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- Friday, Feb. 7, 2020: Alex Torres and his Latin Orchestra. 7-10 p.m. band. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Salsa Night. Let's fill the hall again.
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- Friday, May 15: Joe's

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- Friday, Aug. 7: Georgie Wonders Band. 7-10 p.m. band. Doors open 5:30 p.m. Big Band. Put on your dancing shoes.

All Music/Dancing events are \$10 at the door.

Location: Amsterdam Elks Lodge 101 located at 8 Fourth Ave., Amsterdam, NY.

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For more information, please call Michelle Egerton at 518.339.2260 or check our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/amsterdam.elkslodge.

Saint Kateri Shrine Living Nativity Service on Dec. 8

The Saint Kateri National Shrine and Historic Site is pleased to invite the public to our Greccio or Living Nativity Service on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m. In 1224 in the Italian town of Greccio, St. Francis of Assisi gathered the townspeople outside at sundown and sang hymns and listened to the Gospel Nativity Story. With their voices raised in song and prayer, they realized and experienced what Mary and Joseph experienced as they entered Bethlehem. Join us at the St. Kateri Shrine for a brief Christmas event inspired by this service as we welcome once again the birth of the Baby Who Changed Everything.

Our celebration, which includes singing Christmas hymns, a reading from Isaiah and a gospel reading from Luke, will be held outside in the dark and cold to remind us of the faith Joseph and Mary had in God's desire for them and for us as His chosen children. Grassmann

Hall will be open for anyone who desires to join us in prayer and song but would prefer the heat and light. Bring a Christmas dessert to share with the coffee and hot chocolate provided afterward. It is recommended you bring a flashlight.

Kateri Tekakwitha was a young Mohawk woman who lived in the 17th century. She converted to Christianity and was baptized and lived the bulk of her life at the site

of what is now the St. Kateri National Shrine and Historic Site. She is the first Native American saint in the U.S. and Canada, and the National Shrine was created to honor Kateri and the Native peoples north and south of the border. For more information about Saint Kateri or the Shrine or Historic Site, contact nationalkaterishrine@gmail.com, call 518.853.3646 or visit www.katerishrine.com/news-events.



Project Backboard design winner announced

There are wonderful things happening in downtown Gloversville.

Community members, in partnership with Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, the City of Gloversville and the nationally-recognized organization Project Backboard have been working hard the last few months on a plan to revitalize the basketball court at Elk Street Park with the goal to resurface the basketball court and redesign the community seating area.

An official unveiling ceremony was conducted pri-

or to the start of the Gloversville High School Varsity Basketball game on Dec. 3.

At the end of the 2019 school year, five finalists were chosen from designs submitted by Gloversville High School art students. The greater Gloversville community was asked to vote on the final design of the Elk Street Park court throughout the month of October.

We are excited to announce the winning design! The winning design by

Kaylin Lee, a Gloversville High School senior will be painted on the newly resurfaced court in the spring of 2020. In addition to Ms. Lee's design, a commemorative banner will be installed honoring the memories of Shauna Beekman and Anthony "Ice" Coger. The banner was created by Kadin O'Shaughnessy and Dante Bouchard.

"The Gloversville School District is proud to partner with the CRG and the city on Project Backboard," said David Halloran, Superintendent of Schools for the Gloversville Enlarged School District. "The selected design is excellent, as were the other choices. We look forward to seeing the conceptual designs become a reality and look forward to future partnerships to help reimagine our community. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make this happen."

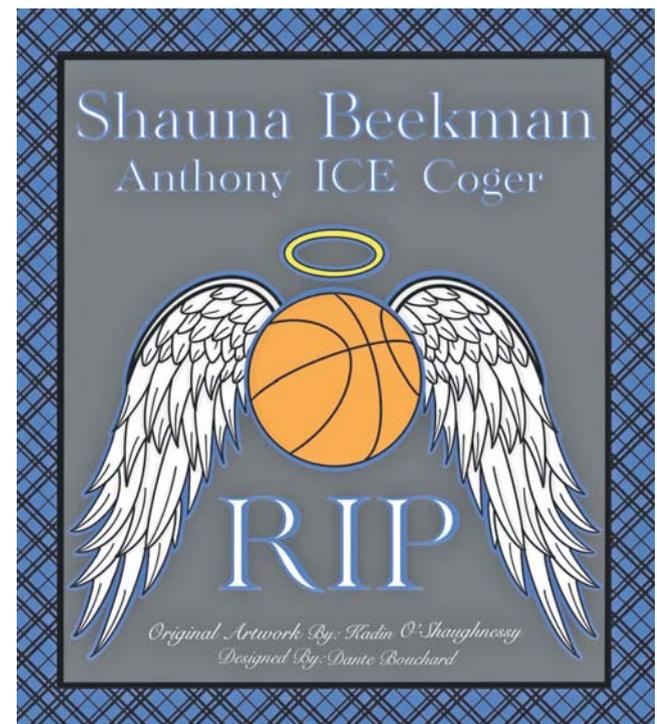
"Nothing is more beneficial to a community than enthusiasm for positive change," said Gloversville Mayor, Vincent DeSantis. "This year we have part-

nered with the school district on a number of successful projects. Our students, teachers and administrators have been great, and this is yet another success. They're setting an example for all of us."

Thank you to the many students who participated in the project including design finalists:

- Cassandra Baurle
- Nina Lomanto
- Zindora Richards
- Julia Robare

Full details about this and other downtown projects are available at www.downtown-gloversville.org. Watch a video about Elk Street Park at <https://tinyurl.com/y53tczgz>.



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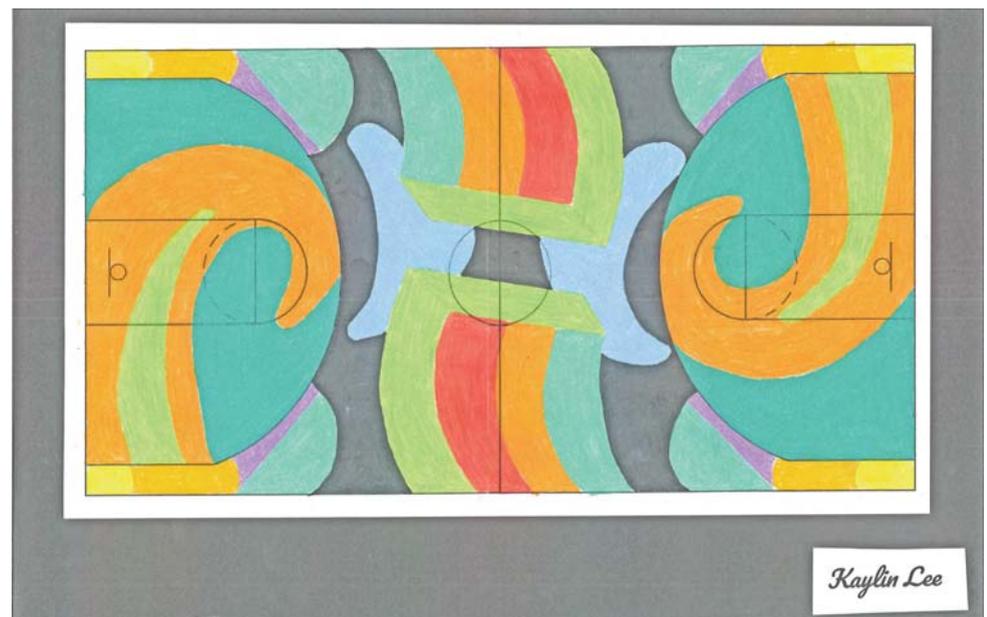
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Joseph Ferrari, a professor of psychology at DePaul University in Chicago and author of "Still Procrastinating: The No Regret Guide to Getting It Done," advises that around 20% of adults in the U.S. are chronic procrastinators. The Association for

Psychological Sciences notes that people who procrastinate have higher levels of stress.

