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It is more than obvious that you do not agree with my conservative leanings. You stated that you are totally turned off by the predictable anti-Obama rantings. Well that serves to prove that there are two sides to a coin. You appear to be turned on by Mr. Obama and I am definitely turned off — let me hasten to add more scared than turned off. His own party leaders, on national TV, admitted they did not know what the Obama health bill contained and yet were willing — with blindfolds and ear muffs — to vote it into law.

If the national health act was passed into law without our duly elected representatives understanding it because they never read it, is that not kissing cousins to a dictator creating a law?

Isn't that the same type of choice people in Russia, China and Cuba have? When a new law is passed the people then will find out what it means — usually after it is too late.

You are welcome to send us your thoughts on politics and politicians whether conservative or liberal which we will publish. I will certainly find it interesting to read any defense of Mr. Obama's leadership. Oh, by the way — for stating that you find most of the articles in the Country Editor very interesting and as you wrote "speak to me," I personally thank you. I can only worry and pray that his health program turns out well for you and our country. If it doesn't, total financial disaster

could be in our future. Mr. J, please keep on reading — our American way of life depends upon people thinking, having an opinion and acting in a peace seeking way — including editors and publishers — having the right to their own opinion, and the readers respond.

Time marches on — in a recent TV review it was mentioned that nearly all of the military men who participated in the Second World War are now in their nineties.

I'm sure you have read the often-quoted saying, "If wars were fought by old men there would be no wars."

During that recent review some of the old soldiers were asked what they thought of the war. There appeared to be a common thought in their reply. "I am proud that I was able to defend my country but I would not choose to go through it again." Nearly everyone said, "War is Hell."

During those war years of 1942-1945, like many of our present grandmothers and grandfathers, I was tucked neatly away in a village in the hills attending school in a wood structure, two-room school house with no modern conveniences. Taught by teachers who were allowed to teach. We had two wood stoves, no running water and two outdoor toilets (actually indoor but of the waterless outdoor type.)

Our village had two churches, a Baptist and a Methodist, along with two general stores and dirt roads.

Compared to the modern conveniences of today we had nothing except our friends and families but we were united in believing in our country, and allowed to worship as we pleased. The children of the two-room schoolhouse put on a Christmas theme play at one of the churches each year. No one would even dream to say that believers

did not have the right to do so. Unlike today, where a minority can dictate to believers the true meaning and teaching of Christmas is somehow wrong. In the country of majority rules, the minority has taken away the majorities' rights.

Let's return for a moment to those who went to the one- and two-room school houses and who served in the Second World War, those same people—men, women, boys and girls who had not lost their right to worship their God in a public way. Is it not true that through this combined group of people, this modern great American worldwide power came into existence? And is it not true that few people in the world live as comfortable of a life as we do today?

And now we are being challenged to change America — the necessary question is "into what"?

Those men and women who fought to save America during World War II are in their nineties. Those who went to the old one and two room schoolhouses are nearly 80. Yes, time does march on and those early ones are finishing the final turn. Who will take their places? Who will stop the change and protect the American way of life we love and enjoy?

Paddy the Irishman right from County Cavan Ireland was over here during the last Gubernatorial election — He watched the tele with great interest. "What do you think of the candidates, Paddy?" he was asked. His reply was "It's a good thing only one can win."

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This year we're going to leave the front door open so Rudolph with Santa will not have to land on the roof. My wife makes extra delicious apple pie so we are going to leave him a large wedge. Not too large — I want some too.

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by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Surrounded by exquisite jewelry, paintings and selectworks by renowned local artisans, Martha Michael Mancini have opened their doors of The Gallery at 2 W. in St. St. Johnsville with a ribbon-cutting, grand opening celebration just in time for the Christmas shopping season.

"We are extremely pleased with the reception that we have received from everyone in this area of New York State, and we just want to bring them unusual and beautiful items at just the right price for them to enjoy," said Martha Mancini, originally from Charlotte, NC.

Martha with her husband Michael, a native of St. Johnsville, recently moved from their home of 20 years in San Juan, Puerto Rico

They moved back for the sake of Leo, Michael's 93-year-old father, a WWII veteran.

"He lived with us in San Juan since about 2003, when his wife passed away and he really wanted to come home to St. Johnsville," explained Martha.

Mancini's owned 3 unique jewelry stores in San Juan. "We didn't really think we were going to go into here," business Martha acknowledged. But as luck would have it, the only building Michael would consider having as a storefront came up for rent and so they settled in.

Michael, in addition to sculpturing, designing and restoring monuments, is a connoisseur of fine



Martha Mancini shows St. Johnsville Mayor Bernard Barnes a display, which includes butterscotch amber and prehistoric ivory pieces.

art. "We have about 1,000 paintings that we have accumulated in the last 20 years from Puerto Rico and in the spring we will have a Latin American art showing."

In the meantime Mancini's will be designing custom jewelry.

"If you want something we'll make it for you — if we don't have it. If you've lost an earring or need something to match something special, we can do that, too."

Martha says that because Mancini's do design their own jewelry, most of the things in The Gallery are one of a kind. However, the prices are targeted for this area. "You will be amazed at how reasonable things are priced!" Martha attested.

The Gallery also sells antiques, art and paintings by American and Latin America artists, by names such as Vorst, Rossiter and Luis Cajiga.

