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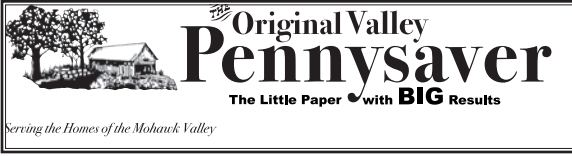
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When I have a phone chat with my family in Ireland the opening words never seem to change — "Ahh Freddy, is that you now?" and "How's the weather over there?" A 3,000 mile phone conversation to admit that yes, I am Freddy, and a three minute dialogue about the weather. Let's face it. Who really cares what someone had for supper last night and whether it involved onions or baby carrots?

In that, we started this Hello Again chatting about strange situations.

My wife Sylvia and I have been married for a little over 8 years now and I can see how we have both been influenced by each other. Last night at dinner we ate and chatted about the food and you guessed it — the weather. I guess that she is becoming a little more Irish and I have established myself as a going-to-be country food gourmet.

In the issue of **Country Editor** dated June 19, we published an article about a shark which landed in a fisherman's boat and was hacked to death by the boater. The issue of June 26, 2013 received a very well written letter to the editor stating, "Shame on you for ever printing such upsetting news. We need a kinder-gentler society: one that recognizes that animals have just as much right to be here as we do." We respectfully do wonder if the writer was in the boat with the shark, how would she have responded? In humor, we wonder would she have said, "Now big, ugly shark with your buzz saw teeth, stop looking at my legs! You must know you don't have the right to be here in our boat — so won't you please just jump out?" And we wonder what would the shark have replied? Possibly, "Oh all right, I'm going — I don't like blue jeans with holes in the knees anyway."

Wow, startling headline news: "Obama delays part of Health Reform — worker coverage mandate in 2015." Can I be allowed to add — what a line of bologna if not bull, and then I am American-Irish so lets face it — it should be called blarney. This is a direct quote: Washington — in a major concession to business groups, the Obama Administration Tuesday unexpectedly announced a one year delay until 2015 in a central requirement of the new health care law that medium and large companies provide coverage for their workers or face fines.

Now! In my country boy opinion this is a load of bull/blarney/bologna.

I do not believe the Obama group cares what will happen to employers and would never concede anything in their favor, rather the administration with its political leaders and party member know only too well if they did not derail this poorly thought out health program until after the next term election, many, if not most of the Democrats running for re-election would lose their seats. There would be a group of U.S. Senators that would become Ex-Senators, and the President, his political advisors and the Senators, know this to be the truth.

Well, Thank God part of the Obama health program is being delayed for the next year.

Maybe we American citizens will eventually be blessed with a health program that truly makes sense and one that even Nancy Pelosi will be able to read and understand.

We just returned from a four-day trip to Cleveland, Ohio. We stayed at two campgrounds: one in Pennsylvania and the other Ohio. The campground in Ohio was great, super!

As we were traveling homebound, our beautiful valley and hill country was facing a terrible-disastrous rainfall and flood. Homes and autos were lost in the floodwaters. One of our senior ladies was taken from us when her home was caught in the force of the flooding of the Mohawk River.

A Fort Plain citizen stopped at our office complaining that the NY State DEC after the 2007 flood, refused to allow local governments to help correct — or at least attempt to correct the flooding problem. I do not know if that was a fact, but hearing his words about his and his neighbors lost homes, cars, and personal items — I could sense the anguish he felt. Now, maybe something can and will be accomplished to control the great Mohawk so that we will not have to suffer these periodical threats. DEC maybe this should serve as a heartfelt-anger mixed call to action.

Several church and social groups pitched in and served food and bottled water. Our Amish neighbors turned out in force to help whenever possible. “This is one of the reasons why America is so great. It’s because her citizens are great.”

A neighbor was overheard saying “I finally found one thing in common with my teenagers. They listen to rock groups and I listen to political speeches and neither of us understands a word they are saying.”

A statement from the heart: Sometimes it appears that a rather large element in our U.S. society feels it is wrong to live by Christian principles or believe in our heavenly father. For those who do believe, prayers do get answered.

It seems that with every trip we learn something worth hanging on to. While in Ohio we struck up a conversation with an 82-year-old retired army Sergeant. What a great guy. His parting words were “Have a good day now by golly.” “By golly,” isn’t that an expression worth adding to your vocabulary?

It seems you can attend or even earn a degree from Harvard, Yale or RPI and learn perfect English but you have to come back to where the country folk live to learn friendship English: “By Golly.”

Food for thought: Thomas Jefferson was known to be a well-educated, brilliant man. It has been said when Thomas Jefferson ate alone in the White House it had to be the greatest all time gathering of intelligence ever in the Presidents’ House.

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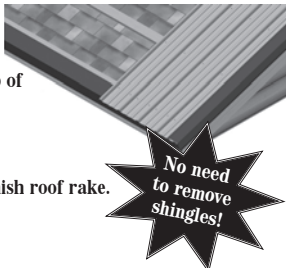
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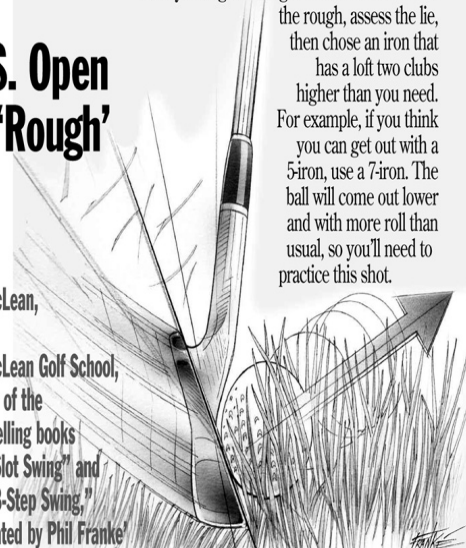
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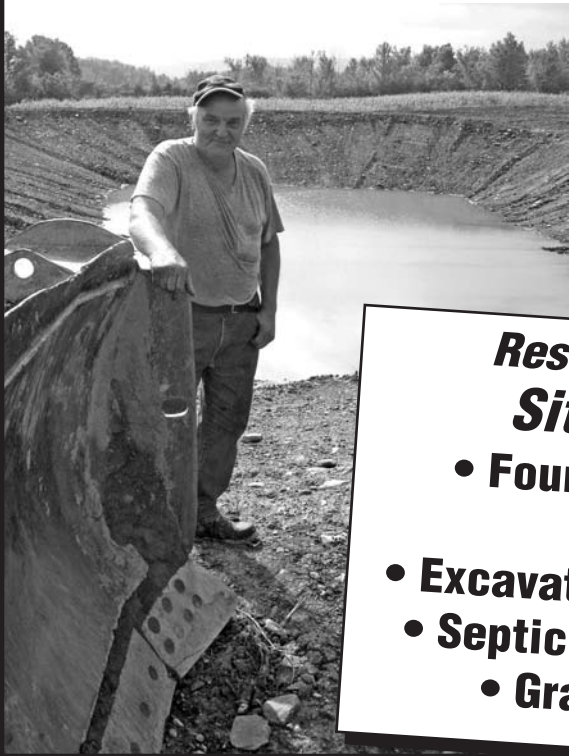
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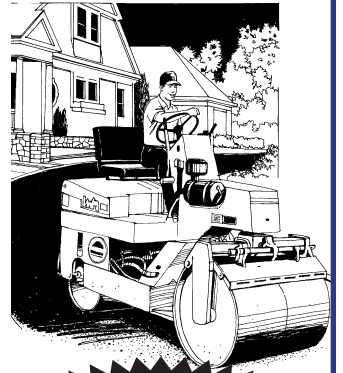
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by Katie Ranno

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HAM radios and their operators are vital communication for fire departments and other emergency organizations when all other forms of communications are down during big emergencies. This includes natural disasters and other situations where regular phone lines and cell towers are either down or jammed.