Each year, individuals set key goals for themselves. As the end of the year approaches, the pressure is on for people to complete their tasks, especially if their deadline was to finish tasks by year's end. With such a firm date looming, consider these tactics to become better at mastering deadlines.

• Jot down all of your tasks. Jot down every-

thing you need to or want to get done in the near future. This could be everything from learning a foreign language to picking up your child from the afterschool program. Putting it on paper helps you to better prioritize, organize and strategize.

• Categorize the list. Move tasks into key categories: scheduled, deferred or delegated. Delegated tasks are those that will be handed off to someone else. Scheduled tasks are those that you handle by a date noted on your list. Deferred tasks can wait, but will be reorganized and addressed after the scheduled tasks are completed.

• Break down projects. Dividing projects into multiple steps allows you to handle them more efficiently. Think about the bigger

picture and then figure out the steps necessary to complete the project. Meeting smaller goals will help you feel confident about reaching the larger goal of the completed project.

• Stay organized. Use a planner or a calendar (whether it's digital or a hard version) to keep on top of all broken-down steps. Harvard Business Review says scheduling when and where each task will be performed will increase the chances of getting it done.

• Ask for help. If you find you are falling behind your schedule, reach out for assistance. A friendly face can provide the inspiration necessary to rally and redouble efforts, and two hands are always more effective than one.



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We are grateful to the doctors, nurses and staff of Bassett Hospital and the Cancer center for treating John with respect and dignity.

We would like to name each of you individually, but the overwhelming support and help in making his Celebration of Life truly memorable, this would be a nearly impossible task. We ask that you please accept this press acknowledgement as a token of our heartfelt love and appreciation.

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"I want to congratulate

the recipients of this grant funding," Smullen said. "I hope that this funding is utilized to preserve our environment and enhance the beautiful landscape that is New York Assembly District 118 and the rest of up-state New York. I am passionate about environ-

mental conservation and economic development and I will continue to work tirelessly on these issues during the next legislative session."

The full list of recipients and their grant awards in the 118th Assembly District can be found below:

- Town of Webb:

\$100,000

- Village of Speculator: \$100,000

- Hamilton County: \$66,500

- Town of Caroga: \$64,367

Assemblyman Robert

Smullen represents the 118th Assembly District, which includes Hamilton and Fulton counties as well as parts of Herkimer, Oneida, and St. Lawrence counties.

Help make your poinsettias last longer

Poinsettias are synonymous with the holiday season. These colorful plants brighten up homes with their vibrant hues in variations of red, white and pink, making them a holiday decoration many people cannot live without.

While they're most visible during the often chilly holiday season, poinsettias prefer warm weather. Poinsettias are native to Central America and originally flourished in an area of southern Mexico. The Aztecs used the plant for decorative and medicinal purposes.

The poinsettia may have remained a regional plant if not for the efforts of Joel Roberts Poinsett, who was the first United States Ambassador to Mexico under President James Madison. Poinsett, who would later found the Smithsonian Institution, had a love of botany and became enamored with the brilliant red plants he saw in Mexico. Eventually, Poinsett began growing the plants at home in South Carolina, and friends and others soon coveted them.

Poinsettias are beautiful and the bracts (modified leaves) can be vibrantly colored. That signature vibrancy is why many people would like to preserve their poinsettias to last beyond the New Year, which is possible with the right care. The following are some tips, courtesy of Mother Nature's Network, Habersham Gardens, Oregon Live and Phoenix Flower Shops, to keep poinsettias thriving past the holiday season.

- Start with healthy plants that have full leaves, bracts and deep colors.

- Poinsettias do best when the temperature is between 65 and 75°F. Temperatures below that or drafts from cold windows can cause leaves to drop.

- Position the plant in a room that gets indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. If direct sunlight can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a sheer curtain.

- Poinsettias need well-drained soil. Overwatering or allowing roots to sit in wet soil can cause the leaves to fall off prematurely. Water thoroughly only when the pot looks dry. In households with temperatures around 70°F, the plant should be watered about once a week.

- Fertilize the plant after the blooming season with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.

- Try placing poinsettias in or near a bathroom, as they prefer high humidity.

It may be possible to get poinsettias to rebloom next season. Allow the poinsettias to dry out a little more in the spring. In May, cut about four inches from each stem to produce a lush, full plant during the winter. The plants can be moved outside in June and during the summer, but keep them away from direct sunlight. Return the poinsettias indoors beginning around October. Make sure the plants get at least 12 hours of darkness per day for around eight weeks in October and November. This will help them develop a deep hue and bloom on time for Christmas.



Calendar of events

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December 7

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Breakfast with Santa 8:30-11:30 a.m. Elks Lodge 2621, Old Station Rd., Nelliston.

December 8

11th Annual Candlelight Memorial Service 6:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 115 Reid St., Fort Plain. Please RSVP by Dec. 4 to Doris Dutcher, 52 Garfield Street, Fort Plain NY 13339, or call her at 518.993.4612. For other candle lighting services in the area please go to CompassionateFriends.com.

Living Nativity Service 4:30 p.m. at the National Shrine of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, 3636 State Highway 5, Fonda, NY. Contact nationalkaterishrine@gmail.com or 518.853.3646, or visit <https://www.katerishrine.com>.

December 10

American Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 p.m. at St. John's St. Mark's Church, 143 Church St., Canajoharie. Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: StJohnsStMarksCanajoharie or take a chance and be a walk-in.

December 12

Community Forum Gathering — AKA — "Reuel's Well" at 12 noon at Canajoharie Fire House. Lunch provided. Please call 518.673.3440 with number of people attending. Let it ring until able to leave a message.

December 13

Christmas Concert 7 p.m. at Up-State Chapel, 63 Cliff St., Canajoharie. Presentation by Living Gospel "Christmas From Heaven's

December 14

Candlelight Evening 2019 by the Farmers' Museum 3 - 7 p.m. The Farmers' Museum, 5775 Rt. 80, Cooperstown. Visit the Farmers' Museum for one of the region's best-loved holiday traditions. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Adults (13 - 64) \$12, seniors (65+) \$10.50, juniors (7 - 12) \$6. Children (6 and younger) and museum members are free.

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

December 15

Sean O'Loughlin, Principal Pops Conductor of Symphoria to Present "Magic of the Holidays" at the Herkimer JR/SR High school, 3 to 5 p.m. This is the 12th performance of Symphoria in the Village of Herkimer. General Admission tickets at \$15 are available. Call 315.866.1563 for reserved seats at \$20.

December 24

Christmas Eve Worship 6 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 26 Moyer St., Canajoharie. Call 518.673.3440. Candlelight Service.

December 25

Christmas Day Community Dinner at Church of the Good Shepherd, 26 Moyer St., Canajoharie. Call 518.673.3440. One sitting 2 p.m. Call as space is limited.

December 28

Linda Lee & the Foxcreek Band Hoedown 4-8 p.m. at the Amsterdam Elks Lodge, 8 Fourth Ave., Amsterdam. Doors open at 3 p.m. \$10 at the door. Cash bar, food for purchase. Large wooden dance floor. Visit [### January 18](http://www.facebook.com/amster-</p>
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February 7

Alex Torres and his Latin Orchestra 7-10 p.m. Amsterdam Elks Lodge 101, 8 Fourth Ave., Amsterdam, NY. Cash bar. Food for purchase. Large wooden dance floor. For more information, please call Michelle Egelston at 518.339.2260 or check our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/amsterdam.elkslodge. Doors open 5:30 p.m.