"We are just so happy to be here! Let us know if we can ever be of assistance to you in any way."

Contact Martha or Michael Mancini at 5 1 8 - 5 6 8 - 5 1 2 1. Holiday season hours are Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sundays 2-5 p.m.



Original paintings added to the décor of the grand opening celebration at The Gallery, where, from left, Co-owner Michael Mancini, Connie Morse, Co-owner/jewelry creator Martha Mancini, St. Johnsville Chamber of Commerce President Juanita Handy and Leo Mancini were on hand to greet attendees.

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by Linda Thistle

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See Page 28 for the Answers to All of These Puzzles

# Herkimer County Office for the Aging seeking Job Pool applicants

Herkimer County Office for the Aging is seeking people who would like to assist seniors in their community. Office for the Aging has a Job Pool list that is sent out to seniors throughout the county to help provide services in their home at a reasonable cost. If you have the heart and working experience with the elderly you may want to apply to be placed on the Job Pool.

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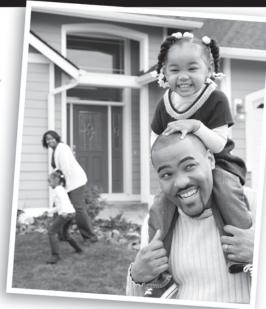
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- ~Thank You: The Class of 2015 hosted a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 17th to benefit various class activities. The event was very well-attended. Class Advisor, Melanie Pombrio, would like to thank everyone who participated: "It is because of the community support and generosity that we were able to have such a successful event. Thank you!"
- ~Students of the Month: Jr/Sr High School Principal Deborah Larrabee has announced the following Students of the Month. Students honored in October were: Baileigh Behan, Jacob Thomas, Drew Fureno, Edward Rolle, Lesly Hazzard and Gene Ryan. The November students were: Autumn Dodson, Eryka Swank, Zoe D'Arcangelis, Jamie Putnam, Cody Burkhart, and Ryan Potter. The Harry Hoag School Principal Cathy Brucker held a breakfast recently for the October Students of the Month. The students were: Nicholas Skiffington, Josephia Carcasole, Damien Massie, Sadie Baldwin, Madissin Brownell, Anthony Paradiso, Brandon Dygert, Olive Niccoli, and Nathaniel Beam. Congratulations to all of these hard-working students!
- ~Read Parent Today: The district is encouraging all parents to sign up for Parent Today, a bimonthly newsletter that provides tools and information to encourage parents to be even more engaged in their chidren's education. By clicking on the Parent Today icon on the school's website, parents will be able to register to receive this email newsletter twice per month. The newsletter is in an easy-to-read format, and includes posts from other parents who are talking about what matters most to families today. Parent Today is a great place for families to learn more about the dramatic changes taking place in school curriculum and public education. Please use the subscriber code: 13339 when registering for this free service.
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- ~Athlete Honored: The Recorder of Amsterdam, NY recently announced its picks for 2013 All-Area Athletes of the Year for fall sports. Fort Plain senior Jordan Ahrens was commended for his outstanding cross country performance, being named Boys Cross Country Athlete of the Year. Jordan also qualified for the state championships, placing very well with a time of 16:20.7 at the Queensbury High School course. Great job Jordan!
- ~2013-2014 Musical Announced: The Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club has announced *The Wizard of Oz* as this year's musical. The show will perform March 28th, 29th at 30th at the Arkell Auditorium at Canajoharie High School. The recently accounced cast will include: Maddi St. John as Dorothy, Zoe D'Arcangelins as the Good Witch, Brianna Swartz as the Wicked Witch, Jordan Hurd as the Scarecrow, Noah Watson as the Tin Woodman, AJ Sullivan as the Cowardly Lion, Kenneth Travis as the Mayor of Munchkinland, and Josh Cechnicki as the Wizard of Oz. Other Jr/Sr High School performers will include: Beth Doxtater, Travis Herringshaw, Julia Rodriquez, Jillian McGowan, Jenna Shepard, Luke Doxtater, Zack Rogers, Saymia Pinder, Morgan Hurd, Quinn Jones, Eliza Cechnicki, Vikki Wilday, Sara Shaffer, Marcela Rivenburgh, Sierra Nichols, Gabby Rouse, Brandy Walters, Cheyanne Walters, Heather Restuccia, Josie Hand, Sarah Hoffman, Sarah Haman, Matt Haman, and Maya Gaasche. The show will also feature elementary students: Maura DiMezza, Sophia Rogers, Sarah LaComb, Molli Bates, Ella Logan, Kaylee Sanders, Zavia Allen, Emily Hurd, Cheyann Wahl, Rob Rogers, Matthew Travis, Peter Mazzarella, and Keagan Ford. *The Wizard of Oz* will be directed by Will Ryan, with Lauri Broady assisting. Musical directors are Julieanne Sincavage and Norma Bowley. Michael Broady serves as set and stage manager. Rehearsals have begun and will continue through the March performances.

~A Healthy Message from BlueShield of Northeastern NY: According to the Ctrs for Disease Control and Prevention, the most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands. Throughout the day, you accumulate the most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands. Throughout the day, you accumulate germs on your eyes, nose or mouth. Always remember to wash your hands: before & after eating, when preparing food, after using the restroom, when you're in contact with someone who is ill, after touching pets or other animals, and after sneezing/coughing/blowing your nose. Steps for proper hand washing include: wet your hands with running water, apply soap and rub hands to make a lather, rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds, rinse thoroughly, and dry hands with a clean towel or hand dryer. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rub hands together until dry. For more information on hand washing, visit the health library at bsneny.com/healthandwellness.

