

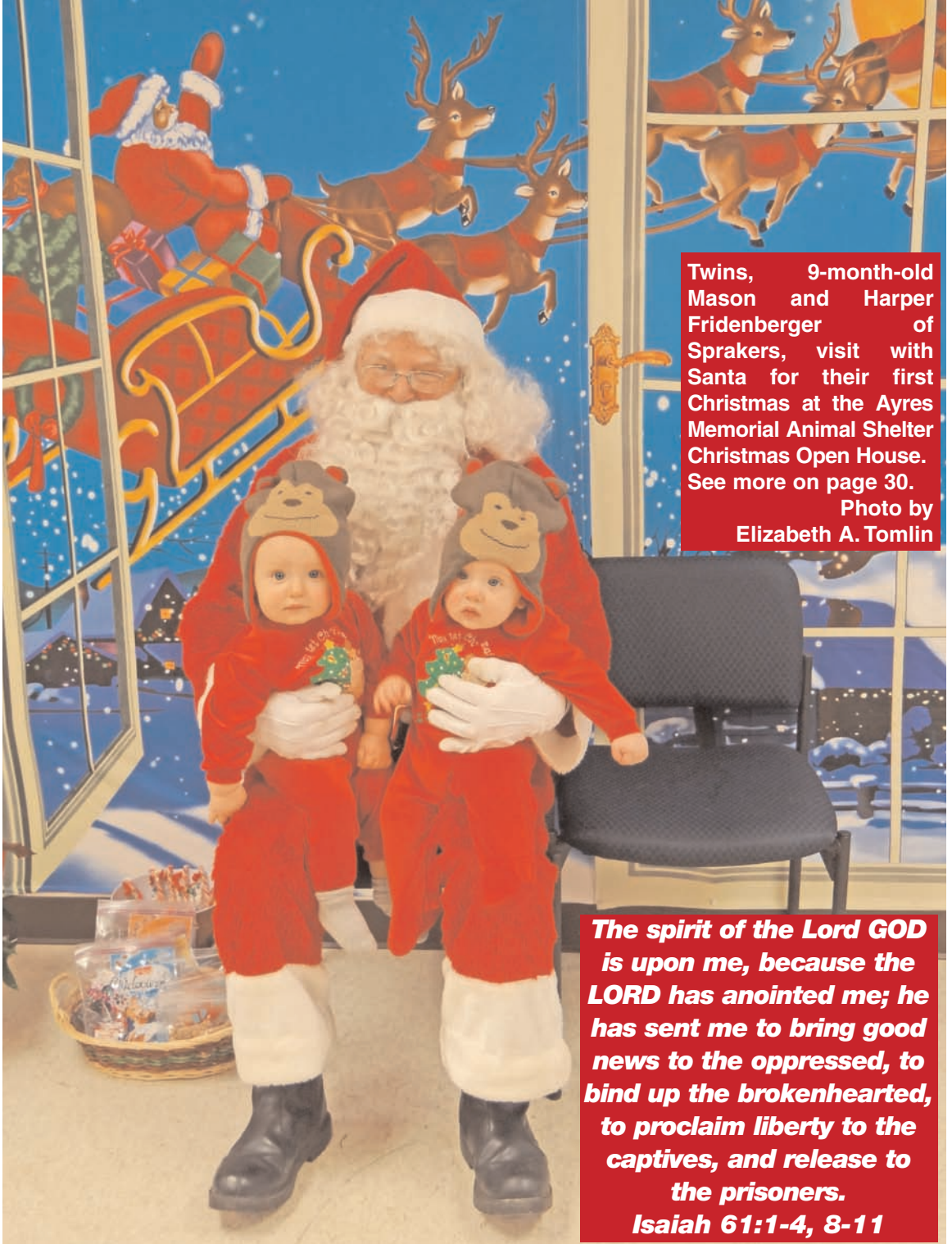
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Twins, 9-month-old Mason and Harper Fridenberger of Sprakers, visit with Santa for their first Christmas at the Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter Christmas Open House. See more on page 30. Photo by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

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Hello Again,

I'm in the process of drumming up support for a change in the office of President of the United States. Your support will be appreciated. I believe we should have two presidents. The main president should be considered the "primary president." The secondary president would be called the "other president" or "not primary" or something like that.

We could easily differentiate between the two by their workloads. The primary president would be in charge of giving speeches on national TV and radio, and holding news conferences. It would be advisable that the primary president be well-trained in using teleprompters so that he can deliver speeches prepared by someone else.

Naturally he should not be held responsible for lies or exaggerations, as they should be blamed on someone else. If he seems to be confused at any time, he should be allowed to blame it on Bush.



The primary should be issued a complete set of golf clubs, with a list of all of the most famous golf courses reachable by the huge Air Force One and several fighter planes to protect his trips to the golf meets.

Naturally his wife and family members, along with a host of friends, should be allowed to commandeer one of the multi-million dollar 747s to travel with escorts to nearby places such as China.

Naturally the primary president should voice his presidential opinion on the behavior of city police, and other local and state problems, even though the states and localities have their own courts, judges, governors and elected officials.

It would also be imperative that he voices presidential opinion on ethnic problems. Being so preoccupied with all these important problems, it would clear the path for the secondary president. While not as important as the problems of the primary president, the "other president" would be called on to handle mundane problems such as Mr. Putin's and Russia's aggressive behavior along with Iran's atomic arsenal build-up, and the ever-growing problems in Iraq, why U.S. companies are leaving this country — in other words — to handle every problem that the primary does not have time to do or appears to not be concerned with, which appears to be numerous at this time. Oh! How about the thousands of jobs going up in smoke in this country.