The Mohawk Valley chapter was started in 1999 at the request of Gary Nestle as the nation was preparing for Y2K and the communication chaos the event was thought to bring.

For most, this is an event that's part competition, part emergency drill, and part picnic. The competition end of the event is done by seeing how many other HAM's you can contact within the weekend, each contact gains points for the

team. By Sunday morning, the team had already made up to 60 contacts. Ken Gies, who has been working with HAM's for the past 30 years was able to make contact with radios in states that included Virginia, Georgia, and most of the North East. "It's really cool to be able to talk with someone across the country just by using a few wires." He has passed down the love for this short wave communication to his son Jeremy who has been a member of the club for the past three years. "It's a lot of fun to make these different contacts, and it's just really cool."

Current chapter president Rusty Seastrum, call sign KE2EW, has been a part of the volunteer fire department for the past 37 years and is also the RACES NET Manager for New York State. He got involved with HAM's by working with other local emergency organizations and can recall a recent ice storm where HAM's were used to communicate between local emergency units while regular phone lines were down. Tom Lennord, call sign N1YR, can also recall the event and how big of a help the HAM's were to the local emergency response teams, stating that the organization's motto "When all else fails," rings true in times such as that.



Club member Jeremy Gies and club President Rusty Seastrum (L-R) transmit signals and make radio contacts via radio and computer equipment.



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Baby Jay
- Beaker
- Bevo
- Chip
- Corky
- Dunker
- Flash
- Hairy Dawg
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- Lucy Lobo
- Mo the Mule
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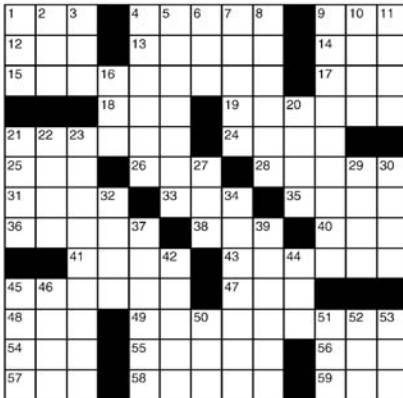
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- 1 Salary
- 4 Lying face-down
- 9 Wheel center
- 12 "Born in the —"
- 13 Staffers
- 14 Yoko of music
- 15 Colorado mountain
- 17 Can metal
- 18 Definite article
- 19 Sloppy home
- 21 "Little — Annie"
- 24 Filth
- 25 Roman 7
- 26 Stitch
- 28 Propelled a rowboat
- 31 Catch sight of
- 33 Water barrier
- 35 Ancient Persian
- 36 Scatter anew
- 38 Not well-lit
- 40 How old you are
- 41 Witticism
- 43 Escaped, as liquid
- 45 Frothy dessert
- 47 Doctrine
- 48 Gorilla
- 49 1996 No

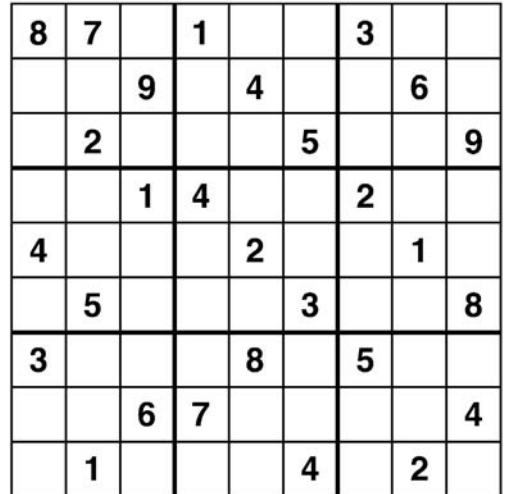


- Doubt hit
- 54 Meadow
- 55 Walking — (elated)
- 56 Beerlike beverage
- 57 Pen fluid
- 58 Chatty birds
- 59 Sunbather's goal
- DOWN
- 1 Young pooch
- 2 "— was saying, ..."
- 3 Tibetan bovine
- 4 Turkish officials
- 5 Grew mature
- 6 Praise in
- verse
- 7 Some tides
- 8 Inuit
- 9 Long series of wins
- 10 One
- 11 Scrawny
- 16 Biblical verb ending
- 20 Agana's island
- 21 Finished
- 22 Get up
- 23 Weaking
- 27 Bankroll
- 29 Rim
- 30 Homeowner' document
- 32 Annie
- Lennox's
- "No More I
- Love —"
- 34 Armed citizenry
- 37 Insight
- 39 Plural of "Mr."
- 42 Indiana's state flower
- 44 Rock band's need, for short
- 45 West African nation
- 46 Unseal
- 50 A Bobbsey twin
- 51 Dine
- 52 — carte
- 53 Barbie's companion

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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: ★★★**

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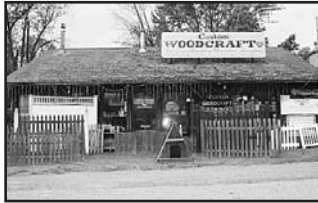


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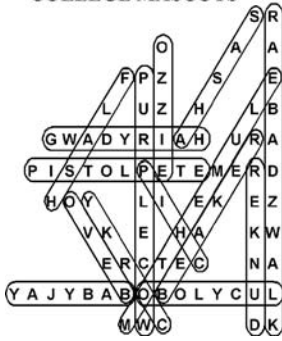
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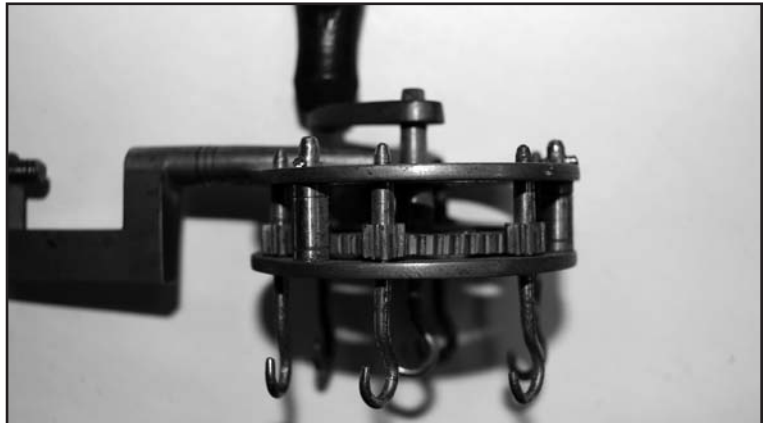
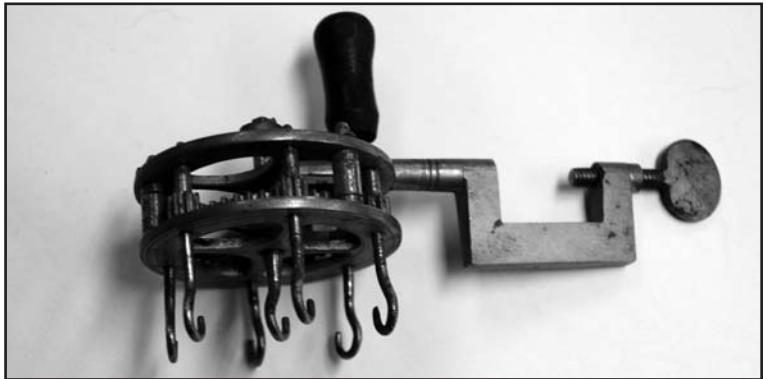
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## Senior News: Don't be fooled by fancy title

by Matilda Charles

A recent report to Congress by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau details the many problems seniors have in determining whether financial advisers are genuine.