- ~Harry Hoag School Math Facts Meets: The elementary Math Fact Fiends, Fanatics and Phenoms group met recently, for the second time during the 2013-2014 school year. Successful members for the November meeting were: Fanatics Cameron Tamsett (5th grade) multiplication Phenoms Evan Crouse (5th grade) addition, subtraction and multiplication Sarah LaComb (5th grade) multiplication, Rob Rogers (3rd grade) addition, and Jeffrey Wilday (3rd grade) addition. The club is VERY proud to announce or first ULTIMATE PHENOM of this year. 4th grader Estee Smith has reached all four Phenom levels addition (2 min 7 sec), subtraction (2 min 28 sec), multiplication (2 min 52 sec) and division (2 min 40 sec).
- ~Yearbook Changes Announced: After careful consideration by the yearbook staff, the 2014 Portrait is undergoing some changes! This new yearbook is currently available to students for \$35. Several choices of extras (printed name on the front, protective cover, stickies, etc) are also available at additional cost. After January 31, 2014 the cost of the book with be \$40 and the extas will *not* be available. Yearbook orders are being accepted now! Go online to http://www.balfour.com and place your order today to get the reduced price and access to the extras. Order forms are also available in the main office of the Jr/Sr High School or from Mrs. Cole and Mrs. DeKalb.
- ~Jr/Sr HS to Celebrate Spirit Week: The Jr/Sr High School Student Council will be hosting Spirit Week activities between Monday, December 9th and Friday, December 13th. To celebrate school spirit, and help prepare for the winter sports season, students are encouraged to dress up as follows: Mon-Pajama Day, Tuesday-Color Wars, Wednesday-Topper Pride, Thursday-Diffendoofer Day, and Friday-Pirate Day. There will be a pep rally on Wednesday. Student Council will also hold a tree decorating contest in the lobby of the Jr/Sr HS building. The contest theme is "A Homemade Christmas." Each class may put lights on their tree, but all other decorations must be hand crafted by members of the class. The classes are also being asked to host a canned goods drive. The cans collected by each group will be placed under their decorated tree. Contest judging will include the tree and the amount of canned goods collected. The winning class will enjoy a field trip to see a movie on December 20th. The season concludes with the Elf Auction and a performance by FLAME on Dec. 18th.
- ~Morning Program Resumes: It is almost 20 years old, but the Morning Program at the elementary school continues to help students start the day on a positive note. Every Friday morning, the kindergarten through second grade students participate in a riddle, a weekly fact, calendar reading, weather, and more. They also honor each class' morning program "stars." The program lasts about 30 minutes and the community is invited to come and watch. Second grade teacher Susan Ponticello recently spoke about the benefits of Morning Program, "Children learn how to speak in front of an audience and how to participate. It reinforces both listening and speaking skills." The program is held each Friday morning at 8:10 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- ~Minds On Workshops: In early November, three groups from the Jr/Sr High School joined students from other districts in "Minds On" workshops. "Minds On" is an educational initiative of The Rensselaerville Institute and encourages deep thinking and group work. The fall's workshop topics included The Underground Railroad, DNA, and Setting the Scene When Writing. The "Minds On" trips are arranged and sponsored by the district OK2XL club, as a way to enrich the curriculum. Coordinator Kathleen DeKalb says, "It gets them out and working with other kids. Sometimes they come back surprised with what they know, so it's usually pretty good for their self-esteem." Another "Minds On" workshop will be held on December 14th at the Institute in Rensselaerville. Social Studies teacher Will Ryan will take nine students to participate in the Model UN session. This marks the 10th year of the district's participation, and this year the students will take a point in history prior to the creation of the United Nations and deal with a national issue. "The groups will look at if the UN were created earlier, what impact would there have been during that time. We debate resolutions and build consensus," Mr. Ryan said. "Kids gets to learn parliamentary procedure and coalition building, which means to persuade other delegates." Many students want to return the next year, and work hard to help teach the new sophomores how to get the most out of the experience.
- ~Second Family Math Night A Success: The second Family Math Night for eighth grade students, and their families, was held in November. The families solved logic problems, played games, and worked with three-dimensional figures. Math teacher Susan Summerfield also spoke to parents about the new math assessments, and the Common Core Standards and how they apply to math. "They've heard about Common Core, and I explained how we are going more into depth with some of the topics," she said. "I also gave them a pamphlet and some links to math websites for extra help." Many of the games and activities used during Family Math Nights were obtained as a result of a grant awarded to Mrs. Summerfield through the website donorschoose.org, which is dedicated to providing teachers with extra materials to support classroom learning.



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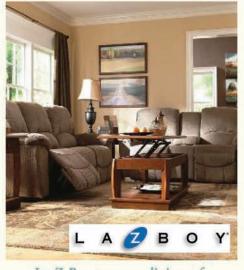
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# Salvation Army volunteer completes his 10th year

by Gary Elliott

This Advent Season marks the 10th year that I am participating in the Christmas Kettle Campaign with the Western Montgomery County Unit of the Salvation Army. I started bell ringing in 2003 in loving memory of my brother Tom and in honor of my sister Carol. My brother Tom was killed in a tragic accident while working as the owner of a tree service business in the fall of 2003. My sister Carol was diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig Disease in 2001.