Now this change might cause a new set of problems. Should the primary president take a cut in pay so that they share in "equal pay for equal jobs," or should the secondary have salary and benefits equal to the number one?

I can hear all of the so-called liberals saying, "That is a bunch of nonsense." It seems when I hear speeches and read the daily news accounts of what is going on — or not going on — in the White House, it might be more sensi-

ble to the present condition to see if Webster has picked up the new word “bullarney”.

I believe Mr. Bush would approve of this plan as the primary could blame everything on the secondary and leave him alone.

Isn't this a wonderment? Do you ever wonder what we would learn if we sent most of the liberal newspaper writers to a medical clinic to have an MRI taken of their heads?

Not long ago, they were against fracking. You would be led to believe they actually knew what they were writing about. Then — nearly all of a sudden — they reported favorably about the growth in our economy due to the lower prices for gasoline and fuel oil production — which was due in part to fracking.

Three years ago, attempting to learn why I was having a hearing loss in my left ear, the doctor ordered an MRI of my head. When the report came back, he said they couldn't find anything. Does that suggest I am qualified to be a news opinion writer for a liberal daily newspaper?

Here we go again: The liberal press seems to be supporting the Obama Administration to halt all leases on 8.1 million acres of federal oil and gas parcels — an area larger than Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined — because of the worries that drilling could harm the greater sage grouse. I wonder if they are looking at the sage grouse out of a western window of the White House.

It's obvious these White Housers do not have the foggiest idea what a billion dollars is — how can we expect them to cope with 8.1 million acres of federal oil land and the sage grouse?

All of this just for the birds. If you can believe that — what can I say? Is it being paranoid to wonder if someone is doing his best to force the United States to continue buying petroleum products from other countries? If so — why?

I called our local family doctor and said, “All of this political bullarney is causing me to become forgetful. What should I do?” He replied, “Make an appointment with my



nurse and pay me in advance.”

In a few months, my wife and I are going to celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary. I suggested it would be nice to spend a night in Skaneateles at the Sherwood Inn and then a few days in Key West Florida. She did not go for that idea. I tried to convince her how nice it would be. She said, “Are we going to have to argue about this every 10 years?”

Who says more education doesn't pay? I just learned that politics is the art of facing trouble — seeing it all around, talking about it and doing nothing.

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Mark was born on July 7, 1962, in Cooperstown, NY. He was the son of Frederick W. Lee, Jr., and the late Carole A. Lee. He attended Canajoharie High School and was a lifelong area resident.

Mark started working at the family business, Lee Publications, in Palatine Bridge at the age of 14, learning how to be a

pressman. Later on he became the assistant shop foreman, then the shop foreman. Finally, he became the Vice President of Production. Mark was known to be able to fix anything with the presses, or mechanical in and



around the shop, a valued skill that will be missed. His knowledge and understanding of the presses showed though when he designed the press layout at Lee Publications.

Mark was a member of the Canajoharie Fish and Game Club and The Sacandaga Chapter of H.O.G., but Mark most enjoyed hunting and fishing and riding his Harley. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially

his grandchildren. While not busy with these activities, Mark also played the piano, guitar and harmonica.

On Aug. 21, 2010 at their home, Mark and Kathleen Kelly were united in marriage.

Mark was predeceased by his mother, Carole A. Lee on July 9, 2004.



Survivors include his wife Kathleen Lee of Canajoharie, NY; his father Frederick W. Lee, Jr., and his wife Sylvia Lee of St. Johnsville, NY; daughter Darcie Lee Johnson and grandchildren, Brandon, Ashlynn & Jayden Johnson, all of Canajoharie, NY; daughter Kristen Lee and grandchildren, Dillon & Katelynn Kruger, all of Canajoharie, NY; sister Janet Lee



Stanley and her husband, Matt Stanley, of Whitesboro, NY; an aunt and uncle, Ruth and John Snyder of Cherry Valley; an uncle Alfred Wesley Lee of Port Jervis, NY, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 13 in Canajoharie, NY with Rev. R.W. Williams officiating. Burial will take place at Canajoharie Falls Cemetery.