The long title of the report was "Senior Designations for Financial Advisers: Reducing Consumer Confusion and Risks of the Broker or the Investment Adviser." It focuses on the special credentials that are used to market

senior financial services.

Here are a few examples:

At least 50 different "senior designation" credentials are used to market advisers' services, all designed to confuse us. Some of those titles and acronyms sound similar to others or imply a legitimacy that isn't real, such as "Registered Senior Investment Adviser." The report says that "all too often, these are just clever marketing ploys to bait the hook."

Those senior designation credentials give the impression that advisers have specialized training or expertise in dealing with the finances of seniors. The report notes that there's a big difference between a college-level course and a weekend seminar.

There's no oversight or enforcement for the use of those designations. Another study showed that, unfortunately, seniors are more likely to rely on someone who uses one of those senior designations.

Seniors are the targets of financial marketing, since it's assumed we have loads of retirement savings, inheritance money and equity. We're invited to "free lunch" seminars, which are ways to

get us in one place to sell us financial products.

To get help if you question the "senior designations" you're shown, call the CFPB at 855-411-2372. To report violators, call the whistleblower line at 855-695-7974, or send an email to [whistleblower@consumerfinance.gov](mailto:whistleblower@consumerfinance.gov). The CFPB even has an Office of Financial Protection for Older Americans, so it has our best interests in mind.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Send email to [columnreply2@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com).

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## Dollars and sense

by David Uffington  
**Don't let down  
your guard**

Some new reports say segments of the economy are springing back. Others aren't so positive. Depending where you read:

- Consumer attitudes are better than they've been in the past five years.

- Fewer people say that jobs are hard to get.

- Home prices are going up because there are more people trying to buy.

Or:

- People are now feeling the results of the increased payroll tax and the bigger bite out of paychecks, and retail sales have fallen.

- Consumer confidence is falling.

- More people expect the unemployment rate to stay high.

How are things at your house?

If things are better for you, that's great, but don't let down your guard. Take our collective experiences of the past few years, and don't make assumptions that the economy is going to continue to get better, if indeed it is. Here are some suggestions:

- Watch the small expenditures, because they add up. If you've gone back to buying morning coffee out, calculate what you spend in a year. Use the public library instead of buying books on Amazon. Decide whether you need all those cable channels. Put a filter on your faucet instead of buying bottled water.

- Pay down your credit cards. Once one is paid off, either put that money on another payment or put it in savings every month. After your cards are paid off, save, save, save every dollar you can. Don't cancel the cards, however, because that will lower your credit score.

- Don't make credit-card purchases unless you know you can pay off the balance in three months. Consider whether you can instead save the money in three months and pay cash instead.

- Consider whether service work on your vehicle will keep it running a bit longer, instead of buying a new one.

- Review your tax deductions to make sure you don't get a big refund at the end of the year. Getting a refund means you've given an interest-free loan to the government.

Do you hear a note of caution in all this? No matter what "consumer confidence" poll you read, you can find one that says the opposite.

Yes, it might give the economy as a whole a boost if millions of people run out and spend, spend, spend. But you're not responsible for the economy. You're only responsible for your home and family.

And being cautious about spending is still the way to go.

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**Take good care of yourself.** Recovering from a flood is a big job. It is tough on the body and spirit. The effects a disaster has on you and your family may last a long time. Some helpful tips are to keep the family together, discuss your problems, rest often and eat well. Set a manageable schedule and watch for signs of stress and seek help.

This information was published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross. Copies of the book are available from your local Red Cross Chapter or by writing to: FEMA P.O. Box 2012 Jessup, MD 20794-2012.

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## Fort Plain celebrates 2013 annual “4th on the 3rd” amidst flooding

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Despite evacuations and destruction in the little village of Fort Plain, the 2013 “4th on the 3rd” celebration went off without a hitch and hundreds of people from surrounding communities attended the annual event.

“We’re here to support the community,” commented Gail Coppernoll.

Coppernoll was one of a group of Canajoharie residents that attended the event — in the midst of devastation the village had suffered from the flooding of the Otsquago Creek.

“The flood wrecked a lot of homes,” said Fort Plain resident Marcela Rivenburg. “But we’re all working hard to get the village back together. I feel that I am supporting the community by being here with the rest of the people who were hurt by the flood.”

Rivenburg was receiving a free screening from Spraker Hill Chiropractor Dr. Darlene Euler. Euler had brought diagnostic tools and information to the event and was running a special on consultation, exams and x-rays for people who were volunteering in the community’s clean-up and rebuilding process. Assistant Julie Euler said that the \$20 special rate would be good for the entire month of July.

Special rates were also applied at the food booth in support of the volunteers and the community members.

Nearly all of the activities were free of charge including, a free book give-away hosted by the Central Mohawk Valley Lions Club, a “Psychic Sideshow”, face painting, live music, bounce houses, inflatable slide and obstacle course, rockwall climbing, a Utica Zoo display, and, of course, the immense firework display.



*Fort Plain Community Activities Council Chairperson Jim Katovitch (left) and Fort Plain Museum Director Bob Perry expressed gratitude to all of the people that supported Fort Plain’s 2013 annual 4th on the 3rd event.*

“We needed the celebration to bring back a feeling of normalcy to our village after being ravaged by the recent flooding,” stated Fort Plain Community Activities Council Chairperson Jim Katovitch.

Fort Plain Museum Director and Historic Fort Plain member Bob Perry commented on the amount of people attending the event.

“I was surprised that we had one of the largest crowds we’ve ever had,” said Perry. “But I think everyone needed a break from the devastation in the village.”



*Canajoharie residents (from left) Gail and Tom Coppernoll and Marie and Don Lacombe attended Fort Plain’s 4th on the 3rd to show their support for the community after the horrific flooding.*

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*As always, the Inflatable Slide was a favorite activity for the young folks attending the 4th on the 3rd event.*

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## Canajoharie Summer Reading Chain Maille Jewelry Class

by Katie Ranno

School is out and summer reading is in session at the Canajoharie Library, where kids can participate in one of the three age groups that include toddlers, kids grades K-5, and teens. The teens kicked off their summer activities at the library with a chain maille jewelry class taught by Jaqui Hauser. They learned to make colorful chain maille bracelets based on the same patterns used to make armor back in the medieval era.

Jaqui Hauser is the owner of the Studio for Arts and Crafts, located on Main Street in Cobleskill, and has been teaching for 10



*Jaqui Hauser holds one of her own chain maille creations which she brought as an example for the class.*

*Photos by Katie Ranno*



*Left to right: Heather Restuccia and Geri Fredericks work on their chain maille bracelets.*

years. She got into making chain maille jewelry after seeing it be done and thought it was a cool art form. She's made everything from a full vest to necklaces, which were on display as examples for the class.

Even though the medieval era is no longer, the art of chain maille is still very popular. New patterns are invented daily and many make this their profession.