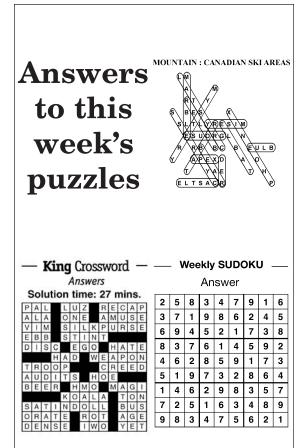
"There are many reasons to volunteer with the Salvation Army. In memory or honor of a loved one makes it truly a labor of love. Gary has taken time each year to ring the bell for the Christmas Kettle Campaign; many of those years he has collected the most money in Montgomery County. I know his brother would be very proud of him and I also know that he has made a tremendous difference in many lives. We are blessed to have him as a part of our Service Unit.," said Holly Craver, Treasurer, Montgomery County Salvation Army.

I have witnessed the local Salvation Army unit grow from a few bell ringers at the Price Chopper in Palatine Bridge to almost 30 bell ringers at more than a dozen businesses in the Canajoharie, Palatine Bridge, St. Johnsville and surrounding communities such as Nelliston.

Over the years, the majority of my volunteer bell ringing hours have been spent manning a kettle in front of Price Chopper. Last year, I also helped maintain the presence of a unmanned Table Top Kettle at the Plain Food Co-op in Fort Plain. Their was some friendly competition going on between the owners and employees at local businesses hosting table top kettles at their cashiers' check-out counter or customer service desks. The Plain Food Co-op and the True Value in Fort Plain tied for the most money deposited in their kettles last year.

Fellow bell ringers and community members who support the Salvation Army have helped to make some great memories for me during the past Christmas seasons.

Many veterans of World War II and more recent conflicts around the world have shared memories of how the Salvation Army served troops well during war years in far off lands. I also enjoyed the many conversations shared with the many men, women, and children who come to drop a handful of coins or a few dollars in the kettle for the Salvation Army. Most of all I enjoy saying, "Merry Christmas. And thank you for your donation."



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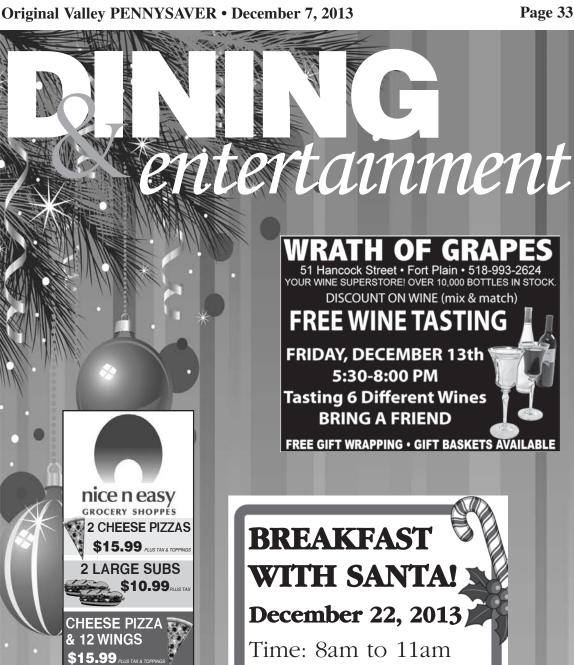
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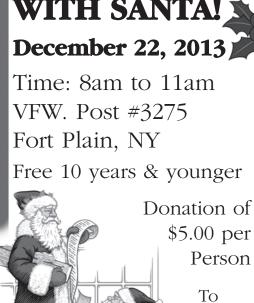
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# Is an older home a better value than a new one?

There isn't a definitive answer to this question.

You should look at each home for its individual characteristics.

Generally, older homes may be in more established neighborhoods, offer more ambiance, and have lower property tax rates.

People who buy

older homes, however, shouldn't mind maintaining their home and making some repairs.

Newer homes tend to use more modern architecture and systems, are usually easier to maintain, and may be more energyefficient.

Source: HUD.gov

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# How can I find information on the property tax liability?

The total amount of the previous year's property taxes is usually included in the listing information.

If it's not, ask the seller for a tax receipt or contact the local assessor's office. Tax rates can change from year to year, so these figures may be approximate.

Source: HUD.gov

# Fort Klock's annual St. Nicholas Day event ~ a family tradition

### by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Fort Klock became a day of returning to the past through the eyes of a child, as an authentic St. Nicholas greeted visitors and the scent of hot cider, mulled with cloves, oranges and nutmeg, and the scent of hot chocolate wafted through the air on Dec 1.

Folks warmed themselves near fire-places alive with flames and hot coals and candles lit and reflected on the lime-stone-walled rooms, decorated with pine boughs.

An old-fashioned Christmas tree strung with handmade ornaments and Colonial Christmas carols played by flutist Sue-Ann Wheadon and guitarist Patrick Clark rekindled the spirit of 18th century Christmas.

Fort Klock volunteers and re-enactors of the Tryon County



Storyteller Mary Brewster and Tryon County Militia member Tom Brewster dress in 18th century attire.

Militia dressed in attire appropriate for the time period added to the feeling that one had stepped back in time.