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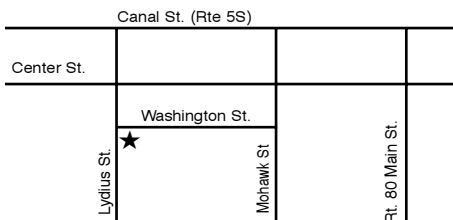
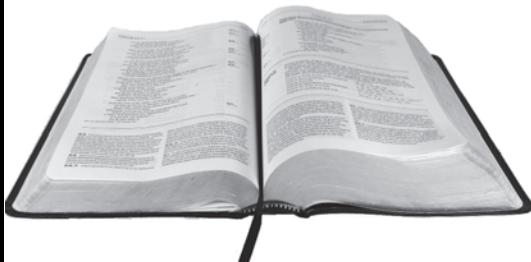
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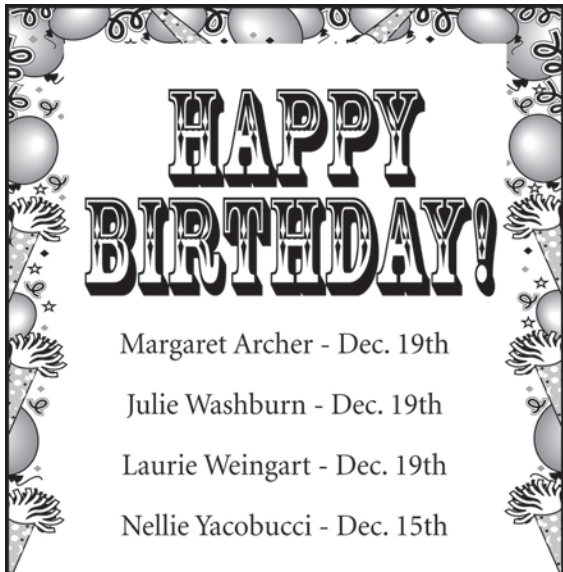
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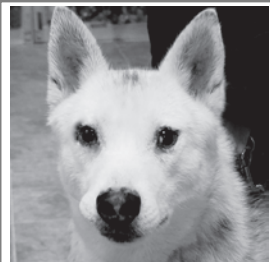
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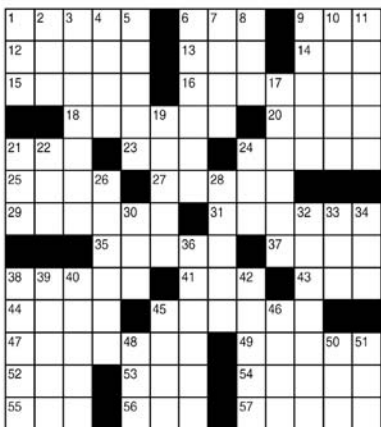
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- 1 Throws
- 6 Golfer Ernie
- 9 Recipe meas.
- 12 Actress Sevigny
- 13 Diving bird
- 14 Greek H
- 15 Memorial rockpile
- 16 Straw hat
- 18 Wee
- 20 Chooses
- 21 Drone
- 23 Noshed
- 24 Got up
- 25 Raw minerals
- 27 Refrain syllables
- 29 Madden
- 31 Diminish
- 35 Miami stop on the PGA tour
- 37 "Get lost!"
- 38 Decorative novelty
- 41 Prune
- 43 B&B
- 44 Change for a five
- 45 Stuff tossed overboard
- 47 Michael Phelps, e.g.
- 49 Wit
- 52 Coffee break hour
- 53 Favorite

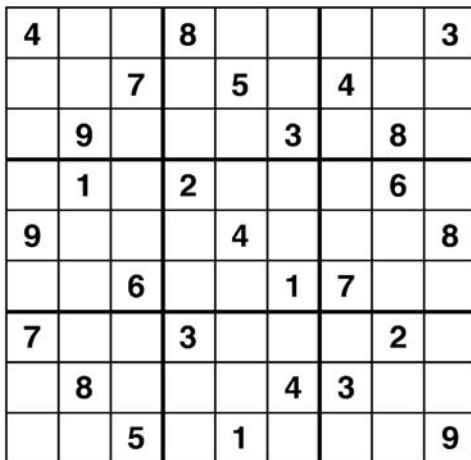


- 54 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
- 55 Billboards
- 56 Storefront sign abbr.
- 57 Overcaffeinated
- DOWN**
- 1 Junk bond rating
- 2 "Eureka!"
- 3 Thinner
- 4 Ms. Spelling
- 5 Cathartic drug
- 6 Time for an egg roll?
- 7 Darth's kid
- 8 Tackle moguls
- 9 Beat
- 10 Undoes dees
- 11 Analyze grammar
- 17 Swamp
- 19 Say
- 21 Weeding need
- 22 Grecian vessel
- 24 Hearty brew
- 26 Cruelty
- 28 Apportion
- 30 Stickum
- 32 Shine softly
- 33 A billion years
- 34 Rouen refusal
- 36 Warnings
- 38 — Rica
- 39 Single
- 40 Jockey's handful
- 42 "Poppycock!"
- 45 Scoff
- 46 German car
- 48 Speedometer stat
- 50 Bullring bravo
- 51 Crimson

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
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*Photo courtesy of Dolgeville-Manheim Public Library*

## St. Johnsville holiday house decorating contest

ST. JOHNSTVILLE, NY — The St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce is hosting a house decorating contest, with prizes going to the Best Decorated House, the Best Door and the Best Business. In lieu of gift certificates, a donation will be made to the food bank of St. Johnsville in the names of the winners. Award

recipients will be announced and certificates will be awarded during the Chamber's January meeting.

The Red Hat ladies of St. Johnsville, led by Grace Archambault, will be the judges for this year's contest. Judging will take place the week before Christmas.



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**~One Call Now UPDATE:** *The district has contracted with Public School Notifications from One Call Now. This service is a calling system which allows the school to quickly communicate with families, teachers, and staff by the use of automated phone calls containing recorded messages from administration. A test of this mass communication system was conducted recently, with a 92% success rate in contacting parents. Households that were not able to be contacted during the test are being notified by mail, and are asked to respond to the mailing when it is received. The system was recently used to notify district households of the 2-hour delay and school closing information. Households who did not receive a call during this bad weather event can call the school with their contact information. Families should continue, throughout the year, to advise the school whenever there is a change in their phone number or address. Notification to the school can be done with a simple phone call to the main office of either building.*

**~Harry Hoag School Students of the Month:** Principal Fred Hutchinson recently awarded several elementary students with the Student of the Month award. The students, along with their teachers and families, were treated to a continental breakfast and presentation ceremony. The honored students for October were: Angel Ostrander, Logan Burgess, Liam Rockwell, Amelia Cruger, Ryleigh Hart, Sarah Florian, Autumn Bagley and Breidyn Wall. The November students of the Month were: Ian Burns, JulieAnn Kirby, Jillian Ryerson, Mason Cook, Alex Rivkovich, Kaylee Sanders, and Erin Crouse.