Participants in the class, like Heather Restuccia, were very excited to learn about this different form of jewelry making. "I love coming to the library, and this class sounded really cool." Geri Fredericks and Danyell Monk also love coming to the

library for their annual summer programs and found this as a cool way to make jewelry. Local resident Christina Richards saw this as a fun thing to do on a summer day.

Library Director Leah LaFera agrees, saying that it's a yearly tradition to have the Studio for Arts and Crafts teach a workshop during the summer reading program. "The craft also has a unique appeal that interests many."

Toddlers through teens can register for Canajoharie Library's free summer reading program throughout the summer. Activities for each age group are held every week. Visit [www.clag.org](http://www.clag.org) to learn more.

## Small adjustments can make a big difference

(NAPSA) — Here's news many parents may care to keep an eye on: At schools around the country, teachers are increasingly incorporating 3-D imaging, digital devices and the latest computer applications into their teaching tools. What's more, according to the American Optometric Association's (AOA) latest American Eye-Q survey, 60 percent of parents estimate their child spends up to four hours a day looking at the screen of a computer, video game, MP3 player or handheld electronic device.

### The problem

Unfortunately, prolonged use of these technologies can cause eyestrain, headaches, fatigue, burning or tired eyes, loss of focus, blurred vision, double vision or head and neck pain. The AOA calls this condition computer vision syndrome (CVS).

### What to do

Parents and teachers can help students avoid CVS by encouraging them to follow the 20-20-20 rule. When using technology or doing near work, take a 20-second break every 20 minutes and view something 20 feet away. Studies show that people need to rest their

eyes to keep them moist.

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*The writer's search for a Belknap underhammer rifle came to an end with the discover of this gun, pictured at bottom. It is shown here with a typical hunting arm.*

## Amasa Belknap, the Cherry Valley gunsmith, 1786-1874

As the writer of this story looks from the heights on the north side of the Mohawk, he is captivated by the majestic Cherry Valley hills. Then too he clearly remembers that some of his own roots lie there in the Cherry Valley region. Probably no one really knows why a young boy becomes a collector. Why does he cherish local history? Is it a natural course of events that even as young as 12 years the firearms that are entwined in our Mohawk Valley history are a special interest? If you can answer this question, the search for the history of and desire to find the products made by Amasa Belknap, the Cherry Valley gunsmith, might be better understood.

Lets follow this once young collector as he studies Amasa Belknap and his day and age. He first heard the name Belknap from his great-grandfather David, who grew up in Cherry Valley. A then-recently acquired 1843 Springfield Musket was being examined when gramp entered. He told the story of when he was young, working on a Cherry Valley farm. Beef was to be butchered

and the humane way was to shoot it. The only firearm on the farm was a rifle made by a local gunsmith named Belknap. The day of the muzzle-loading guns was fast drawing to a close. The flintlock and pill lock systems of ignition were past. It took percussion caps to fire the old gun. Gramp said that the caps kept falling off. When he was asked why, he explained they were on the bottom. What he was describing was an underhammer rifle. The young great grandson dreamed of finding one of Belknap's underhammer guns. The only other Belknap that he had seen was one owned by a friend who occasionally fired it. That rifle was still in the family it was made for.

A more intense search was started to learn about Belknap and the guns he made. The lady who lived in the Belknap house gave the writer a small tool that once was used by the gunsmith. His shop was remembered by several Cherry Valley residents and a few actually remembered Belknap. His shop was torn down circa 1900. His house remained until about 1979-80, when it, too, was removed to

make room for the telephone building. Let's continue one person's quest for Belknap guns.

The first two were found about 1945. One was a typical full-stock hunting rifle. The other an unusual, very small and light shotgun. A great and surprising find a few years later was a heavy, full stock pill lock target rifle of extra fine workmanship. The search for one of his underhammer rifles came to an end many years later. It is that rifle that is in the photograph with this article, along with a typical hunting arm.

Cherry Valley was once a thriving community on the great western turnpike. Belknap chose a prime location where hunting and target shooting were everyday sports. The overland route to the west passed near his shop. Reliable firearms of his make went west with those hardy pioneers. If you own a Belknap gun, it is an important hand-made piece of old Cherry Valley history and our nation.

Visit the Cherry Valley Museum.

Written by a friend of Cherry Valley.

### **A tentative timeline for Amasa Belknap, Cherry Valley gunsmith**

Amasa born at Ellington, CT - Nov. 29, 1786

Married first wife, Betsey Chapman of Vernon, CT - Sept. 3, 1807

Amasa employed at Watervliet Arsenal 1813-14

Amasa relocated to Vergennes, VT 1815-1824, where other family members were gunsmiths

Amasa comes to Cherry Valley about 1824

Betsey Chapman Belknap died Dec. 25, 1838 in Ellington, CT

Amasa marries second wife Jane McClymon, born in Schenectady Dec. 11, 1797, marriage took place in Cherry Valley Presbyterian Church, 1845

Jane died January 10, 1874

Amasa died at Cherry Valley Sept. 21, 1874 and was buried in the Cherry Valley Cemetery



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**Monday, July 15th** - Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale. Load of pigs some boars, 6 bred gilts, and some slaughter hogs.

**Saturday, July 20th** - In Wellsboro, NY - 9:00AM. J&C Wholesale Auction from Antique to Modern, check out website for pictures and full details.

**Monday, July 22nd** - Normal Monday Sale.

**Monday, July 29th** - Normal Monday Sale. SPECIAL: 1PM - FULL-CIRCLE FARM (Holland Patent) COMPLETE DAIRY DISPERSAL. 70 head of Registered & Grade Holsteins & Jerseys sell! 36 milking age, 7 bred heifers, 6 shortbred, 20 calves to breeding age. 15 Registered Jerseys - these Jerseys are all members of one cow family. The family that produced FCF Prize Ella EX95, 3 time winner of Central National Jr. Show in Milking form. Sires represented from the Jerseys are: Minister, Sultan, Comerica, First Prize plus more. 53 Registered and Grade Holsteins (7 R&W). Sires represented from the Holsteins: Goldwyn, (5) Advent, Talent, Bacculum, (6) Aftershock, Dundee plus more. This herd is in all stages of lactation with a good number due for the late summer and fall calving. Mgr. Note: This herd is managed under a very moderate feeding program. These cows will go on and do very well, the heifers are well grown and well bred, some really fancy R&W's in the mix. Watch next week ad for more sale highlights.

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### Collecting by Larry Cox

**Q:** My mom has an older clothes sprinkler bottle that features a ceramic cat design and is marked "Cardinal USA." She thinks it has been in our family for at least 40 years. The big question is if it has any value other than just a few dollars.—Kathy, Newton, Iowa

**A:** Before permanent-press fabrics, getting wrinkles out of freshly laundered clothing often involved sprinkling each piece with water, rolling it slightly to distribute the moisture and then putting it in the laundry basket for ironing. During the 1920s and well into the 1950s, sprinkling bottles were found in almost

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**Q:** I have an impressive Barbie doll collection. I do not want to sell them, but would like to contact someone knowledgeable about current values. Can you help me? — Beth, Sun City West, AZ