St. Nicholas reminded children that he was aware of their good behavior — and bad — throughout the year



Flutist Sue-Ann Wheadon plays a Christmas carol for attendees.



St. Nicholas (Eugene Wagner) and Terry Arduini greet families at the door.

and several dropped their eyes at his reminder to behave. "Have you been saying your prayers?" he asked each one. After speaking with St. Nicholas, each child received a dated, handmade wooden ornament.

"Every child who comes here gets a handmade ornament," remarked Eugene Wagner. He said that some families have been coming to the annual event for over 30 years and that it has become a family tradition.

Mohawk Valley
Dutch and Palatine
German pioneers
brought St. Nicholas
Day, a fourth-century
tradition, to the area.

The tradition of Santa Claus began with St. Nicholas. Nicholas was born during the 3rd century in Patara, a village on the southern coast of Turkey. He came from wealthy parents and was raised as a devout Christian. When very young, he lost his parents in an

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin epidemic. Legend states that Nicholas chose to obey the words of Jesus to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," giving away his inheritance. He dedicated his life to serving God, assisting the needy, the sick and the suffering, becoming Bishop of Myra at a young age. He was known for his generosity to needy, his love for all children, deep concern sailors and ships.

> Nicholas died on Dec. 6, 343 and became the Patron Saint of Children. The anniversary of his death became known as St. Nicholas Day.

Fort Klock observes St. Nicholas Day the first Sunday each December.

"We're more about the spiritual end of Christmas!" Wagner says.

Fort Klock, located two miles east of St. Johnsville on Rt. 5, preserves the area's rich heritage with seasonal events.



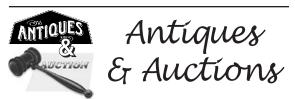
Sun., December 8th Breeder Sale ~ 11:33am

Fri., December 13th Christmas Auction ~ 6:33pm

Sat., December 14th Consignment Auction ~ 6:33pm

Fri., December 20th Christmas Auction ~ 6:33pm

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Monday, Dec. 2nd sale - cull ave. .64 Top cow \$.84, bulls/steers \$.79 - \$.88, bull calves top \$1.68, heifer calves \$1.00, feeder Dairy \$.26 - \$.74, feeder heifers \$.64 - \$.83, feeder bull \$.80 - \$1.00, feeder steers \$1.00 - \$1.29.

Monday, Dec. 9th - Monthly Heifer Sale. Group of 15 - 20 breeding age heifers. 2 Jersey open heifers. Lantland sends a load of close up springing Registered Heifers - Great Maternal Lines, big strapping heifers ready to go to work. Overstocked Dairy sends a few fresh & Springing group of cows - some Registered. Expecting a large run. Also coming - 20-25 Angus herd reduction.

Monday, Dec. 16th - Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale. We will be selling new Xmas items again starting at 11AM. Don't miss out on your last minute buys! Consigned 2 Homemade Amish Quilts -52"x45" and 52"x41 1/2 ". Also Casey Farm Market will be sending wrought iron items.

Monday, Dec. 23rd - Normal Monday Sale. Monday, Dec. 30th - Normal Monday Sale. Monday, Jan. 6th - Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale.

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by Larry Cox Slag glass

Q: I have a jug and sugar set in caramel slag made by the Imperial Glass Company of Ohio. Does it have any value? I know I didn't pay much for the two pieces. — Aileen, Harrisville, MI

A: Slag glass was introduced by the Indiana Tumbler and Goblet Company in about 1900. It later was used by other companies, including Imperial Glass. Originally darker in color, it was first called chocolate glass, but a lighter shade called "Boston Coffee" became popular with consumers. Since you did not enclose pictures of the pieces you have, I can't venture a guess as to values. Typical prices for slag glass I've seen in shops include: small bowl, \$35; a compote, covered \$75; and a set of salt and peppers, \$35.

Q: I purchased a cigar box full of older marbles at a yard sale earlier this year. I am curious if they are worth more tȟan I paid — about six dol-lars? — Mark, Sun City West, AZ

A: Bill Blair, owner of Blair Collectibles, sells buys, and appraises marbles. He is especially interested in machine marbles made after about 1930 handmade ones prior to 1915. His addresses are P.O. Box 655, Pine Hill, NY 12465; and blaircol@aol.com. Blair points out that values have gone down in recent years.

Q: I have a painting I acquired in New York 25 years ago. I was told it was worth \$1,000 at the time. Can you help? Jimmy, Palm Coast,

**A:** There are certain times in life when professional help is required. For example, dental work, to solve a legal problem or determine the value of artwork. To document and appraise your painting, you should hire the services of a certified art appraiser.

Q: I have a camera, a Hawk-Eye Model A, made by Kodak. The patent dates are 1914 and 1916. It requires 120 film. It is in excellent shape. Tweedie, Belen, NM

A: The Hawk-Eye box cameras made by Kodak were extremely popular during the early decades of the century. Because of that, they are also quite plentiful.

Most cameras of this type generally sell in the \$25-\$45 range.

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# Antiques & Auctions



### JR's Auctions

56 Willett St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 (518) 993-4668 The Auction Way!

Super Consignment Auction!! Tuesday, December 10th • 5:00pm

Furniture, Tools, Antiques, Household and much more!! Watch for pictures and expect to be surprised!!