**~Nutrition & Wellness News:** *SAVE THE DATE.....The Annual Community Health & Wellness Fair will be held on April 18th from 9:00-noon at the East Hill Elementary School in Canajoharie. Any organization, school group, business, or other vendor who has never participated before, but is interested in more information, should contact the school to be placed on the exhibitor list. To sign up, or to request more information, contact Lauri Broady at 993-4000 #1003 or [lauri.broady@fortplain.org](mailto:lauri.broady@fortplain.org)*

**~Iroquois Longhouses:** The fourth grade students of Miss Kane's class have been studying the life and times of the Native Americans who once populated New York State. One of the topics covered is shelter during the time of the Iroquois. Longhouses were the typical homes for Native Americans in this area. Students learned about the materials used, the manner of construction, and how the longhouses were outfitted to serve several families living inside. As fun application of what they had learned, the students were able to build a longhouse out of edible ingredients! Each longhouse was constructed with a cake base, and students added all sort of toppings to represent the weapons, tools, and cooking utensils that would have been inside.

**~Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month:** *Principal Deb Larrabee recently announced the November Students of the Month. They were: Ethan Gallit, Nathaniel Shoemaker, Briana Lewis, Julia Stockwell, Brandy Walters, and Lesly Hazzard. Previously awarded were the October Students of the Month: Juan Hernandez, Emily Abrams, Jason Huang, Zoe D'Arcangelis, Emily Potter, and Erin Telfer.*

**~FPCS Staff in the News:** As always during the holiday season, the teachers and staff of the district volunteer their time & talent, and make donations to help those in both the local and broader world communities.....

\*Staff at the HHS wore "Jeans for Troops" the day after Veteran's Day, in exchange for a donation to the G.I. Go Fund. The G.I. Go Transition Center offers veterans in need services which include employment, housing, benefits, and access to healthcare.

\*Staff, as well as students, are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army throughout the month of December, with the teachers and staff of the Harry Hoag School focusing on filling the week of December 8th - December 12th.

\*All district staff annually rally around the Gram Lorraine Christmas Project, donating gifts of new clothing and toys to families in need from our own area. The program continues to grow and more families are served, as the generous donations come in.

\*Jr/Sr High School math teacher Deb Waner has coordinated what has become an annual event, with the Adopt-an-Angel program to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation. For a small donation, students and staff can purchase a paper angel to decorate with their own special message. The angels are displayed and all money collected goes to help students with life-threatening illnesses by making their wish come true.

\*Teachers and staff joined together to participate in "No Shave November". The idea is to go without shaving during the month, donating the money that would have been spent on shaving cream & razors, or a trip to a barber or salon. The money raised goes to the American Cancer Society. This year, staff could also purchase a "No Shave November" bracelet to show their support.

\*The H.C. Smith Benefit Club provides baskets of food so that local families can have a holiday dinner with all the trimmings. FPCS staff have brought in donations of pantry items such as potatoes, vegetables, gravy and baking mixes, to help fill as many baskets as possible. The food basket giveaway benefits families from the OESJ, Fort Plain, and Canajoharie school districts.

**~Fall Sports Teams Honored:** The New York State Public High School Athletic Association recently acknowledged the winners of the fall sports "Scholar/Athlete Team" awards. All of the district's fall sports teams qualified for this honor, which is a very commendable achievement! The Fort Plain teams had 104 students in grades 7-12 that were on the Honor Roll or Principal's List, out of 139 total athletes that played a fall sport. The "Scholar/Athlete Teams" for Fall 2014 were:

~Golf ~Volleyball ~Girls Soccer ~Boys Soccer ~Girls Cross Country ~Boys Cross Country

**~The Science of Sound:** The elementary students were able to experience sound as they've never seen, felt or heard before through a special assembly called "The Science of Sound." The program asked first, "What is sound and how do we make it?" Next students learned "How does sound travel and what is volume?" Sound in relation to music was introduced, with students learning, "Why do some notes sound high or low?" Finally they explored why certain musical instruments make the specific sounds that they make, and how can the person playing them change those sounds with their breath or their fingers. During the assembly program, students were able to "see the sound" of their own voices, as they used their voices to create a laser light show. "The Science of Sound" was made possible through the annual arts-in-education funding.

**~Holiday Door Decorating Contest:** The Harry Hoag School staff are celebrating the holiday season with a door decorating contest during December. Doors will be judged for beauty, creativity, originality, and even humor. Some themes that have been seen so far include elves, santa, penguins, the snowy outdoors, and the Twelve Days of Christmas.

**~Human Christmas Trees:** Not to be outdone by decorated doors, the high school students formed teams and will create human Christmas trees, in conjunction with the annual Student Council holiday events. The tree can be a student or a teacher. Each team will be given a bag of supplies they have to use to create the "tree." All trees have to have branches, garland, decorations, and a star on top. Teams are given only three minutes to complete the human tree and the event will be conducted like a race. Judging will be based upon audience applause, with the winning class being treated to candy canes.

**~A Week at Grandma's:** The PreK students recently enjoyed a visit from children's book author Mary Ashwood. Mrs. Ashwood came to the school library, and read the students her book "A Week at Grandma's." The book tells the story of Amani and her grandmother and a surprise adventure as they learn about colors, birds, and days of the week. Each student received a copy of the book to take home, complete with a signed bookmark featuring original artwork from the book's illustrator.

**~Jr/Sr HS Student Council December Activities:** December is a busy month at the Jr/Sr High School, with the Student Council working hard to bring special events to the student body. Spirit Week will be held December 15th-19th, culminating with a pep rally to kick off the winter sports season. There is a Christmas tree decorating contest going on, with each class both decorating a tree and providing cans of food to place underneath for the food pantry collection. The decorating theme this year is "A Patriotic Christmas." Finally, the annual Elf Auction and Flame concert will be held on December 18th.