March 27

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May 15

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6:00PM ~ Join the Canajoharie Elementary Choir under the direction of Carlie Legrande for a Sing around the Christmas Tree with Santa at the Village Green, corner Church and Little Mohawk Streets (near the dummy light).



After the Sing Along the Canajoharie Library/Arnell Museum will host Santa for visits with the children and the Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce will provide hot cocoa and homemade cookies to families.



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Modifications can make driving safer for seniors

Driving provides an almost unrivaled level of independence. The ability to travel beyond a neighborhood or even one's hometown without a chaperone is probably what excites new drivers so much and makes them eager to get their licenses and cars. Senior drivers also may define their independence by their ability to drive. Few things diminish senior dignity and independence faster than losing the ability to drive.

Despite popular misconceptions, seniors are some of the safest drivers around. The experts at Hartford Auto Insurance indicate that the number of accidents involving older drivers actually decreases as age increases. It's the risk factors like medical conditions, medication usage and reduced physical function that increase the risk for accidents and injuries involving older drivers. Thanks to technology and some other well-designed devices, seniors may be able to continue driving longer than the aging drivers of years past.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a nonprofit research and education association, says roughly 90% of seniors don't take advantage of simple, often inexpensive features that can greatly improve safety and extend their time behind the wheel. Here are some considerations.

- Cushions and seat pads: Cushions do more than just alleviate hip and back pain while sitting. Cushions and pads can raise drivers up and improve their line of sight over the dashboard. Swivel pads can make it easier to enter and exit the car as well.

- Adaptive cruise control: This feature can adjust speed automatically to maintain a consistent space between vehicles.

- Adaptive headlights: These headlights, also known as steerable headlights, can improve visibility by changing the direction of the light beam with the movement of the steering wheel.

- Pedal extenders: Extenders help short drivers reach the pedals while maintaining a safe distance from the steering wheel and potential airbag deployment.

- Hand controls: Whether one has sensory changes in the feet from surgery or a medical condition, adaptive hand controls can move the "pedals" up to the steering column.

- Blind spot warning and other sensors: Today's cars can be equipped with any number of sensors that can detect oncoming traffic, cars to the left or right of the vehicle, items or cars behind the vehicle when reversing, and even if the vehicle has drifted out of the lane. These are all great safety features for any driver, but may be especially helpful to seniors.

- Parking assist: Parking assist technology can steer the vehicle into a space with little input from the driver.

- Voice control: Avoiding distractions and keeping hands on the wheel is enhanced by voice controls, which can be set up to do things like turn on the radio or adjust climate control.

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Stella Wojcicki

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She was born August 26, 1935 in Poland, the daughter of Frank and Mary (Pawelek) Rugla and was educated in her native country.

Her marriage to Teddy Wojcicki took place on June 10, 1961 at the

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church in Little Falls, NY.

For many years she worked along side of her husband Teddy on the family farm on Fords-bush Road in Fort Plain until their retirement in 1990. After they retired from the farm, they enjoyed traveling, especially

to her homeland of Poland.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Teddy; her son, Mark Wojcicki of the Town of Danube; and a daughter, Tammy V. Heiser and husband Steve of Fort Plain.

In keeping with Stella's wishes funeral services

will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are under the caring guidance of the Vincent A. Enea Funeral Service, 527 East Albany Street, Herkimer, NY.

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Seven facts about the winter solstice

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In 2019, the northern hemisphere's winter solstice occurs on Dec. 21. The solstice may come and go unnoticed, but it's an interesting day on the calendar.

1. Not only will the winter solstice occur on a specific date, it also occurs at a specific time when the Earth's semi-axis tilts furthest from the sun. This corresponds to when the North Pole is aimed away from the sun on the 23.5-degree tilt of the Earth's axis. At this point, the sun also shines directly over the Tropic of Capricorn. The information and trivia site Mental Floss says the solstice happens at the same moment for everyone on the plane. However,

er, the hour it occurs depends on your time zone.

2. Areas of the Northern Hemisphere can have varying lengths of day and night on the solstice. For example, New York City may have nine hours and 15 minutes of sunlight on the winter solstice. If that upsets New Yorkers, they may be happy to be outside parts of Finland, some of which get less than six hours of sunlight on the solstice.

3. The word "solstice" is derived from Latin and means "sun stands still." It was chosen to describe this cosmic phenomenon because the solstice sun seemingly appears in the same position at noontime for several days before and after the winter solstice – at its lowest point in the sky.

4. It is easy to mistake the solstices for the equinoxes, which also occur twice a year. However, the equinoxes occur in autumn and spring and mark when the sun is directly above the equator and night and day are of equal length.

5. Despite the winter solstice indicating the beginning of the astrological winter, it may not be the coldest time of the season. Usually those tempera-

tures are reserved for January and February.

6. The Farmer's Almanac reports that many cultures marked the arrival of the solstice as a time of death and rebirth. Early man also kept track of the days by observing the sun's position in the sky. In fact, historians believe Stonehenge was created to monitor the sun's yearly "movement."

7. Many traditions associated with Christmas originated during Pagan celebrations for the winter solstice. For example, Scandinavians would burn a juul (yule) log in the hearth in honor of the god Thor. Thor's job was to bring the sun's warmth back to the people.

While the winter solstice and the lack of sunlight synonymous with it may not be something everyone looks forward to, there is a silver lining. Following the winter solstice, the hours of sunlight gradually increase by the day, eventually paving the way for the spring equinox.

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Ten tips for winter safety

Winter begins on Dec. 21 and extends to March 19, 2020 in the Northern Hemisphere. Those three months can be both beautiful to behold and difficult to endure.

Winter has its share of safety hazards, and extra effort may be required to protect one's health and well-being when the chill creeps in. In recognition of that, the National Safety Council and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer these winter safety tips.

1. Winterize your home to keep interior temperatures comfortable and prevent weather-related damage. Winterizing includes insulating water lines that run along exterior walls, cleaning out gutters, installing weather stripping and replenishing insulation.

2. Exercise in cold temperatures can put many people at risk of heart attack – especially those who are typically inactive. If you must exercise in cold weather, remember to stretch beforehand. Take breaks when shoveling or ask for help.

3. Check carbon monoxide alarms to see if they are working properly. Every year in the U.S., more than 400 people die from and 50,000 are treated for carbon monoxide poisoning. Exhaust from improperly vented heating appliances can contribute to carbon monoxide sickness.

4. Prepare a winter emergency kit and keep it in your car in case you are stranded in inclement weather. The kit can include food, water, blankets, first aid supplies, flares and booster cables, among other items.

5. Wear appropriate clothing for the temperature and precipitation. Layers can be added or removed as needed.

6. Sprinkle sand or cat litter on icy patches of walkways to improve traction. Sand or cat litter is easier on the environment than some chemical ice melt products.

7. Consider a whole-house generator as an emergency backup if the power goes out in winter. Generators can keep the heat running and the refrigerator humming along until power is restored.

8. Exercise caution with space heaters and other supplemental heating devices. Turn them off when you leave the room, and do not leave them on overnight while you are sleeping.

9. Slow down when driving in the snow. Black ice patches can be difficult to see, and snow itself can reduce tire traction. Leave extra time to get where you need to be.

10. Consider switching from gloves to mittens. With fingers touching each other inside mittens, they help generate more body heat than when they're inside gloves.

These are just a few safety tips to heed during winter.



The origins of Christmas caroling

The festive nature of the holiday season makes it an ideal time to sing, especially in groups. Perhaps it's no surprise then that caroling, a tradition that dates back many centuries, ultimately collided with Christmas.

