyday, in how we manage the situations that are presented to us. We can choose to make every issue a major one, to react with unnecessarily stong emotions such as anger, fear, resentment or worse. Or we can choose to step back, take a deep breath, see the issue from a broader perspective and manage it from a position of wisdom. Some of us may be blessed in that we have not had to experience significant traumas thus far in our lives. Others are likely dealing with extremely difficult situations on an almost daily basis. Wherever we find ourselves on this spectrum of situations on any given day, it would behoove us to remember that 95% of what we experience truly are "lumps in our oatmeal." If we can approach our problems with this mindset, then on those rare occasions when a "lump" is more significant, we will have the reserve of internal fortitude to manage it with the wisdom of one who understands how life really works and how we can make the best of every day we are given.

Drama Club Announces Auditions:

The Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama club has announced workshops and auditions for "Les Miserables", the musical which will be performed in March. A workshop for students interested in working behind-the-scenes will be held on November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Canajoharie High School auditorium. This workshop will show students what jobs are performed by the technical and stage crews during a show, including all aspects of lighting, sound, props, costuming, music, and stage work. In addition, there will be an acting/audition workshop on November 14th, also at 6:30 p.m. at Canjo HS. The workshop will allow students to do some improv, get them used to being on the stage in front of people, and teach them what they will need to do at auditions this year.

Students in 7th grade and up are invited to audition for "Les Mis" on either November 20th or November 21st. Both audition nights will begin at 6:30 p.m. and be held in the Canajoharie High School auditorium. Students need to attend only one of the audition nights. Reheasals for the show are all held at Canajoharie. The cast rehearses two nights per week in December, January and February, before moving to three nights per week. Rehearsals are held from 6:15-8:30 p.m. There are no Friday rehearsals. Contact Mr. Ryan or Mrs. Broady for more info: lauri.broady@fortplain.org

Elementary Student Council: Students in grades 4-6 gathered in the gym on October 3rd, to listen to their classmates plead their case to be student council representatives for this year. Principal Lauren Crisman lead off the event, explaining the election process. Students were being asked to elect officers and class representatives. Those who were running recently completed "campaign week", featuring posters and flyers throughout the school and culminating with campaign speeches. One by one, the student candidates got up in front of the crowd and told a little about themselves, and why they would make a great student council officer. Each speech outlined the things that the student would like to accomplish while in office, as well as the characteristics they felt they possessed to make them the perfect person for the job. "I may only be in the 5th grade, but I have potential" remarked Treasurer candidate Lily Lapi. Vice Presidential candidate Brooke Jones noted, "It would be an honor to work with the other officers and representatives to make our school a better place." Morgan Prime promised, "I will take the time to hear all of your ideas," and Chloe Stinson summed it up by saying "I care about this school." The elections were held the following morning, with students using Google to cast electronic ballots. Following some VERY close races, the 2019-2020 Elementary Student Council is: President: Grace McFee, Vice President: Bailie Richardson, Treasurer: Lilly Lapim, Secretary: Cheyanne Wall 6th Grade Reps: Cayden Szwezak, Breyanne Gilot, Owen Castellano 5th Grade Reps: Hailey Hayes, Landon VanGorder, Xander Nemeth 4th Grade: Dorian Tracki, Caleigh Bartholomew, Jasmine Rumrill

Lifeskills Hosts Fall Brunch: Students in Mrs. Petty's class recently welcomed staff members to a fall brunch. The students planned the menu, talked about food allergies, practiced their knife skills, discovered new cooking terms, and learned about sanitation and food safety. The class greeted each guest, helped them find a seat, served beverages, and were in charge of cleanup. All of those attending enjoyed a delicious brunch. Thank you Lifeskills Class!

Hilltopper Herald Off to a Great Start: Sixth graders in Mr. Heiser's "Team Tech" group recently completed the September issue of the student newspaper. The first edition featured many returning favorites, such as "Sock of the Month", "Dear Jessica" and staff interviews. The Hilltopper Herald also featured timely articles about hurricanes and current sports news, as well as a feature about the student council elections. Every newspaper issue has jokes, games, and a comic page! Team Tech members contributing to this first issue were: Grace McFee, Bailie Richardson, Ezra Brown, Owen Castellano, Jacob Herringshaw, Autumn Nichols, Sebastian Wood, Cayden Szewczak, Kimberly Kirby, Madison Clayburn, Noah Fonda, Cheyenne Stone, Dylan Keane, Arianna Twardoz, Kayleigh Ropeter, Reanna Germond, Alexis Buley, Emma Cook, Isis Hammond, Dylan Jones, Isaac Clark, Trentin Congdon, and McKenna Karker.

#FP22Challenge: Art Teacher and Ninja Warrior Contestant Geoff Snyder has been leading the district's staff and students in the #FP22Challenge during October/November. The challenge is a way to honor our military and raise awareness about veteran and active duty member suicide. To participate in the challenge, groups do 22 seconds of pushups, every day for 22 days. To spread the word and increase enthusiasm, the #FP-22Challenge hashtag was developed, so that participants can post videos of their group doing the pushups on one of the 22 days. So far, videos have featured teacher and staff groups, modified and varsity sports teams, and academic classes. The Canajoharie Fitness Center and Knox Jr. High in Johnstown have also accepted the challenge and are spreading awareness! The #FP22Challenge continues through November 8th, concluding with a special Veteran's Day ceremony.

Eighth Graders Video Chat with NASA Engineer:

Eighth grade students in Patrick Petty's science classes recently video chatted with NASA engineer Jerry Woodfill, who has been employed by NASA for over 50 years and designed the emergency alarm system for the Apollo spacecraft. Woodfill shared his experiences about working on the Apollo 11 and Apollo 13 missions, particularly his efforts in successfully rescuing the crew of Apollo 13. He was one of the team members who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for those efforts. Fort Plain science teacher, Patrick Petty, attended a highly-competitive NASA Institute for Educators this summer, and he has been sharing what he learned about the science skills that astronauts use, and how students can apply those same skills to every day life.

Students Visit College Fair:

The annual Tri-County Counselors Association College Fair was held in late September, at FMCC. During the event, students had the opportunity to speak with representatives from more than 70 colleges and universities. As students toured the booths, they could look over some of the academic offerings of each school, along with their highlighted student activities and campus features. The colleges provided brochures and other materials that students could take home to share with their families. Those interested could sign up to have the admissions office contact them regarding upcoming open houses, campus tours, and other special events. Many eleventh grade students took advantage of seeing so many colleges in one spot, and came away with great information for the important decisions that they have in front of them.