**~Elves Night Out:** The Fort Plain PTA will present its annual "Elves Night Out" on December 18th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Harry Hoag School. This family fun event features: tons of fun games, kids crafts, pizza, pictures with Santa, and a bake sale. The parents will enjoy some vendors and the annual basket raffle. "Elves Night Out" is open to children of all ages, and their families.

**~Morning Program December News:** Morning Program is held each Friday at the Harry Hoag School, beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. This month the students will hear winter poems, greet the Morning Program Stars, and have a special visit from Santa Claus on December 19th. The December Morning Program host is Mrs. Shults.

**~Second Family Reading Night:** Library Media Specialist, Terri Brown, hosted the second in a series of Family Reading Nights on December 4th. The theme for this event was "Helping Each Other." Families who attended listened to stories, participated in related crafts, and enjoyed a snack. The Family Reading Nights are made possible by a grant from Target.

**~Special Education Department Review:** The NYS Education Department is conducting a Special Education Quality Assurance (SEQA) review during the 2014-2015 school year. The purpose of the review is to assess the district's compliance with selected federal and state laws and regulations which govern the education of students with disabilities. The review process includes an examination of school records, including a representative sample of students with disabilities. The review also includes classroom visitations and interviews. Meetings of the district's Committee on Special Education will be observed as a part of this process. Anyone requesting information about this review can contact the SEQA Eastern Regional Office at 518-686-6366, or by contacting the school at 518-993-4000.



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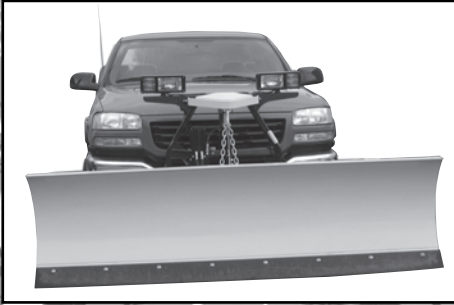
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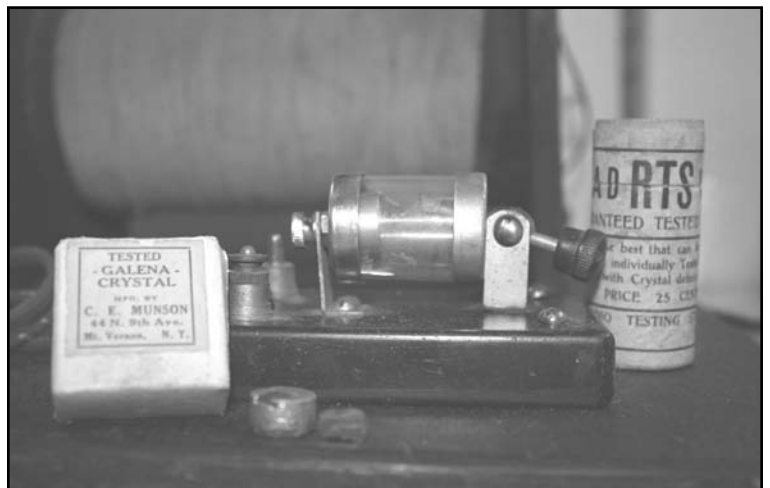
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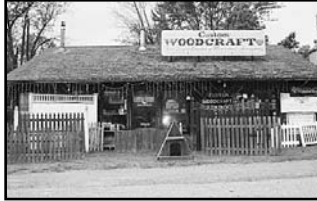


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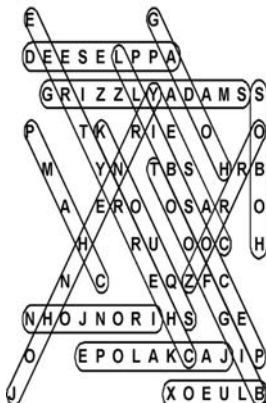
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# Go bite-sized this holiday season with your desserts

## Mini-desserts allow multi-indulgence without maxi-guilt

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Dessert consumption is on the rise. According to researcher Technomic, the number of consumers who say they eat dessert at least twice a week has risen 11 percent since 2010. But the research also shows that diners are looking for smaller portions. This is because mini desserts:

- Do not require a commitment to large servings that later will cause regret.
- Satisfy a sweet tooth without breaking a calorie budget.
- Offer a great way to try several types of sweets without over-indulging.
- Allow big, decadent flavors to be eaten as a relatively guiltless pleasure.

To have the best of both worlds, people want to grab a taste, yet feel virtuous after the fact. The beginning of this mind-set is often credited to Seasons 52, the chain that has served its

popular Mini Indulgences line of two-bite decadent desserts since 2002.

Bite sized indulgences also offer advantages for those hosting holiday get-togethers, as they are able to:

- Offer a wide variety of desserts throughout the holidays without spending days baking.
- Expand the choices available on holiday dessert tables.

Create sweets in an array of formats that include using mini pans, serving small portions on dessert papers, offering tastes in dessert shells and making tiny layered items with mini cookie cutters.

Whether making mini cream puffs, tarts, cupcakes or creamy filling for pre-made dessert shells, bite sized treats are fun and appreciated by all. As Chef Clifford Pleau, Corporate Executive Chef for Seasons 52, says, "Deprivation doesn't work as a diet, but celebration does."