Caroling and Christmas caroling are two different things. According to History.org, the origins of modern Christmas caroling can be traced to wassailing, a term that has evolved for more than a millenium. What started as a simple greeting gradually became part of a toast made during ritualized drinking. Time magazine notes that the word "wassail," which appeared in English literature as early as the eighth century, eventually came to mean the wishing of good fortune on one's neighbors, though no one can say for certain when this particular development occurred.

During medieval times, farmers in certain parts of Britain would drink a beverage to toast the health of their crops and encourage the fertility of their animals. By 1600, farmers in some parts of Britain were still engaging in this ritual, and some were by now taking a wassail bowl filled with a toasting beverage around the streets. These wassailers would stop by neighboring homes and offer a warm drink, all the while wishing good fortune on their neighbors.

During this period, wassailing had nothing to do with Christmas, but that began to change in Victorian

England, when Christmas became more commercialized and popular. It was during this time when publishers began circulating carols, forever linking the tradition of wassailing with Christmas.

Christmas caroling as Victorian Englanders knew it might have fallen by the wayside. But while carolers may no longer go door-to-door singing Christmas songs and wishing their neighbors good fortune, those intent on seeing the modern manifestation of this tradition that dates back more than a millenium may be able to find some carolers at their local mall or church.



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Get the facts about the cold and flu

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Despite how common these illnesses

can be, there seems to be no shortage of misinformation concerning prevention and treatment of the viruses. Those who think they know all about a cold or the flu can still benefit from a refresher course, which may even debunk some prevailing myths about both ailments.

Cold

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A cold or the flu can make people quite ill. Prevention is key this time of year.

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novirus is the most common cause, which accounts for between 10 and 40 percent of infections, advises the American Lung Association. Adults get an average of two to four colds per year, while children suffer six to eight colds annually. In fact, in the United States, colds account for more visits to the doctor than any other condition, says the ALA.

The Cleveland Clinic states colds are contracted from inhalation of microscopic particles in the air or from contact with contaminated surfaces. Symptoms can include runny nose, sneezing and nasal congestion, often with sore throat, mild cough, mild aches/ fatigue, and fever in youngsters.

Influenza

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that is caused by the influenza virus. It infects the throat, nose and sometimes the lungs, advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Like colds, the flu also can be spread through tiny droplets made when infected individuals cough, sneeze or talk, or by touching infected surfaces.

One common misconception about the flu is that it can be contracted from the flu vaccine. This is not true. Harvard Medical School says the flu shot is

made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit infection. People who get sick after receiving a flu vaccination were going to get sick anyway, as it takes a week or two to get protection from the vaccine. Many people assume that because they became sick after getting the vaccine, the flu shot caused their illness.

Even though the flu and colds share some symptoms, such as runny nose, sneezing, hoarseness, and cough, the flu is not just a bad cold. While very few people have landed in the hospital with a cold, the flu can be so severe as to require hospitalization.

Steering clear of people who are sick, frequently washing hands, sterilizing common surfaces, and getting the flu shot are ways to prevent illness. Antibiotics are not effective against the cold and flu, and antiviral medication can lessen the effects and shorten the duration of flu but may not be able to prevent it.

The ALA notes that herbal and mineral products have received a lot of publicity as cold and flu remedies, but insists that such claims are not solidly supported by science. If symptoms do not abate, see a doctor.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

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- 5 Owns
- 8 Lovers' quarrel
- 12 Sandwich treat
- 13 Final (Abbr.)
- 14 Small combo
- 15 "Desperate Housewives" actress Eva
- 17 Cincinnati team
- 18 Ingratiate
- 19 Warehouse pile
- 21 Pigpen
- 22 Deck for a 10-count
- 23 Wife of Saturn
- 26 Embrace
- 28 Become one
- 31 Addict
- 33 Shell game item
- 35 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
- 36 Ringworm
- 38 Egypt's boy king
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- 51 Mongolian

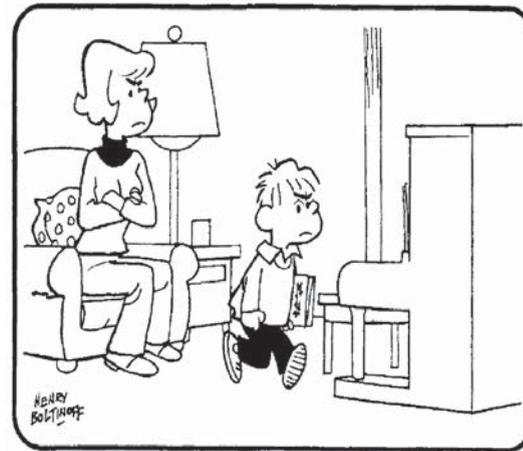
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- 24 Omega preceder
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- 27 Understand
- 29 Deity
- 30 Conclude
- 32 Space flight conclusion
- 34 Job for a medical examiner
- 37 Pismire
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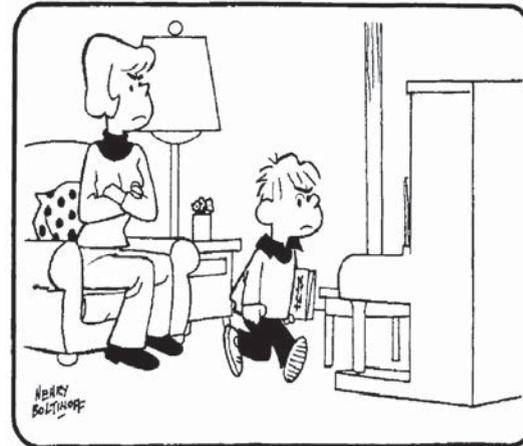
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow pattern is different. 2. Boy's shirt is black. 3. Mom's shoes are black. 4. Flowers are added to vase. 5. Mom's hairstyle is different.

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Mega Maze

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STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

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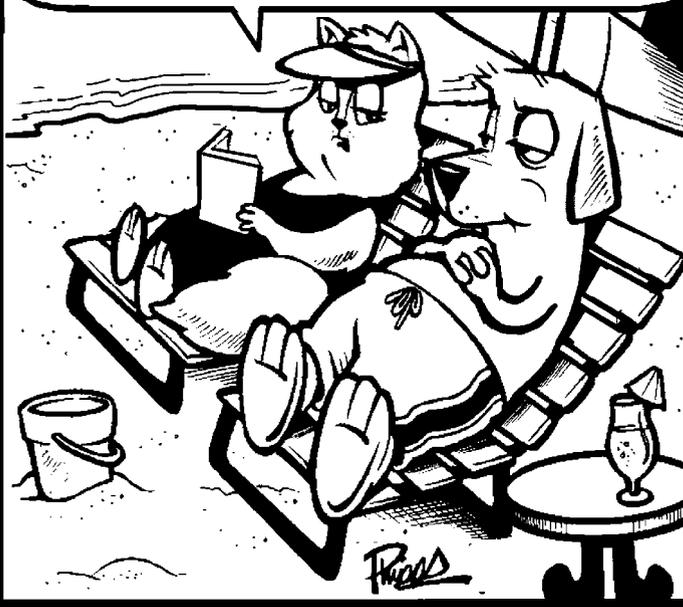
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- 4) $C^2 = A^2 + B^2$ d. Euclid
- 5) $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = 180^\circ$ e. Pythagoras

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I REALIZE IT'S ALL INCLUSIVE BUT YOU'RE LITERALLY STILL CHEWING AND UPSET THE NEXT BUFFET ISN'T READY.