Selective Antique Consignment Auction, Thursday Night, Dec. 12th • 6:00pm

Consign Your Top Notch Antiques, and Collectibles!! Already Consigned is a Large Selection of buttons, postcards, jewelry, milkshake mixer, copper tub, glassware, and much more surprising still coming!! We are expecting another Super Antique Sale with of lots good quality products!!

Gun and Tool Consignment Auction, Wednesday, Night Dec.18th • 6:00pm
1-Ithaca Featherlite 16 Gauge (super gun), 1-Ruger 10/22 with scope, 1-Stevens 20 Ga., 1-Springfield
Model 1903, 1-T Barker Double Barrel, 1-Mossburg 22 Bolt Action, 1-Glenfield 22 Rifle with Scope, 270
Ammunition, 30-06 Ammunition, 20 Gauge Ammunition and much more still coming!
We expect up to 50 guns for this Auction!! More Gun and Tool Consignments Wanted!!

### Last Minute Christmas Shopping Auction, Saturday, Dec. 21st • 10:00am

Furniture, Antiques, Consignments, Baked Goods, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Baskets, Apples, Oranges, Grape Fruits, Grapes, and more!! If you don't know what to buy for Christmas stop in at our Auction and be sure to find that unique item that you have been looking for!!

### Consignment Auction and Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner!!

Saturday, December 28th. Auction at 11:00am, Dinner at 2:00pm Attention we will also be selling 6 Top Quality Guns!!

Other Consignments will include Ammunition, New & Used Tools, Furniture, Bedroom Suites, Antiques, Collectibles, and much more!! If you have items that you don't want or that you need to turn into CASH consign them to JR'S Auction!! Auction at 11:00am Dinner at 2:00pm. Meal includes; Pulled Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni Salad, Chips, Soda, Coffee, and Homemade Donuts!!

Reservations reserved and paid, before 5:00pm Friday 12/20/13 are \$10.00 per person. At door reservations are \$12.00 per person!! Come On & Enjoy An Auction Between Christmas and New Year's!!!

# Collecting

by Larry Cox

China pattern

Q: In 1991, I bought a set of dishes in the Triumph pattern by American Limoges. In addition to place settings, I have platters, covered bowls, and salt and pepper shakers. I would like to know the worth of these dishes. — Charisse, Fenton, MI.

A: In our present economy, the sale of sets of china has been extremely difficult. I visit antiques shops and malls on a regular basis, and most china sets sit and collect dust. Typical shop prices for this pattern seem to be 5-piece setting, about \$45; salt and pepper set, \$15; large bowl, \$35; and large platter, \$50. Those are the prices, but as I stated earlier in this answer, this pattern and many others do not seem to be selling. I checked eBay and discovered a set of 36 pieces in your pattern being offered for sale, but alas, no bidders.

**Q:** I have either a copy or an original engraving by Thure de Thulstrup, a leading illustrator during the 1800s. I would like to find out

more information about it. — Zita, Sun City West, AZ.

A: With artwork, it is always best to hire the services of a certified appraiser to help research the item and then determine its current value. You are near Phoenix, and there are dozens of appraisers available there to help you. As a general rule, it is best to assume that this will not be a free service.

**Q:** While cleaning out a storage area, I found several older Coca-Cola bottles. Can you suggest a club or organization I can contact to find out if any are of any value? — Steve, Ames, Iowa

**A:** The Coca-Cola Collectors Club has thousands of members throughout the country, and this might be a good place to contact first. The addresses are PMB 609, 4780 Ashford-Dunwoody Road, Suite A, Atlanta, GA 30338; and cocacolaclub.org.

**Q:** I have several Copenhagen plates from the 1960s and '70s. Where can I go to sell

them? — Joan, Fiskeville, R.I.

**A:** My advice is to post them on eBay and hope for the best. The market is flooded with "collector plates," including the blue Copenhagen issues.

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# Calendar of Events

### ORIGINAL VALLEY PENNYSAVER

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

### Marine Corps Reserve **Toys for Tots** Sign up Dates

Ave. School, Jansen Johnstown, NY. For Ful-

ton & Montgomery Co. families. These are the only sign up times. Propidentification is required for parent and child. On Internet at www.toysfortots.org

### DEC 1-31

### Arkell Center News and **Events for December**

Arkell Center, Canajoharie, NY. Programs for all Area Seniors at Arkell Center for the month of December 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).
- Mondays Fridays: 10 m - noon. the Walking Program has begun. All are welcome to walk.

- Mon. Wed. & Fri: 10-10:30 am. Arkell Senior Exercise Program has begun. Come join us in the basement. Stop for coffee after.
- Wednesdays: 3-4 pm. Gentle Yoga/Chair Yoga with instructor, Patty Pietrowicz

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dec. 8: 1 pm. Canjo. Sr. Citizens Christmas Luncheon at Ripepis. Call Carole Clothier at 673-5335. \$10 for members. Reserve by Dec. 4.
- Dec 17: 11:15 am -12:15 pm. Blood Pressure Clinic. Home Health Care Partners Corp. (Co-Sponsored by St. Mary's

# Directory

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### Ames - Sprout Brook

613 Latimer Hill Rd. Ames, NY 13317 518-673-2265

Pastor Jeff Rauhauser Sunday Service 9:30am

### Church of the Nazarene

3316 State Route 29 W Johnstown, NY 12095 Offices: 518-762-2982 Cell: 857-523-8417 Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler

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

### **Dolgeville United** Methodist Church

21 N. Helmer Ave., Dolgeville Pastor: Rev. Diane E. DiLuzio 315-429-7381

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

### Everlasting Joy **Believers Fellowship**

66 Hancock St., (Rte. 5S) Fort Plain, NY 13339 315-858-2112

Pastor Carolee Cove Sunday Service 10am

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

### Pastor Joe Miller

Sunday School 10am, Morning Service 11am, Eve. Service 6pm, Wed. Service 6:45pm. Thurs. Visitation 6pm www.fordsbushbiblechurch.com Home of Victory Christian Academy

### **Cherry Valley** Assembly of God

37 Alden St., Cherry Valley, 607-264-3306

Pastor David Carpenter, Jr. Sundays 9:30am

### Cornerstone Baptist Church

7274 St. Hwy. 10, Ames 518-673-3405

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

### **Emmanuel Episcopal Church**

588-594 Albany St., Little Falls, NY 315-823-1323 Sunday Mass 10am

Coffee Hour following Sunday Mass Sunday School & Youth Group Tuesday 10am Mass & Bible Study Friday 10am-2pm Thrift Shop

### Faith, Hope and Love Christian Fellowship

18 W. Grand St., Palatine Bridge 518-673-5128

Rev. David W. Bowley

fhlc@frontiernet.net Sundays 11:30am, For other service times please call

### 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

### 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
ww.christianchurchcharlestonfourcorners.o

### Currytown Reformed Church

829 St. Hwy. 162, Sprakers 518-922-8422

Rev. Donald Hoaglander Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:00am

### Ephratah Reformed Church

 $140\ Co.\ Hwy.\ 140,\ Ephratah,\ NY$  To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally. Everyday. Everywhere. Everyone.

Pastor Jeff Hindrliter
Sunday School for all ages
10am September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11am Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7pm

### 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

### 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

### Church of Christ Uniting PO Box 896

Richfield Springs, NY 13439

Rev. Mark Ioset 315-858-1553

Service: Sunday 9:15am Church School: Sunday 10:30am

### Dolgeville Christian Fellowship 3 Elm St., Dolgeville, NY 13329

315-429-9142

Dr. Marvin Isum, Pastor Worship Sunday 10:30am Midweek Fellowship Tuesday 7pm www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org

### **Episcopal Church of** the Good Shepherd

26 Moyer St., Canajoharie 518-673-3440 Communion Sundays at 9:30am Fellowship Time to Follow

Call for Holy Day services The Rev. Virginia L Ogden, Rector churchgood@frontier.com

### Fonda Fultonville **United Methodist Church**

11 Montgomery St., Fultonville Pastor Nancy Pullen • 853-3311

Sunday Morning Worship 9:15-10:15, Sunday School 9:15-10:30, Coffee Fellowship Following Service Our Mission-To Actively Follow Christ

### and To Inspire Others To Accompany Us. **Fultonville**

Reformed Church Corner of 5S & 30

### Pastor Jane Hubschmitt

Sunday School 10AM Family Worship 10:30AM

# Calendar of Events

& Nathan Littauer Hospital). In addition to conducting the blood pressure clinic the Home Care Partners Corp. provides health and wellness information.

• Dec 18: 12 noon. OFA Meals of Montgomery Program is providing a Christmas luncheon which includes Roast Beef w/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas & mushrooms, dinner roll & cheesecake w topping. Call 673-2000 for reservations no later than Dec. 9th. The Second Time Around Band will have a Christmas performance following the meal. All are welcome at

### **MEETINGS**

 Dec 10: 6 pm. Chamber of Commerce Meeting. All are welcome. will There be no Alzheimer's Dementia Caregivers Support Group meeting in Dec.

### **DEC 6-8**

### Mohawk Valley Chorus

6 Scotia Dec.

Reformed Church - 8 pm • Dec. 7 - Johnstown High School -7 pm

• Dec. 8 - United Presbyterian - 3 pm

Doors open 30 minutes before each concert. \$12 for general admission and \$9 for senior citizens and students. Youngsters, 12 and under are admitted at no charge.

### DEC 7

### 17th Annual Holiday Cookie and Craft Sale

Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, 414 Frankfort St., Frankfort, NY. To place a cookie order call 315-894-2360.

### **Acoustic Coffee House**

Fultonville Methodist Church, Montgomery St., Fultonville, NY. 6:30-10 pm. Call 518-853-4964.

### Breakfast with Santa

Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks Lodge No. 2621, Old Station Rd., Nelliston, NY. 8:30-11:30 am. Ages 15 & under free, 16 years & older \$7. Get your picture taken with Santa too! (1st photo free - each additional photo nominal charge).

### DEC 8

### Community Festival Chorus

Remsen Art Center. 7 pm.