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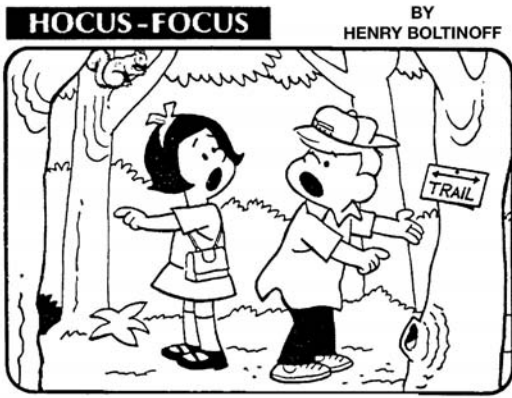
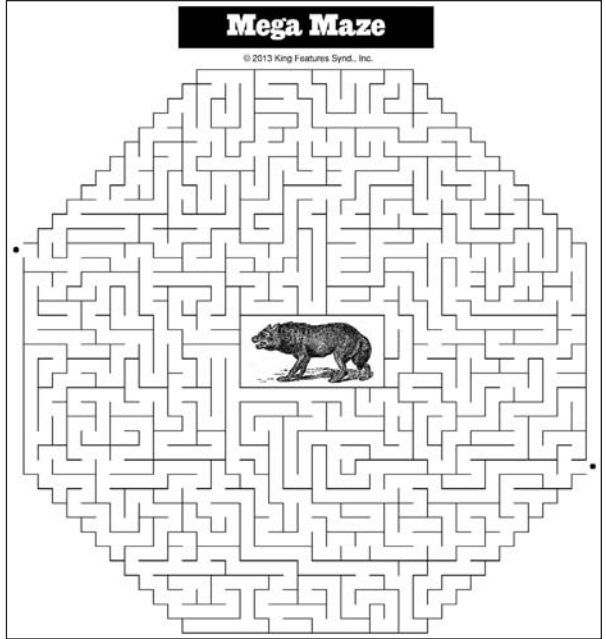
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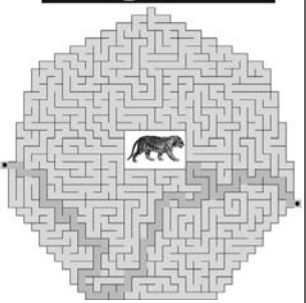
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DIFFERENCES: 1. Hair is different. 2. Bow is moved. 3. Bottle is missing. 4. Paper towels are missing. 5. Bib is smaller. 6. Spoon is missing.

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Answer

- |        |   |       |
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| CATNIP | C | PAINT |
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| LITERS | R | TILES |
| RENTAL | N | ALTER |
| RIOTED | O | TIRED |
| MANTLE | N | METAL |
| MISTED | T | DIMES |
| CHORUS | H | SCOUR |
| SELDOM | E | MOLDS |
| RACING | C | GRAIN |
| AWOKEN | O | WAKEN |
| DIPPER | P | PRIED |

**Mega Maze**



## Long term recover meeting held in Fort Plain

by Emily Enger

A meeting hosted by the Fulton-Montgomery Long Term Recovery Committee took place Thursday, July 11 at the Fort Plain United Methodist Church. Approximately 50 people from the Fort Plain community attended the event to inquire about receiving and offering assistance in the post-flood devastation. The meeting was co-chaired by two Long Term Recovery members, Matt Ossenfort of Habitat for Humanity and Michael Raphael of the Red Cross.

At the meeting, some community members expressed communication problems, saying that matching volunteers with those who need help has been confusing. According to Raphael, the goal is to form one collective recovery effort — made up of smaller, separate committees — to work together in placing volunteers and other



Approximately 50 people gathered at the United Methodist Church in Fort Plain to discuss long term recovery efforts.

Photos by Emily Enger

assistance. This would alleviate the confusion of too many smaller efforts overlapping. Several committees were then formed, from financial/fundraising to volunteer coordinating. They will meet next week to begin coordinating their efforts.

Attending the event was Director of Scoharie Recovery Josh DeBartolo. He offered advice his community learned during their recovery from Hurricane Irene, sharing stories of mistakes

and unforeseen issues the members of Scoharie encountered in hopes that Fort Plain may avoid those problems. Among his advice was to watch for scamming contractors, who travel to devastated areas to intentionally overprice desperate homeowners. DeBartolo recommends getting two to three estimates before signing on with any contractor. He also cautioned against rebuilding too fast, saying he saw some houses demolished that may have had remodeling potential. "People tend to think that once a house has water, it's over; the house has to be destroyed. But not necessarily...and once you take down the house, it's gone. You can't undo that."

Fort Plain Mayor Guy Barton gave a brief speech near the end of the meeting. He criticized the Obama Administration for not yet declaring Fort Plain a federal disaster. He also reiterated Governor Cuomo's promise for state assistance in the event no federal aid comes.

Governor Cuomo visited the mayor earlier and gave this promise to him personally. "And I got him on tape!" Mayor Barton exclaimed — insurance in case the governor doesn't come through with his promise. "I may not look too smart, but I ain't stupid," he joked. At that, a cheer rose from the crowd and the people clapped with approval.

### Resources

Monetary donations for Fort Plain flood victims can be sent to Catholic Charities, 55 E Main Street, Ste 100, Johnstown. Please mark envelope Attn: Fort Plain Flood Relief.

To follow the recovery efforts online, search Facebook for Fulton-Montgomery Long Term Recovery.

A Resource List is currently being compiled. Watch for its posting at the Haslett Park Tourist Center. It will also be posted on the Fulton-Montgomery Long Term Recovery Facebook page.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. July 25 at Fort Plain United Methodist.



Fort Plain Mayor Guy Barton smiles as he assures community members that he got Governor Cuomo's promise of state aid on tape!

# Calendar of Events

## ORIGINAL VALLEY PENNSAVER

**NOTE: Calendar entries must arrive at the Original Valley Pennsaver's office by the TUESDAY prior to our publication date for them to be included in the calendar of events. Send events to Lee Publications c/o The Original Valley Pennsaver, 6113 State Highway 5, P.O. Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 or Kathleen Lee at: [kkelly@leepub.com](mailto:kkelly@leepub.com)**

### JULY 1-31

#### Arkell Center News and Events for July

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. Programs for all Area Seniors at Arkell

Center for the month of June are as follows:

• **Mondays - Fridays:** Noon meals are provided by the Meals of Montgomery Program. Reservations are required by

noon of the previous day. Call 673-2000 or 843-2300. (Suggested donation is \$3 for those 60 years of age or older).

• **Wednesdays:** 3-4 pm. Gentle Yoga/Chair Yoga with instructor, Patty P. continuing thru the summer.

• **Tues & Thurs - August 13 & 15:** Defensive Driving Schedules are: from 1-4 pm & Saturday Sept 28 from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Call Joan at 673-4408 for reservations.