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Church Directory

**To Place or Update
Church Listings
Call 518-673-0129
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jsnyder@leepub.com**

Ames - Sprout Brook UMC
613 Latimer Hill Rd.
Ames, NY 13317
518-673-3495
Pastor Jan Markle
Sunday Service 9:30am

Dolgeville United Methodist Church
21 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville
Rev. Jack Ford
315-429-7381
Worship 11:00am
Sunday School @ 9:30am beginning September 18th
Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 12:30pm

Fultonville Reformed Church
Corner of 5S & 30
Pastor Jane Hubschmitt
Sunday School 10AM
Family Worship 10:30AM

New Hope Christian Fellowship
32 Spencer St., Dolgeville, NY 13329
Pastor Pat Andreoli
315-429-3630
NewHopeChristianFellowship.net
Sunday School 9:30AM
Worship Service 10:30AM

Saint Cecilia Church
26 Broadway, Fonda
518-853-4195
Sunday Worship 9:00am

St. Paul's Universalist Church
565 Albany St., Little Falls
315-823-2284
Service Sunday 10am
Coffee hour following service.
Our Church is a home to inquisitive, spiritual free thinkers with diverse religious beliefs. All are welcome.

Bethesda Fellowship
34 S. Division St.
St. Johnsville, NY 13452
518-568-2678
Summer Schedule
Sunday Worship 10:00am
Wed. Worship and Prayer 6:00pm

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

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 immediately following Children's Message

Oppenheim United Methodist Church
Route 29
Rev. Jack Ford
315-429-7381
Worship 9:30 Sundays,
Totally Awesome God-TAG time 6:30pm
Wednesdays beginning in Oct., Sunday School 9:00am beginning September 18th

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community
1 Church St., Cherry Valley
607-264-3779
Masses Sunday 8:30am & 11am

Cherry Valley Assembly of God
37 Alden St., Cherry Valley,
607-264-3306
Pastor David Carpenter, Jr.
Sundays 9:30am

Ephratah Reformed Church
140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY
To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally. Everyday. Everywhere. Everyone.
Pastor Jeff Hindlriter
Sunday School for all ages 10am September-June
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7pm

Grace Christian Church
20 Center St.,
St. Johnsville, NY 13452
Pastor Martin Glynn
518-568-2122
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am

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

Seeker's Fellowship
14 Park Place
St. Johnsville, NY 13452
518-568-7700
Pastor Mike Yeziarski
Sunday Worship 6pm, Tues. Prayer 7pm,
Bible Study 7pm (Wed., Thurs. & Fri.)
We teach the fullness of God's Word,
a life of holiness for the believer,
and salvation for all who trust
in Christ's sacrifice.

Stratford United Methodist Church
Route 29A
315-429-9085
Rev. Lynn R. Lockwood
Worship 9am

Christian Church of Charleston Four Corners
1380 E. Lykers Rd., Sprakers
518-922-9088
Pastor Brett Popp
Sunday School (adult & children) 10am,
Worship 11am,
Sunday Eve. Prayer 6:30pm,
Thurs. Eve. of Encouragement 6:30pm
www.christianchurchcharlestonfourcorners.org

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
26 Moyer St., Canajoharie
518-673-3440
Holy Communion Sundays at 9:30am
Fellowship Time to Follow
Call for Holy Day services
The Rev. Virginia L. Ogdan, Rector
churchgood@frontier.com

Grace Episcopal Church
24 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley
315-585-4016
Fr. Kyle Grennen, Rector
Sunday School 11:00am
Holy Communion/sermon 11:00am
Active Youth Group - call for detail

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

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 10:00am,
Ladies Aid W.E.L.C.A. Handicapped Accessible

The Christian Church of Rural Grove
170 Rural Grove Rd., 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"

Church of Christ Uniting
PO Box 896
Richfield Springs, NY 13439
Rev. Mark Ioset
315-858-1553
Service: Sunday 9:15am
Church School: Sunday 10:30am

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

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

Randall Christian Community Church
NY Rte. 5S
Sunday Service 10:30am
Worship Leader Darlene Spaulding

St. John's Reformed Church
68 W. Main St., St. Johnsville
518-568-7396
Faithfully Following Jesus Christ
Sunday Worship 10:30am

The Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church
618 E. Gansvoort St.
Little Falls, NY
315-823-0793
Father Rafal Dadello
Mass at 11am on Sunday www.holy-spiritncc.org

Church of the Good Shepherd
26 Moyer St., Canajoharie
518-673-3440
The Rev. Virginia L. Ogdan, Rector
Sunday Worship 9:30
with Communion
Church Email: churchgoodshep26@gmail.com
Web Site: www.churchgoodshepherd.com

Faith, Hope and Love Church
Rev. David W. Bowley, Pastor
Saturdays, 5 pm
at the
United Methodist Church Lower Level
50 E. Main St., Canajoharie
call 518-673-5128 or see facebook "Faith,
Hope and Love Christian Church" and our
website <http://faithhopeandlovechurch.com>

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

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

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.net

The House of Zion, Inc.
580 Dillenbeck Road,
Palatine Bridge
518-577-3069
Pastors Richard & Denise Allen
Saturday Morning
Worship Service 11:30am
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the 1st Sunday of every month 3pm-4pm

Church of the Nazarene
3316 State Route 29 W
Johnstown, NY 12095
Offices: 518-762-2982
Cell: 857-523-8417
Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler
Sunday Morning Service 11:00am
Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am

First Baptist Church Springfield Center, NY
Rev. - Gary Tyler
Sunday School 10:00am
Morning Worship 11:00am
Sunday night Worship 6:00pm
Wed. night Bible Study 7:00pm
Free meal & music every
2nd Sat. of the month 4-7pm

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 9:30am
Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm

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,
Second Thurs. Prayerspace 6am to 6pm

St. Johnsville Methodist Church
7 East Main St.,
St. Johnsville, NY 13452
Pastor Corey Jones
518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626
Worship Sunday 3pm

The Time for Truth Ministries
PO Box 351
Amsterdam, NY 12010
Phone 518-843-2121
Cell 518-774-8558

Community Bible Church
Corner of Cliff & Walnut Streets
Canajoharie, NY 13317
(518) 993-1016
Pastor Wally Braemer
Sunday - Adult Sunday School Class - 9:15am
Worship Service - 10:30am
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& All the Time God is Good**

Fonda Fultonville United Methodist Church
11 Montgomery St., Fultonville
Pastor Nancy Pullen • 853-3311
Sunday Morning Worship 9:15-10:15,
Sunday School 9:15-10:30, Coffee
Fellowship Following Service
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Lassellsville United Methodist Church
State Hwy. 29
Pastor Robert A. Lindsay
Worship: Sunday 9:30am
Sunday School to start soon

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

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
31 North Helmer Ave., Dolgeville
315-429-8338
Sunday Mass is 8:30am

Trinity Lutheran Church
5430 St. Hwy. 10,
Palatine Bridge
518-673-2224
Rev. Zach Labagh
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School 10am,
(No services in July, meet at St. John's St.
Mark's Lutheran Church in Canajoharie).
Communion on the first & third Sundays

Cornerstone Baptist Church
7274 St. Hwy. 10, Ames
518-673-3405
Sunday School 10am, Adults & Children
Morning Worship 11am, Youth Ministry
5:45pm, Evening Worship 6pm,
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30pm,
Family Night Select Sundays

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
Home of Victory Christian Academy

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; Wed.
Eve. Prayer Meeting 6:00pm; 2nd & 4th
Sunday Dinner following Morning Service
with Afternoon Service following dinner
"Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching"

Richfield Springs Bible Church
19 Church St
Richfield Springs, NY 13439
Rev. David Tosi
315-858-0564
Sunday School (all ages) 10am
Worship Service 11am & 7pm
Wednesday - Prayer & Praise
Call for info on various Youth Ministries
www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org

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

United Methodist Church of Canajoharie
50 E. Main St.
518-673-2717
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Sunday Service 10:30am - Email:
umc673@frontiernet.net
Communion Last Sunday of the Month