For more quick-and-easy egg recipes and tips to incorporate eggs into your family's traditions, visit [www.virginiaeggcouncil.org](http://www.virginiaeggcouncil.org), [www.IncredibleEgg.org](http://www.IncredibleEgg.org), [www.facebook.com/incredibleeggs](http://www.facebook.com/incredibleeggs)

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## Fort Plain Museum hosts Christmas at the Fort

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Fort Plain Museum celebrated their annual Christmas at the Fort on Saturday, Dec. 6, with crafters, Colonial period holiday music and book signings in addition to homemade 18th century Indian Pudding and other refreshments.

Although the weather was less than desirable, children and adults traveled from as far away as Albany to visit the museum and take part in the Christmas festivities.



Rebecca and James Gavin IV, with James Gavin V of Cobleskill, join seven-year-old Ashley Glode of Fonda to view artifacts at the Museum that were donated and shown by Trustee Peter Couser (in uniform).



Eleven-year-old Aedan Boguzski of Fort Plain and 11-year-old Jonathan Carter of Nelliston pose with Fort Plain Museum Event Coordinator/Trustee, Robert Traver.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Second grader Ashley Glode from Fonda is studying about the Revolutionary War and was interested in the artifacts and in seeing the chair that reportedly was sat in by George Washington.

Eleven-year-old Aedan Boguzski says he is a history buff and has visited the museum previously. "I like everything about the museum!" Boguzski stated.

Eleven-year-old Johnathan Carter has also visited the museum before. "I think the old house style is cool!" Carter commented.

Fort Plain Museum Event Coordinator /Trustee, Robert Traver urged folks to sample his 21st Century version of an authentic 18th century Indian Pudding, which he said was taken from the 1796 "American Cookery", by Amelia Simmons.

Local authors Joyce Berry, James Morrison and Minden Town Historian Robert Carter took part in an afternoon book signing.

This event also featured the grand opening of the "Children's Attic," where period toys and children's apparel are exhibited.

The museum is located at 389 Canal St. in Fort Plain. Call 993-2527 for more information.



Town of Minden Historian Robert Carter (right) and Museum Trustee Peter Couser show an original painting depicting an Indian attack on the fort.

# Ayres Christmas Open House

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Despite inclement weather, nearly 200 people attended the Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter to have photos taken with Santa and tour the new addition.

"This room was built by memorials and special donations," commented Shelter Board President Ann Aksztulewicz. "It's so much nicer for the Open House — more room, especially for the dogs. It's a great asset for the shelter."

Folks with dogs that had been adopted from the shelter posed with Santa for Christmas pictures and even a few youngsters had their photos taken.

"It was a joy to see the number of dogs that came back for photos and to see that they were happy and healthy - and well behaved!" stated Board member Dale Folmsbee. "This was the best turnout we have ever had! We had more dogs than in previous years — and two cats!"

Folmsbee said that funds raised through the raffles, bake sale and donations exceeded expectations.

"We went over quota! We were very pleased!"

And while many folks commented on the beautiful new addition, describing the atmosphere as "warm and cozy," staff and board members are hoping the building will be completed in 2015, including the new surgical unit, which will mean not having to transport animals long distances for spaying, neutering and other surgeries.

Three adoptions took place resulting from the event, with one cat going all the way to Massachusetts for her new home. "I think that's the first time ever anyone came from out of state to our Open House," said Claire



*Ted Loukides and Molly visit with Santa at the Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter Christmas Open House.*

*Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin*

Custer, Shelter Manager.

People visiting the dogs and cats that are available for adoption were impressed with their excellent condition and attitudes.

"We try our hardest to keep the animals happy and healthy," said Folmsbee. "And speaking for all of the board, I don't know what we would do without Claire and the staff, our hats are off to them! They are wonderful!"

Folmsbee said that there isn't one person on the board who isn't dedicated to the animals.

"They depend on us, we're their voice."

To make a donation or adoption, contact the Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter at 518-673-5670 or visit them online.



*Staff and board members Dale Folmsbee, Ann Aksztulewicz, Nicole Folmsbee, Marissa Glasser, Elaine Nalle and Lorraine Fredericks pose with Santa.*

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**Tues., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

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- ◆ Patty Melt w/Fries

**Wed., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

- ◆ ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI 3-7 PM
- ◆ Small Hot Sausage Sub w/Fries
- ◆ Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Hot Sausage and/or Toss Salad

**Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

- ◆ Chicken-N-Biscuits w/Veg
- ◆ Western Burger w/Fries

**Fri., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**

- ◆ Fresh Haddock Dinner Baked or Fried, w/Potato & Veg
- ◆ Mac-N-Cheese w/Veg
- ◆ New England Clam Chowder

**Sat., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**


- ◆ Prime Rib Dinner w/Potato & Veg 3-7 PM
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**Sun., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

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- Crispy Chicken Wrap w/FF

### Thurs., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

- Liver & Onions, Mashed or FF & Salad
- Meatloaf w/Mashed or FF w/Vegetable

### Fri., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

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### DEC 1-31

#### Arkell Center Events for December

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. Arkell Center Programs for ALL AREA Seniors during December are as follows:

- **Monday-Friday:** 11:45 am. The OFA Meals of Montgomery Program serves hot meals, suggested \$3 donation for 60 and older. Call 673-2000 for reservations.
- **Monday-Friday:** 10-12 noon. Arkell's Indoor Walking Program will continue. Seniors invited.
- **Mon, Wed & Fri:** 10-10:30

am. Arkell Center Senior Exercise Program is in the basement. Coffee after.

- **Wed, Dec. 10, 17:** 2:30-3:30 pm. Gentle Yoga with instructor Patty Pietrowicz in the basement.