### JUL 2 - AUG 31

#### Cooperstown Farmers' Market

N00n - 5 pm. 8 vendors feature local food and artisan products. Located at 101 Main St., Pio-

neer Alley, in Cooperstown, NY. Snap Program EBT services. For more information, call 607-547-6195 or visit [www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket](http://www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket)

### JUL 12

#### 4th Annual

#### Ice Cream Social

St. Johnsville American Legion, Main St., St. Johnsville, NY. 5:30-8:30 pm. Sponsored by the PNC Catholic Church of St. Johnsville. Featuring will be entertainment by Eclectic Songs. Linda Terricola, owner of Eclectic Songs will be the MC & DJ for this event, [www.eclecticsongs.com](http://www.eclecticsongs.com). Tickets are \$4 - Adults; \$2 - Children 10 &

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Sundays 9:30am

**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](http://www.christianchurchcharlestonfourcorners.org)

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Sunday Morning Service 11:00am  
Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am

**Cornerstone Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School 10am, Adults & Children  
Morning Worship 11am, Youth Ministry  
5:45pm, Evening Worship 6pm,  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm,  
Awana Club 6:15-8:15pm

**Currytown Reformed Church**  
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Sunday School 9:15am  
Worship Service 10:00am

**Dolgeville Christian Fellowship**  
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[www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org](http://www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org)

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*Pastor Carolee Coye*  
Sunday Service 10am

**Faith, Hope and Love Christian Fellowship**  
18 W. Grand St., Palatine Bridge  
518-673-5128  
*Rev. David W. Bowley*  
[fhlc@frontiernet.net](mailto:fhlc@frontiernet.net)  
Sundays 11:30am,  
For other service times please call

**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

**Fonda Fultonville United Methodist Church**  
111 Montgomery St., Fultonville  
*Pastor Nancy Pullen • 853-3311*  
Sunday Morning Worship 9:15-10:15,  
Sunday School 9:15-10:30, Coffee  
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131 Clark Rd., Fort Plain  
518-568-7606  
*Pastor Kevin Kever*  
Sunday School 10am, Morning Service  
11am, Eve. Service 6pm, Wed. Service  
6:45pm, Thurs. Visitation 6pm  
[www.fordsbushbiblechurch.com](http://www.fordsbushbiblechurch.com)  
Home of Victory Christian Academy

**Fort Plain United Methodist Church**  
39 Center St., Fort Plain  
*Rev. Alan Griffith*  
Church Office 518-993-3863  
Parsonage 518-993-3645  
Office Hrs Tues & Thurs. 10am-4pm  
ALL WELCOME,  
Worship Service 11am

**Freysbush United Methodist Church**  
Freysbush Rd., Fort Plain  
518-993-3645  
*Rev. Alan Griffith, Officiating*  
Worship 9am,  
Sunday School 10am ALL ARE WELCOME  
coffee hour to follow service

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

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under, free for children under 5; \$1 for hot dogs. Ice Cream donated by Stewarts Shops and Hot Dogs & Rolls donated by Little M Market. All proceeds will benefit the PNC Catholic Church of St. Johnsville.

**JUL 13**

**Bleecker Community Church's Annual Auction**

Bleecker Community Church Hall, 641 County Highway 112, Bleecker, NY. 10 am. Henri Lebel will again be the auction-

eer. This is a variety auction which has a little of everything and includes home baked items. Held inside with seating provided. Refreshments available. For more information, call E. Brooks 518-725-6784.

**Caroga Lake Block Party**

Sherman's Park, Caroga Lake, NY. Starting at 11 am. Bouncy houses, Carousel rides until 4, Saving Atlantis live 5-9 pm, beer tent and fireworks at 9:45 pm.

**Hamburger/Hotdog BBQ**

NBT Bank, Canajoharie, NY. 11 am. Sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Women's Club. Hamburgers, hotdogs, salad, beans, ice cream and a beverage. Proceeds going to the USO. Tickets are \$7 and will help the USO with their many projects for our troops. If you can't join us but want to contribute, please mail donation to The Mohawk Valley Women's Club, Treasurer, 158 Montgomery St., Canajoharie, NY 13317. Checks must be made out to the USO. Contact Nancy MacFarland, 518-673-3633.

**Sprite Club:**

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Sprite Club. 12 cash prizes. Drawing July 13 at banquet. Donation \$100. Grand prize \$5000 2-12 \$1000 each. For RSVP call Donna Boucher at 3159429-8803 or the Sprite Club at 518-568-7099 and leave a message. Tickets available.

**JUL 19**

**Scoops of Blessings for Fort Plain**

First Baptist Church of Amsterdam, 479 Guy Park Ave., Amsterdam, NY. An ice cream social community fundraiser from 5-8 pm. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Fort Plain flood

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**Grace Christian Church**  
20 Center St.,  
St. Johnsville, NY 13452  
*Rev. Harry J. Teichert*  
**315-866-8626**  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship 11:00am

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
32 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley  
315-858-4016  
*Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge*  
Sunday 11:00am Holy Communion/sermon

**Grandview Baptist Church**  
15 Washington St.  
Fort Plain  
*Pastor Dan West*  
Sunday School 10am  
Morning Service 11am  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting,  
Wednesday 6:30pm

**Glen Reformed Church**  
State Hwy 161 in the  
Hamlet of Glen  
4 miles South of Fultonville  
[glenreformed@nycup.rr.com](mailto:glenreformed@nycup.rr.com)  
Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School  
immediately following Children's Message

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

**Joy Fellowship**  
296 Co. Hwy. 119  
St. Johnsville, NY 13452  
518-568-3217  
*William Hayes Pastor*  
*Joyce Loughran Assistant Pastor*  
Sunday School 9am, Morning Worship 9:30am  
Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30pm

**Lassellville United Methodist Church**  
State Hwy. 29  
*Pastor Robert A. Lindsay*  
Worship: Sunday 9:30am  
Sunday School to start soon

**Lighthouse Baptist Church**  
1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114  
Stratford, NY 13470-0114  
315-429-8854  
*Pastor Martin Smith*  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am; Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6:00pm; 2nd & 4th Sunday Dinner following Morning Service with Afternoon Service following dinner  
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**Marshville Evangelical Church**  
Route 10 South  
*Rev. David Bowley*  
Worship Sunday 9am

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518-853-3646  
Weekly Masses: Sat. 4:30pm, Sun. 10:30am  
friars@katerishrine.com  
www.katerishrine.com

**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

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ourladyofhope@frontier.com  
*Pastor: Father Dennis Murphy*  
Mass Schedule: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am & 11am; Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am.  
Confessions: Sat. 3 & by appointment  
Please call parish office for Holy Day schedule

**Paines Hollow United Methodist Church**  
Intersection of 167 & 168, Paines Hollow  
*Pastor Peg Donaghy*  
518-568-7604  
Sunday Worship 9:00AM  
Fellowship Hour to Follow

**Randall Christian Church**  
NY Rte. 5S  
Sunday Service 10am  
*Pastor Lance Borofsky*

**Reformed Church of Canajoharie**  
15-19 Front St., Canajoharie  
518-673-2816  
*Rev. Miriam Barnes*  
Worship 10am, Nursery Provided,  
Christian Education  
for children & adults 9am

**Reformed Church of Fort Plain**  
165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339  
518-993-4302 • fortplainrca@yahoo.com  
*Rev. Nancy E. Ryan*  
Sunday Worship 10:30am,  
AA meetings on Tues. 7pm,  
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Community Meal Program-Sat. & Sun 5pm

**Reformed Church of Sprakers**  
112 Sprakers Hill Rd  
*Mark Tiffany, Preaching Elder*  
Worship ~ 10AM

**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

**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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14 Park Place  
St. Johnsville, NY 13452  
518-568-7700  
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**JUL 20**

**Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter 11th Annual Golf Tournament**

Canajoharie Golf & Country Club, St. Hwy 163, Canajoharie, NY. \$70/person (non-mem-

ber), \$51 (CGCC member). 4 player scramble & putting competition. Fee includes coffee, juice and donuts at registration (9:30 am), greens fees & cart, tournament fee, donation to shelter and lunch after tournament. Tee time is 10:30 am. Longest drive, closest to the pin & closest to the line. Door prizes and raffles. All proceeds from the tournament directly help the homeless animals. Contact The Country Club Golf Shop, 518-673-8183.

**Free Clothing Giveaway**  
Valley Alliance Church, State Highway 5 east of Nelliston, NY. 9-11 am. Doors open at 8:45 am. Refreshments will be provided.