Currytown Reformed Church
829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers
518-922-8422
Rev. Donald Hoaglander
Visiting Pastor Jane Hubschmitt
518-705-2201
Sunday School 9:15am
Worship Service 10:00am

Fort Plain United Methodist Church
39 Center St., Fort Plain
Audie Miller,
Lay Supply Pastor
Church Office 518-993-3863
Kitchen 518-993-3464
ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11am

Marshville Evangelical Church
Route 10 South
Rev. David Bowley
Worship Sunday 9am

River of Jubilee Church
5057 State Highway 5 S
Sprakers, NY 12166
Pastor: Gail Adamoschek
Pastor: Steve Adamoschek
518-322-1427 / 518-224-4455
Sunday Service 10:00am
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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

Valley Alliance Church
85 E. Main St., Nelliston
518-993-3458
Pastor Dave Prahst
Sunday School (all ages) 9:15am,
Sunday Worship 10:30am,
Wed. Praise & Prayer 7pm,
Fri. Youth Group 7pm (7-12th grade)

Dolgeville Christian Fellowship
3 Elm St., Dolgeville, NY 13329
315-429-9142
Dr. Marvin Isum, Pastor
Worship Sunday 10:30am
Midweek Fellowship Tuesday 7pm
www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org

Freysbush United Methodist Church
Freysbush Rd., Fort Plain
518-842-1357
Rev. Cindy Leonard, Officiating
Worship 9am,
Sunday School 10am ALL ARE WELCOME
coffee hour to follow service

National Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine and Indian Museum
3636 St. Hwy. 5, PO Box 627
Fonda, NY 12068-0627
518-853-3646
Weekly Masses: Sat. 4:30pm, Sun. 10:30am
friars@katerishrine.com www.katerishrine.com

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

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
32 W. Main St.,
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,
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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 10:30am,
Youth Group 5pm,
Evening Worship 7-8pm

Carbon monoxide: Know the hazards

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

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

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

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

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

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

tarps or other items.

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

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

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

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

- Never use gas appli-

ances, such as stoves, ovens or clothes dryers, to heat your home.

Working carbon monoxide detector alarms provide you and your family with warning signals and critical time to escape your house in case of a carbon monoxide incident. Place carbon monoxide alarms in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. Test all alarms every month to make sure they are working properly.

If you suspect carbon

monoxide poisoning:

- Open all windows and doors.

- Get out of the building and into fresh air.

- Call the fire department from outside the building.

- Call the gas company from outside the build-

ing.

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

Have a carbon monox-

ide detector to give you all the security you need to be safe. Preventing the problem is better than relying on an alarm.

For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Grandview Baptist Church

Corner of
Washington & Lydius St
Fort Plain
518-993-9929

Sunday School 10am
Sunday Service 11am
Wednesday Prayer 6:30 pm



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Pastor Dan West

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Answers

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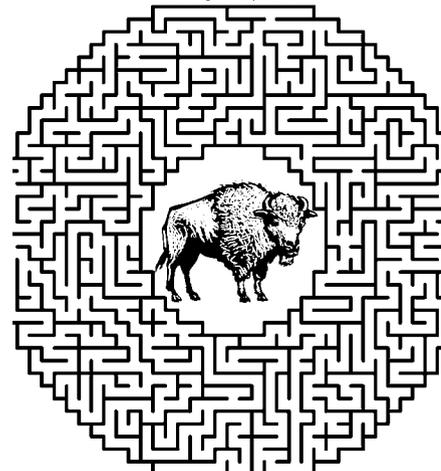
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Stickelers Answer

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This week's holidays

Dec. 7 - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 8 - Pretend To Be A Time Traveler Day

Dec. 9 - Weary Willie Day

Dec. 10 - Dewey Decimal System Day

Dec. 11 - National App Day

Dec. 12 - National Ding-a-Ling Day

Dec. 13 - National Cocoa Day

Dec. 14 - Monkey Day

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Stay safe this hunting season

Hunting is a thrilling hobby for millions of people across the globe. In fact, non-hunters may be wide-eyed to learn just how popular the sport is.

A recent report from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service found that 11.5 million Americans participated in hunting in 2016. Many hunters spend a lifetime hunting without ever suffering an accident or injury. However, hunting can be a dangerous sport, which only highlights the need for hunters to emphasize safety at all times.

Firearms

It's essential that hunters exercise caution with their firearms at all times. Firearms should always be considered loaded, even when they're not. This approach should apply while hunting and while at home. Maintaining such a mindset can help hunters avoid dan-

gerous, potentially deadly mishaps should they mistakenly believe a firearm is not loaded when it is.

When hunting, only point the firearm when you plan to shoot, making sure to keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot. Only shoot when a target is clearly identifiable and you're certain about what is beyond the target.

Weather and gear

The right attire can protect hunters from Mother Nature and their fellow sportsmen. Weather can be unpredictable during hunting season. Hunters should always check the forecast before leaving home, making sure to dress for the weather. Even if the forecast calls for agreeable weather, hunters could be at the mercy of Mother Nature should the weather unexpectedly change. As a result, it behooves hunters to prepare for cold, wet weather, which could put them at risk of hypothermia if they are not dressed properly. A water-repelling outer layer can protect hunters in wet conditions, and it's also ideal to dress in layers.

To lower your risk of injuries suffered at the hands of other hunters, avoid colors and patterns that blend into natural surroundings. Such colors can include earth tones, blacks and browns. Animal patterns may confuse fellow hunters into thinking you're an animal, so avoid these as well.

Staying in touch

Hunters, especially those who plan to go it alone, should always let others know of their plans before going on a hunting excursion. Sharing plans can help rescue teams find you should you suffer an injury on your trip and prove incapable of returning to your campsite or vehicle without assistance. Let others know when you plan to return and indicate your plans to call or text them when you arrive back at your vehicle. This way they can promptly alert the appropriate authorities should you not contact them on time.

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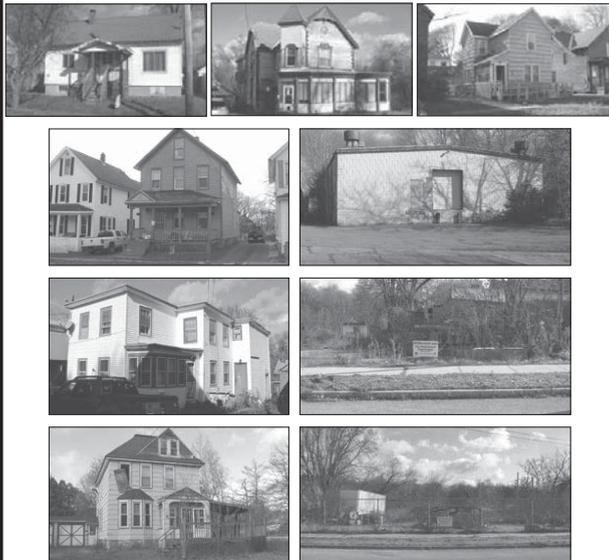
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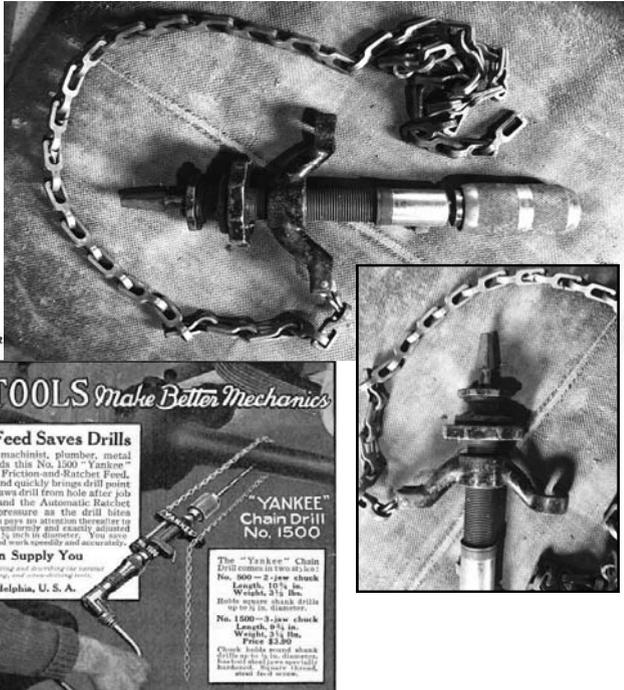
The next two weeks of Whatchamacallits are tools from the vast arsenal of the North Bros. line of "Yankee" tools. This week's is a chain drill — the No. 1500 Automatic Chain Drill to be exact — and is actually more like an attachment for a drill as shown in the advertisement from Popular Mechanics. The "pointed" end of the chain drill snapped into the brace handle and the chuck end held the bit.