There will be NO Activities at Arkell Center on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 due to the holidays. ARKELL CENTER IS CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Mon, Dec. 8:** 10:45 am. Gary Van Slyke performing Christmas Music, All are Welcome.
- **Wed, Dec. 10, 17:** 12:30-4 pm, Senior Citizens

Pinochle Card Party, donation \$2.00, prizes & refreshments. If you would like to sub call Terry-673-5635.

• **Fri, Dec. 12:** 2 pm. Canajoharie Head Start will be singing Christmas Carols & refreshments will be shared.

• **Tues, Dec. 23:** 11:15 am-12:15 pm. Blood Pressure Clinic. Home Health Care Partner's Corp. (Co-Sponsored by St. Mary's & Nathan Littauer Hospital). Home Health Care Partners Corp. also provides health and wellness information.

#### MEETINGS

**Tues, Dec. 9:** 6 pm. Canajoharie/Pal Bridge Chamber of Commerce meeting.

**Tues, Dec. 23:** 10-11 am. Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group meeting.

#### Dec 13

#### A White Christmas Luncheon

Former Masonic Temple, Prospect St., Little Falls. 12-3 pm. \$35 per person, \$65 per couple. Reservations requested before Nov. 22. Contact Elizabeth Palmer at 315-823-1327 or email [gramma3ok@yahoo.com](mailto:gramma3ok@yahoo.com) for details.

**Free Clothing Give Away**  
Valley Alliance Church,

State Highway 5 east of Nelliston. 9-11 am. Doors open at 8:45 am. Refreshments will be provided.

#### Dec 14

#### 6th Annual Candlelight Memorial Service

Canajoharie Reformed Church. 6:45 pm. For more information, please call Catherine C. Smith at 518-673-2718.

#### Mohawk Valley Chamber Ensembles

St. Stanislaus Church, Amsterdam Performance at noon. Tickets available from any chorus member or at the door. Prices are \$12 for general admission and \$9 for senior citizens and full-time students. 12 and under, free when accompanied by an adult

#### MVC Kids program

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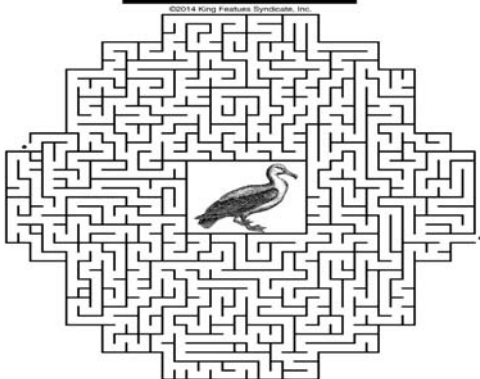
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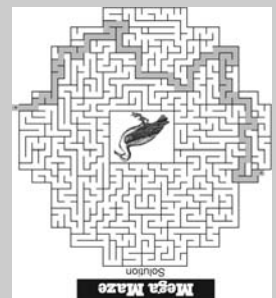
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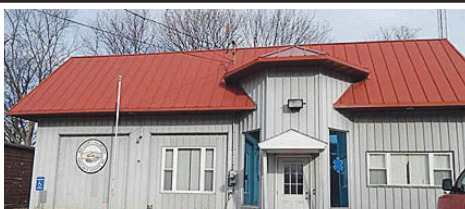
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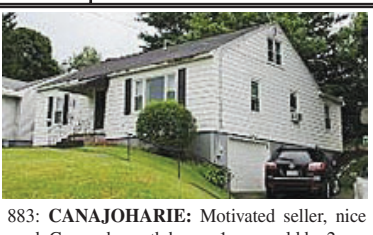
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Dr. Ed Cooper, specialist in veterinary emergency and critical care medicine at the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center, reminds pet owners that holidays can be a dangerous time for dogs and cats in the home.

Foods that are tasty treats during holiday parties can be dangerously toxic for dogs. Chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate, consumed in large quantities can make our canine pals ill. Grapes and raisins can also be dangerous, as well as certain sugar substitutes (xylitol) used in baking and found in sugar-free gum. Keep your pet in mind when positioning foods for guests,

and place items out of reach as much as possible, he said.

Additionally, Cooper recommends you move your pet to a different room out of harm's way and alert visitors not to offer treats to your dog or cat. A list of dangerous plants and other toxins can be found at [go.osu.edu/holidayhazards](http://go.osu.edu/holidayhazards).

Determining if your pet might need a trip to a

veterinary emergency room requires owners to watch for behavioral changes, Cooper said. Signs of toxin exposure include vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, change in behavior, trembling, twitching and seizure. Owners should call their family veterinarian if they are concerned. A list of emergency signs is available at [go.osu.edu/pet-emergency](http://go.osu.edu/pet-emergency).



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# Holiday Gift Guide

## Great gifts for film fans

Some people can't wait to get their hands dirty in the kitchen and try out a new recipe, and some people are movie buffs who can't seem to get enough of their favorite films. For the latter, a holiday gift that plays to their passion for the big screen can make the season that much more spe-

cial. The following are a handful of gift ideas that are sure to leave your loved one star-struck this holiday season.

- **Vintage movie poster:** Many film fans adorn the walls of their homes with movie posters, so a vintage movie poster from your friend or family member's favorite film

makes a great gift. Go the extra mile and have the poster custom framed so it's ready to be hanged on the wall the moment your loved one opens his or her gift.

- **Surround sound system:** This gift will require a considerable financial commitment, but no home theater system is complete without a state-of-the-art surround sound system. Surround sound systems give movie buffs the full movie theater experience from the comforts of home. If a surround sound system will bust your budget, consider splitting the cost with family members who are also looking to indulge this particular film fan's passion.