**JUL 29 - AUG 2**

**Christian Lake Bible Conference**

Pastor Mark Appell of Perth Bible Church will be the guest speaker at C.L.B.C. Services begin at 7:45 Mon. - Fri. with a Bible class at 9 am. Tues. - Fri. Drive-ins are welcome at both services and are open to the public. Included onsite are a campground, beach, boats, fishing and cabins available for use with a reservation. A large activ-

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**AUG 3**

**AARP Drivers Safety Classes**

St Johnsville Community Center, 16 Washington St., St Johnsville NY.

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**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](mailto:stjstm@frontiernet.net)

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
774 St. Hwy. 163, Freysbush, NY  
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**St. Johnsville Methodist Church**  
7 East Main St.,  
St. Johnsville, NY 13452  
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Worship Sunday 3pm

**St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church**  
31 North Helmer Ave., Dolgeville  
315-429-8338  
**Father Guy N. Vo**  
Sunday Mass is 10:30am,  
Daily Mass Mon. & Wed. 8am

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
7690 Rt. 80, Springfield Center  
315-858-4016  
**Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge**  
Sunday Eucharist. 9:30am  
Coffee - Fellowship follows service  
Holy Days - as announced

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
32 W. Main St.,  
St. Johnsville, NY (next to NBT Bank)  
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315-823-2284  
Service Sunday 10am  
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**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community**  
1 Church St., Cherry Valley  
607-264-3779  
Masses Sunday  
8:30am & 11am

**Stratford United Methodist Church**  
Route 29A  
315-429-9085  
**Rev. Roger Waldron**  
Worship 9am

**The Christian Church of Rural Grove**  
170 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers, NY 12166  
518-922-7831  
**Pastor Joshua Feterhoff**  
[pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org](mailto:pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org)  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am,  
Morning Service 11am, Eve. Service 6pm,  
Wed.-Family Night 7pm,  
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618 E. Gansvoort St.  
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Tuesday night 7pm Bible Study at 122 Moyer St.  
Wednesday Bible Study at Spring Meadows 6pm  
Friday Youth at the Church All Welcome at 7pm

**The Time for Truth Ministries**  
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Amsterdam, NY 12010  
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Cell 518-774-8558

**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).  
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[umc673@frontiernet.net](mailto:umc673@frontiernet.net)  
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**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)

**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

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Contact Mike Weiner, 315-823-2423.

**AUG 3, SEP 7, OCT 5, NOV 2 & DEC 7**

**Acoustic Coffee House**  
Fultonville Methodist Church, Montgomery St., Fultonville, NY. 6:30-10 pm. Now into our 4th year, the no admission, no donation Acoustic Coffee House is open to all types of music as long as no vulgarity, doesn't

offend anybody and is acoustic. If you can't make it at 6:30, that's OK there is a new performer every 9-13 minutes on average. Call 518-853-4964.

**AUG 7**

**AARP Drivers Safety Classes**

Fort Plain Senior Citizens Center, Canal St., Fort Plain NY. Contact Mike Weiner, 315-823-2423.

**AUG 16**

**NY CONNECTS Informal Breakfast**

Fort Plain Senior Center, 204 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY. 8-10 am. Space is limited and reservations are required by Aug. 9. Breakfast is free and open to the public. Contact Montgomery Co. Office for Aging, 518-843-2300.

**AUG 24**

**Fifth Annual Reign Fest: NY**

Dolgeville Central School auditorium, 38 Slawson St., Dolgeville, NY. 2-10 pm. Grammy nominated "The Rhett Walker Band" headlines this year's

amazing lineup, that includes hot new artist "All Things New," ReignFest mainstay "Everyday Sunday" with special guest "Grant Woell," along with Christian rock bands "Kardia," "Life Band," "Deeper Still" and the "New Hope Worship Team." The event's guest speaker will be Pastor Dave Hayner. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Group pricing is available. For tickets and information, call 315-868-5815 or e-mail bobby@rkpsporting-goods.com. You can also follow ReignFest: NY on facebook.

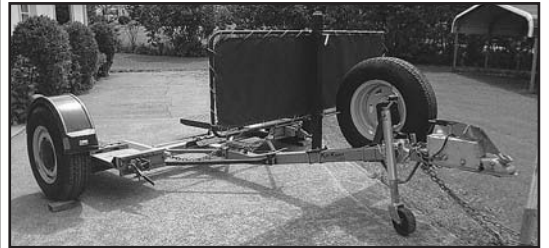


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## Maintaining your air conditioner

An air conditioner's filters, coils, and fins require regular maintenance for the unit to function effectively and efficiently throughout its years of service. Neglecting necessary maintenance ensures a steady decline in air conditioning performance while energy use steadily increases.

### Air conditioner filters

The most important maintenance task that will ensure the efficiency of your air conditioner is to routinely replace or clean its filters. Clogged, dirty filters block normal airflow and reduce a system's efficiency significantly. With normal airflow obstructed, air that bypasses the filter may carry dirt directly into the evaporator coil and impair the coil's heat-absorbing capacity. Replacing a dirty, clogged filter with a clean one can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5 percent to 15 percent.

For central air conditioners, filters are gener-

ally located somewhere along the return duct's length. Common filter locations are in walls, ceilings, furnaces, or in the air conditioner itself. Room air conditioners have a filter mounted in the grill that faces into the room.

Some types of filters are reusable; others must be replaced. They are available in a variety of types and efficiencies. Clean or replace your air conditioning system's filter or filters every month or two during the cooling season. Filters may need more frequent attention if the air conditioner is in constant use, is subjected to dusty conditions, or you have fur-bearing pets in the house.

### Air conditioner coils

The air conditioner's evaporator coil and condenser coil collect dirt over their months and years of service. A clean filter prevents the evaporator coil from soiling quickly. In time, however, the evaporator coil will still collect

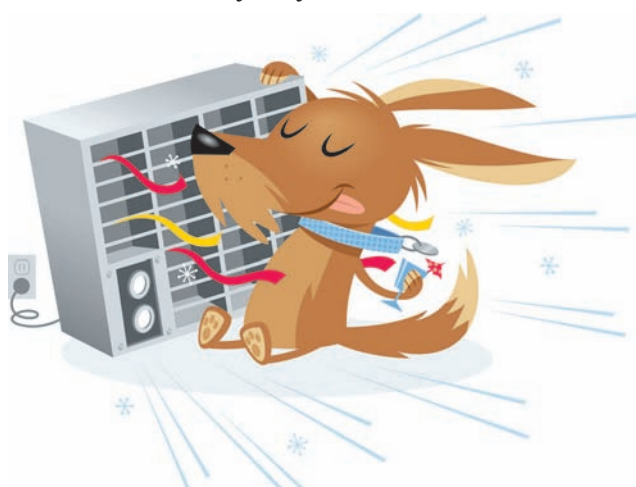
dirt. This dirt reduces airflow and insulates the coil, reducing its ability to absorb heat. To avoid this problem, check your evaporator coil every year and clean it as necessary.

Outdoor condenser coils can also become very dirty

if the outdoor environment is dusty or if there is foliage nearby. You can easily see the condenser coil and notice if dirt is collecting on its fins. You should minimize dirt and debris near the condenser unit. Your dryer vents, falling leaves, and

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### Coil fins



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### Condensate drains

Occasionally pass a stiff wire through the unit's drain channels. Clogged drain channels prevent a unit from reducing humidity, and the resulting excess moisture may discolor walls or carpet.