Founded in 1878 in Philadelphia, PA, North Brothers Manufacturing Company is most well-know for their Yankee line of ratcheting hand tools, which greatly improved productivity before the advent of power tools.

Trying to understand how this item worked, naturally I went online and

was surprised that the best information regarding this and other Yankee tools was found on a "tool nerd" chat site from the UK. As stated by one of the participants, "...the square drive tang of the chain drill is gripped in the jaws of a brace, the chain is wrapped around the work piece and as you crank merrily away, the feed mechanism automatically advances the drill bit..." I have to admit, this still didn't make sense to me until I saw the ad from Popular Mechanics.

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The various types of IRAs

Discussions about retirement planning typically include mention of individual retirement accounts, or IRAs. IRAs are retirement investment vehicles that can be used in place of or in conjunction with 401(k) plans.

Many investors like IRAs because they give them a certain measure of choice in regard to their investments while allowing investors to postpone paying taxes on gains until money is withdrawn during retirement.

One common misconception about IRAs is that there are only two types, when there actually are many more. Depending on which definitions and resources you go by, there are as many as 11 types of IRAs. Financial advisors can help people choose the appropriate IRA based on their needs and goals. Here's a look at just a few of the more popular IRAs.

Traditional IRA

Traditional IRAs are very popular, according to data from the Investment Company Institute. Classic features include a tax break of up to \$6,000 initially, and investment earnings are not taxed as long as the money remains in the account. Money Management International says one advantage of a traditional IRA is that contributions can be taken as tax deductions in the tax year they are made. This type of IRA might be good for someone who anticipates being in a lower tax bracket upon retiring, since taxes are paid when funds are withdrawn.

Roth IRA

A Roth IRA is different than a traditional IRA in various ways. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax-deductible, but funds will grow tax-free. Also, with a Roth IRA, the taxes are paid upfront, so account holders will not pay taxes when the money is withdrawn. This is beneficial for those who expect their income tax bracket to rise after retirement.

SEP IRA

This type of IRA is a traditional IRA, but one set up and funded for employees by an employer. SEP stands for simplified employee pension. Employers must contribute equally to all employee accounts, and personal contribution limits are much higher for these accounts than on other tax-favored accounts.

Spousal IRA

The financial resource The Motley Fool notes that spousal IRAs are either traditional or Roth IRAs funded by a married taxpayer in the name of his or her spouse who has less than \$2,000 in annual compensation. The couple must file a joint tax return in the year of the contribution.

Education IRA (EIRA)

Not all IRAs are strictly for retirement funds. EIRAs help pay for higher education. No tax deductions are allowed, but deposits and earnings may be withdrawn tax-free so long as they are used to pay for higher education.

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Simple ways to incorporate more fruits and veggies into your diet

Parents imploring their children to eat their fruits and vegetables is a nightly occurrence at many dinner tables. Reluctant youngsters may have a seemingly innate resistance to vegetables, but parents should stay the course, as the importance of making fruit and vegetables a routine part of one's daily diet is hard to overstate.

Children might be seen

as the most resistant to fruits and vegetables, but reports indicate they're not alone. A 2017 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that just 12% of adults in the United States are meeting the standards for fruit consumption as established by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which are determined by the Office of Disease Prevention and

Health Promotion. Even fewer people (9%) are meeting the standard for vegetables. That's unfortunate, as fruits and vegetables have been linked to a host of health benefits.

Why eat fruits and vegetables?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture notes that fruits do not contain cholesterol and are naturally low in fat, sodium and

calories. In addition, fruits contain a host of essential nutrients, including potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin C and folate, that are historically under-consumed. Similarly, studies have shown that vegetables, which also are great sources of vitamins and minerals, can help people reduce their risk for a variety of conditions, including heart disease,



A few simple strategies can help people eat more fruits and vegetables and reap the many rewards that such foods provide.

stroke and certain types of cancer.

How can I include more fruits and vegetables in my diet?

Routine is a big part of many people's lives, and some may find it hard to change their dietary routines. But people who aren't eating enough fruits and vegetables likely don't need to completely overhaul their diets in order to include more fruits and vegetables. In fact, the American Heart Association notes that the following are some easy ways for people to sneak more fruits and vegetables into their diets.

- Breakfast: When sitting down for a bowl of cereal, add some bananas, raisins or berries

to your bowl. When making eggs or breakfast potatoes, add chopped up onions, celery, green or red bell peppers or spinach.

- Lunch: Forgo sandwiches in favor of fruit or vegetable salads at lunchtime. If you must have a sandwich, top it off with vegetables like cucumbers, sprouts, tomatoes, lettuce and/or avocado.

- Dinner: Replace less healthy side dishes with fruit or vegetable salads, and don't forget to include steamed vegetables, even frozen ones, on your dinner plate every night. Add chopped vegetables, such as onions, garlic and celery, when creating soups, stews or sauces.

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How to protect wood floors from inclement weather

Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early

spring, winter and autumn, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home.

Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.

- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

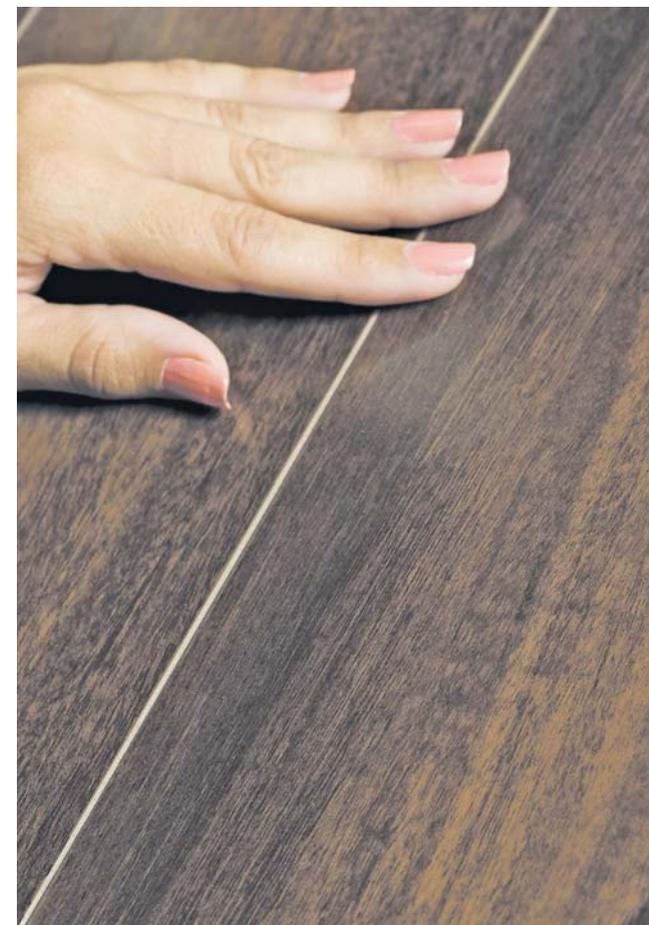
- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.

- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic

because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 - 80° F with a relative humidity range of 35 - 55%, advises ServiceMaster.

- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

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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. Call **Virginia Mackey Cell (518) 221-4340** for more details or to view.

NEW LISTING \$94,000
10 Orange St, Gloversville



Nicely remodeled 3 BDRM, 2 full bath home with 1 car garage, full basement, nice back yard, new kitchen, new 1st floor full bath, new flooring. 2 BDRMS are on the 1st floor.

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. Call **Virginia Mackey Cell (518) 221-4340** for more details or to view.

REDUCED \$149,000
107 West Madison St, Johnstown



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!

LISTED AT \$174,900
712 County Highway 132, Hagaman



The former TOP NOTCH TAVERN is available. Restaurant, Brewery, Small Apartment Complex? Building & all remaining equipment are included. MOTIVATED SELLER LOOKING FOR OFFERS! Come check it out!

NEW LISTING \$79,900
28 Newman St., Gloversville



Cute 3 bedroom, 1 full bath home situated on the 1st floor with laundry room, SS Appliances, nice backyard that is partially fenced & carport. Call **Katie-Anne Isabella, NYS Licensed Real Estate Salesperson** on her cell at (518) 866-1089 to view.

REDUCED \$265,000
1226 Carlisle Rd, Canajoharie



This one beautiful, well maintained, spacious 4 BDRM, 2 full bath farmhouse, with a sauna, on 16.60 +/- acres, a 2 car garage & large barn. Annual taxes \$5,544

NEW 3 FAMILY \$225,000
45 Main St, Fultonville



Stunning, completely remodeled 3 family home with off street parking, quartz countertops, new appliances, 2 units have 2 BDRMS & 1.5 baths and 1 unit has 2 BDRMS with 1 bath. All have laundry hookups. Stellar investment for someone as this pays for itself in less than 6 years.

REDUCED \$549,000 • 143 WEST AMES RD., CANAJOHARIE



Stunning, 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!



REDUCED \$159,900
2 E. State St., Johnstown



This Stately Colonial Home offers 4 BDRMS, 2 full baths, 2 car garage, nice yard, deck & hot tub to enjoy. Newly insulated, sided & painted. Convenient location to walk to restaurants, taverns and shops.

\$130,000
142 Newkirk Rd., Johnstown



Cute, 1 BDRM home/cottage/camp situated on the water. Screams privacy & relaxation. Propane furnace, pellet stove, central A/C, Granite countertops.

NEW LISTING 2 FAMILY \$64,900
152 West St, Gloversville



Nice 2 family that both units will be available come 12/1 - so this could be a fabulous owner occupied home or investment. Lots of off street parking with 2 driveways and a fenced in yard. Call **Katie-Anne Isabella, NYS Licensed Real Estate Salesperson** on her cell at (518) 866-1089 to view.

NEW LISTING \$374,900
111 Fon Clair Terrace, Johnstown



This 3 BDRM Ranch sits on top of a hill so you can take in thousands of miles of elaborate views of the valley & mountainside. Situated on 47 +/- acres for your piece of heaven. Home boasts over 2,700 sq. ft., 2 car garage & a super relaxing family room surrounded by windows to enjoy your view all year long.

REDUCED \$169,900
320 Willie Rd, Town of Johnstown



We have a super cute 6 year old Home OR Seasonal Get-A-Way Camp/Cottage on 30.40+/- acres that sits back off a long driveway to offer you lots of privacy. Cathedral ceilings, super cozy & there is a large water source to hike to and kayak on or fish. Close to state parks, Pecks Lake, Caroga Lake & Adirondack Park.

Commercial/Mixed Use/Residential
\$75,000 • 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.

NEW \$89,000
34 Pearl St., Gloversville



Super spacious 4 BDRM home, 1 full bath and 2 1/2 baths with 2 wood working fireplaces & beautiful hardwood floors throughout. Pool table & dining room set are included in the sale.

NEW \$189,000
190 State Highway 161, Amsterdam



Cute country home with 4 BDRMS, 1 full bath and 2 1/2 baths with 2 car garage, extra large outbuilding, pond & 3 acres situated in the Town of Florida. Just a few minutes to the NYS Thruway and city amenities.

\$225,000
208 Round Barn Rd., Amsterdam



A large 4 BDRM, 2 full bath country home, 1 car garage, TONS OF HISTORY & CHARACTER fill this home and situated on 5.10 +/- acres in the Town of Glen, Fonda-Fultonville School District.

\$314,900
141 Vrooman Rd, Caroga Lake



3 story home that sits directly on 100 feet of waterfront property that is truly wonderful to spend your summers at and entertain. 4 BDRMS, 1 full bath & 2 1/2 baths in the home. Above the garage we have another full bath & BDRM for guests. Come check it out! Extra lots across the road are included in the sale.

\$119,900
2220 State Highway 10, Caroga Lake



Cute 3 BDRM home with lake rights just a few hundred feet away from your back yard. 1 full bath, 1st floor laundry, 1 car garage & annual taxes are only \$1,555 with NO exemptions.

SUPER PRICE @ \$49,000
16 Allen St, Gloversville



This is a 1900 Sq. Ft. 2 BDRM home with a 1 car garage fenced in yard, hardwood floors and stunning woodwork within the home that is PRICED TO SELL. Don't let this great opportunity pass you by. Call **Virginia Mackey, NYS Licensed Assoc. Broker** on her cell at (518) 221-4340 to view.

COMMERCIAL \$135,000
48 S. Main St. Gloversville



Super Commercial Building/Business Opportunity here. 3 floors of whatever your heart desires. Apartments, retail, office space, daycare facility, dance studio, restaurant, brewery, distillery and so much more. Seller is motivated so come take a look. Maybe you need a tax break before years end so what better way than to invest your \$ in real estate.

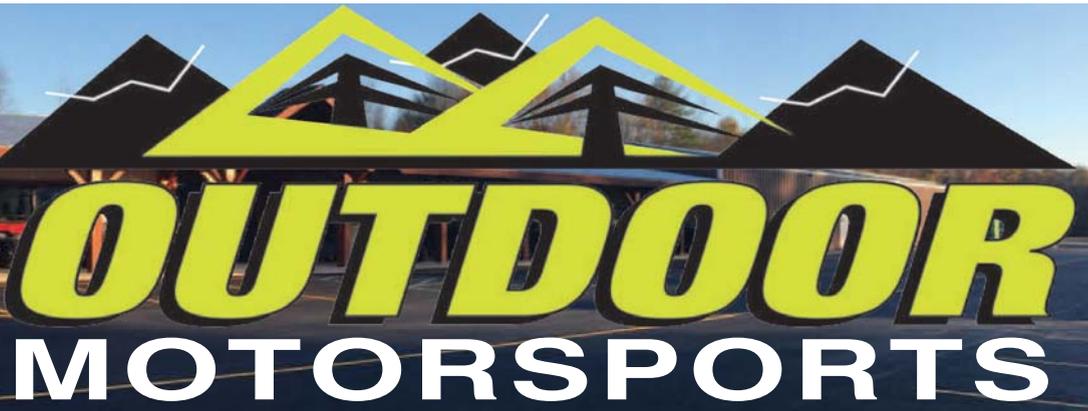
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