- **Outdoor theater screen:** For film buffs who miss the glory days of drive-in movie theaters, consider a portable outdoor movie theater screen. Such screens are large enough to entertain the whole family, whether it's a backyard movie night on a warm summer evening or during a camping trip when film fans can relax under the stars and watch their favorite films. Screens won't be too useful without a projector, so make sure your loved one already has a projector or suggest a family member purchase the projector and then present both gifts at the same time.

- **Streaming subscription:** Few people now watch films on DVD, as streaming services have become the go-to means to watching the films of the past and present. Sign your loved one up for subscription to a service such as Netflix or Amazon Prime, and he or she will have instant access to thousands of films.

- **Books:** If your favorite film aficionado is not just enamored with movies but the behind-the-scenes business of making films, stuff a book or two into his or her stocking. Numerous books have been written about the nuts and bolts of moviemaking, and even more memoirs or tell-alls have shared the Hollywood gossip or insider details that few film fans can resist.

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# Create an energy-efficient home for the holidays

'Tis the season to be festive, and that usually means stringing up hundreds of twinkling lights to create a welcoming glow on dark winter nights. Some people view the holiday season as their chance to go all out with regard to decorating their homes with an abundance of lights, inflatable lawn ornaments and maybe even some mechanical figures.

While these decorations certainly may be symbols of the season, it's easy to forget just how much energy and resources they consume. A typical strand of lights uses around 300 watts of electricity. Multiply those figures by the dozens of strings of lights people use and it's easy to see how quickly energy usage can add up.

In addition to lights, lit candles, animated dolls, wreaths, trees, and scores of imported ornaments contribute to the energy consumption per household. Even so, environmentally conscious individuals need not skip the holiday décor and entertaining. Fortunately, there are various ways to

be energy efficient with holiday décor this season.

- Switch to LED lights. LED lights consume a fraction of the energy tra-

ditional incandescent bulbs do. While a standard string of 50 lights consumes 300 watts, LED sets only consume

four watts. This not only saves energy, but also considerable amounts of money over the course of the holiday season.

frayed wires and any damage. Frayed lights are less efficient and pose a considerable safety risk.

- Enhance decorations.

people in your home will raise the temperature. Similarly, heat generated by the oven and other cooking appliances can warm up a home. Don't waste energy by keeping the heat turned on high.

- Invest in rechargeable batteries. According to Energy Quest, 40 percent of all batteries are purchased during the holiday season. To power those many gifts and devices, use rechargeable batteries which can be used again and again.

- Change your cooking practices. Smaller appliances use less energy. Put those toaster ovens, slow cookers and electric fryers to good use. Only use the oven if you are cooking a large meal.

- Wait until the dishwasher is full. Pack in the dishes from holiday meals, and only run the dishwasher when it is full.

- Reuse items whenever possible. Many items around the house can be put to good use as decorations, holiday servers or gifts. Take inventory of what you have before you go out and purchase new decorations.



Decorative lights can consume a considerable amount of energy. Scale back or invest in LEDs, which are more energy-efficient lights.



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- Check light strands. Always inspect lights for

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- Turn off ambient lighting. Christmas tree lights or the lights framing a picture window should be sufficient to light up a room. Keep lamps and overhead lighting off while the tree is lit to save money and energy.

- Lower the thermostat. When entertaining, turn the thermostat down a few degrees. Having extra



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## How to prep a snowblower for winter: A tuneup checklist

RepairClinic.com® shared a snowblower tune-up checklist to aid in preparing a snowblower for the winter season.

Here is RepairClinic's checklist to follow when tuning up a snowblower for the season:

1. Review the owner's manual.

"Recommendations for snowblower care vary by manufacturer and by model," said Jefferey Linderman, outdoor power equipment specialist for RepairClinic.com. "Review the owner's manual at the start of every season to avoid expensive mistakes."

2. Replace the spark plug.

3. Drain and replace the oil.

Take care when replacing the oil. Consult the owner's manual for the proper way to tilt the snowblower, as this varies from model to model. Tilting the snowblower the

wrong way in this step can cause expensive damage to key components. Remember that used oil should be recycled; this can be done at many auto part suppliers or small engine repair shops.

4. Add fresh fuel and fuel stabilizer.

"Fuel stabilizer is important," Linderman said. "It slows the development of damaging buildup in the carburetor."

5. Remove dirt and grime.

A degreaser spray will remove grease and dirt from grimy areas. Allow the degreaser to sit for 10-15 minutes before wiping with a clean cloth.

6. Check the fuel cap and tires for wear.

Fuel caps have small vent holes to allow air into the fuel tank. Replace the fuel cap if its air vent holes are blocked by buildup or debris. Cover or close the fuel cap vents in the off-season. Check the tires for wear and re-

place as needed. A tire pressure gauge should be used to check the air pressure in pneumatic tires.

7. Lubricate bearings.

Lubricate wheel bearings, auger bearings and impeller bearings.

8. Inspect the scraper blade, slide shoes and other parts for wear and replace as needed.

Take the time thoroughly inspect key components such as the scraper blade and slide shoes (a.k.a. skid shoes) for wear. "These parts have the important job of protecting the housing from damage," said Linderman. "Replace these parts if they have worn dangerously thin or are damaged beyond repair."

9. Test, troubleshoot and repair, as needed.

If a snowblower has performance issues such as starting and then stopping or malfunctioning augers, take the time to troubleshoot and repair now.

"Even minor changes in performance can indicate larger problems in a snowblower," Linderman said. "Troubleshoot and make repairs to avoid downtime and costlier repairs later in the season."



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