### Window seals for room air conditioners

At the start of each cooling season, inspect the seal between the air conditioner and the window frame to ensure it makes contact with the unit's metal case. Moisture can damage this seal, allowing cool air to escape from your house.

### Preparing for winter

In the winter, either cover your room air conditioner or remove and store it. Covering the outdoor unit of a central air conditioner will protect the unit from winter weather and debris.

### Hiring a professional

When your air conditioner needs more than regular maintenance, hire a professional service technician. A well-trained technician will find and

fix problems in your air conditioning system.

The technician should:

- Check for correct amount of refrigerant
- Test for refrigerant leaks using a leak detector
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- Measure airflow through the evaporator coil
- Verify the correct electric control sequence and make sure that the heating system and cooling system cannot operate simultaneously
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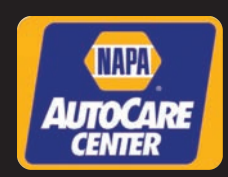
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# Buckling your child in safely

by Ellen Wren

The seat belts in your car are not designed with children in mind. It's important to pay attention to guidelines about safe child passenger restraint to protect your most precious cargo. If, like most of us, you've ever felt unsure about things like when to turn your baby's seat around or when to let your child graduate to a booster, here's a brief guide to clarify it for you.

### What is the law, exactly?

In New York State, all children must be in an appropriate "child restraint system", or carseat, until their 8th birthday, at a minimum. Appropriate seats meet the child's size and weight as indicated by the manufacturer.

The driver of a vehicle is responsible for restraint of all passengers

rear-facing position.

2. Convertible — higher height and weight range than an infant seat and can be placed front or rear facing depending on the age and size of the child.

3. Forward facing only — for children over age 1 at minimum.

4. Booster — frequently labeled for use with children over 40 pounds and over four years of age

Under the age of one, all babies must ride in an infant or convertible seat, installed in the rear-facing position. Though one year is the minimum requirement, many experts recommend keeping young children in a rear-facing position as long as possible. Once the child outgrows the height recommendations for the rearward facing position, their seat must be forward facing. However, many children can safely

booster. Consider that in addition to weighing at least 40 pounds, they must be developmentally capable of keeping their back straight in the seat and their knees reach the seat's edge and bend comfortably.

One common question about boosters is when it is appropriate to use a high back versus a backless seat. High back booster seats are called for when your vehicle has low seat backs. If you have high seat backs that allow for support of the child's head, you can use a backless booster seat. Boosters of either type must be used with both shoulder and lap belts to be safe.

When is it time to transition out of a booster seat? Once a child reaches 4'9", they can safely retire the booster. However, if you happen to have

the age of 13 ride in the back seat. Research estimates that, in the event of a collision, chance of injury and death is reduced by more than 30 percent simply by riding in the back.

It's important to note that these laws do not apply to public transportation. Taxis and buses are exempt from all occupant restraint laws, with one exception. Children under age four must ride in a car seat in school buses.

Your carseat may need

to be replaced if it:

1. Has been in a crash
2. Has missing parts
3. Has no labels or stickers indicating height and weight guidelines
4. Is on a recall list or is not compatible with the type of vehicle you drive (To check both of these things, visit The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov))
5. Is over six years old
6. Is not properly installed

Of course, it's not safe

if it's not properly installed and your child isn't properly buckled in. Read the manual for instructions on proper use. For free hands on assistance and advice on both of these critical factors, you can make an appointment with a fitting station. To find the one near you visit Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations at [www.safeny.ny.gov](http://www.safeny.ny.gov) Wishing everyone safe and fun-filled travels this summer!



Appropriate seats meet the child's size and weight as indicated by the manufacturer.

Photo by Ellen Wren

under the age of 16 and can be fined \$25-100 and receive three points on their license if they fail to comply with the law.

To understand the specifics and insure that your child is safely buckled and you're in compliance with the law, consider the four basic types of carseats:

1. Infant — generally up to a weight of 22 pounds. Only to be placed in a

ride rear facing until age 2. This is the best position to reduce stress to their fragile necks and spinal cords.

Under age four, children must ride in carseats appropriate for their height and weight, rather than booster seat, however, size supersedes age. If your little one is over 40 pounds before their fourth birthday, you may move them to a

child on the taller side, they must remain in their booster regardless of height until they reach their eighth birthday.

Once a child is out of a booster, the next question that eventually arises is when can they safely sit in the front passenger seat. New York State doesn't have a law regulating this decision, but strongly recommends that all children under

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(NAPSA) — Investing a little time and effort to make sure your tires are road worthy can pay dividends when it comes to safety. Experts say the first step is to make sure your tires are properly inflated.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, underinflated tires contribute to more than 600 fatalities and 33,000 injuries each year. Simply checking your tire pressure can help you stay safe during your next trip.

To get the most from your tires this summer, here are some maintenance tips from the world's largest tire and wheel retailer — Discount Tire:

- Get pressure right — Low tire pressure can decrease fuel economy. Tires may lose up to one pound per square inch per month. The specific inflation pressure number can be found on the vehicle placard lo-

cated on the driver's side doorpost, glove box door, fuel door or in the owner's manual. Custom tires and wheels may change standard air pressure requirements, so if you customize, have a pro check them out before you go.

- Don't overload vehicle — Overloading decreases fuel economy due to increased wind drag and cargo weight. Handling, control and braking are also negatively impacted.

- Rotate before you go — Regular rotation helps achieve uniform tire wear and improves road performance. Tires rotated every 6,000 to 8,000 miles have longer life and help to maximize your tire investment.

- Straighten up — Proper wheel alignment provides safe, predictable vehicle control and helps tires wear evenly and last longer.

- Bald isn't beautiful — Lack of tread affects the

tire's ability to grip the road. Make sure tires don't have uneven wear, high or low spots or unusually smooth areas that can decrease traction and increase the risk of road accidents.

#### A five-minute fix

Checking tire pressure and tread is easy and can pay dividends when it comes to fuel economy and handling. Don't go by appearances. Use a tire gauge to check since a tire can be 50 percent underinflated but still not appear flat.

Make it a habit to check tire pressure every month and always before a long trip. Use the vehicle manufacturer's recommended tire pressure.

Additionally, check tire tread depth by using the "penny test." Insert Abe Lincoln's head upside down into the tread. If you see his entire head, it's time to replace the tire.

## Make your driving dollars go farther

(NAPSA) — From daily commuting to summer road trips, the amount of time we spend driving adds up quickly...and so can travel costs. However, a few good driving habits can help put the brakes on unnecessary spending and get you on the road

to savings:

- Watch your speed. A faster trip may be less fuel efficient. When traveling at speeds above 50 mph, gas mileage tends to decrease rapidly.

- Lose weight in your car. Every extra 100 pounds can reduce fuel ef-

iciency by up to 2 percent, so keep your trunk clear of unnecessary items.

- Find gas pumps that pay you back. Some stations, like participating BP stations, allow you to save on future fill-ups.

- Avoid idling. When parked, shut off your engine to save fuel. An idling engine can consume up to a half gallon of fuel per hour.

- Inflate for a smoother ride. Keep your tires at the proper pressure to get up to 3.3 percent better gas mileage.

- Choose quality gasoline. Fill up with a quality fuel, which can help your car get a few more miles per tank when compared to low-detergent gasoline.

- Rack up a more efficient ride. Use a removable roof or bicycle rack and install it only when needed. By avoiding the extra bulk, you'll minimize aerodynamic drag—the air and wind resistance your vehicle must overcome to accelerate and maintain a constant speed.

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