Glen Reformed Church State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen 4 miles South of Fultonville

glenreformed@nycap.rr.com Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School

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### **Grace Christian Church** 20 Center St.,

St. Johnsville, NY 13452 Rev. Harry J. Teuchert 315-866-8626

> Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11:00am

### Holy Family Parish

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

### Marshville Evangelical Church Route 10 South

Rev. David Bowley Worship Sunday 9am

### Our Lady of Hope R.C. Church

115 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 Parish Office 518-993-3822 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

### **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, Home of Manna House Meals, A Community Meal Program-Sat. Noon-1:30pm

### **Grace Episcopal Church**

32 Montgomery St., Cherry Valley 315-858-4016

Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge Sunday 11:00am Holy Communion/sermon

### 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

### National Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine and Indian Museum

3636 St. Hwy. 5, PO Box 627 Fonda, NY 12068-0627

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

### **Paines Hollow United** Methodist Church

Intersection of 167 & 168, Paines Hollow Pastor Peg Donaghy 518-568-7604

Sunday Worship 9:30AM Fellowship Hour to Follow

### Reformed Church of Sprakers

112 Sprakers Hill Rd Mark Tiffany, Preaching Elder Worship ~ 10AM

### **Grandview Baptist Church**

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

### Pastor Dan West

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

### Lassellseville United **Methodist Church**

State Hwy. 29 Pastor Robert A. Lindsay

Worship: Sunday 9:30am Sunday School to start soon

### New Hope Christian Fellowship

32 Spencer St., Dolgeville, NY 1332 Pastor Pat Andreoli 315-429-3630

NewHopeChristianFellowship.net Sunday School 9:30AM Worship Service 10:30AM

### Randall Christian Church

NY Rte. 5S Sunday Service 10am **Pastors** 

Winston Hallett & Carl Hawver

### **Richfield Springs**

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

313-838-0364
Sunday School (all ages) 10am
Worship Service 11am & 7pm
Wednesday - Prayer & Praise
Call for info on various Youth Ministries
www.richfieldspringsbiblechurch.org

### immediately following Children's Message **Guiding Light Fellowship**

Rose of Sharon Church of God 122 Moyer St. Canajoharie, NY 518-284-3307

Pastor Fred Jones Tuesday 7pm

### **Lighthouse Baptist Church** 1524 St. Rt. 29A, PO Box 114

Stratford, NY 13470-0114 315-429-8854

### Pastor Martin Smith

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

### **Oppenheim United Methodist Church**

Route 29 Pastor: Rev. Diane E. DiLuzio

315-429-7381 Worship 9:30 Sundays, Totally Awesome God-TAG time 6:30pm Wednesdays beginning in Oct., Sunday School 9:00am beginning September 18th

### **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

### 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

Children's Church Available
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# Calendar of Events

### Community Festival Chorus

St. Leo's Church in Holland Patent. 3 pm.

Holiday Canajoharie Library Used Book Sale Canajoharie, NY. 11 am -

### Mohawk Valley Choral **Christmas Concert**

Family Church, East Main St., Little Falls, NY. 7:30 pm. Tickets may be reserved by calling 823-1615 or at

Seeker's Fellowship

14 Park Place

St. Johnsville, NY 13452

518-568-7700

Pastor Mike Yezierski

Sunday Worship 6pm, Tues. Prayer 7pm, Bible Study 7pm (Wed., Thurs. & Fri.) We teach the fullness of God's Word, a life of holiness for the believer, and salvation for all who trust in Christ's sacrifice.

St. Johnsville

**Methodist Church** 

7 East Main St.,

St. Johnsville, NY 13452

Rev. Harry J. Teuchert

518-568-7983 • 315-866-8626

Worship Sunday 3pm

the Choral Society's website www.mvchoral.org

### St. Johnsville Tree Lighting

St. Johnsville, NY. 5 pm.

### DEC 13

### Celtic Christmas with the Sky Family

Dolgeville Christian Fellowship, 3 Elm St., Dolgeville, NY. 7 pm.

### Community Festival Chorus

Methodist Prospect Church. 7 pm.

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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

St. Joseph's Roman

Catholic Church

31 North Helmer Ave., Dolgeville

315-429-8338

Father Quy N. Vo

Sunday Mass is 10:30am,

Daily Mass Mon. & Wed. 8am

### DEC 14

### Canajoharie Library Holiday Gift Fair

Canajoharie, NY. 11 am -4 pm.

### Christmas in Little Falls 3rd Annual Soup Fest

Little Falls, NY. 11 am - 1

### Free Clothing Giveaway

Valley Alliance Church, State Hwy. 5, East of Nelliston, NY. 9-11 am. Doors open at 8:45 am. Refreshments will be provided.

### Little Falls Indoor Farmers' Market and Artisans' Fair

Knights Inn, Little Falls, NY. Contact Christine Van Meter, 315-823-9200.

### **DEC 22**

### Breakfast with Santa

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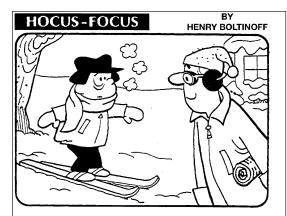
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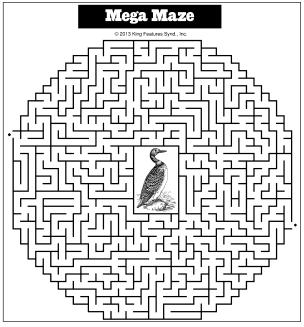
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A rat can last longer without water than a camel.





CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.



# Look for the answers to these puzzles in next week's issue!

### Puzzles4Kids by Ho

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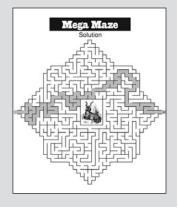
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### by Samantha Mazzotta

### Older faucet still can be repaired

**Q:** The faucet on the utility sink in my basement is leaking. It's one of those older faucets with a threaded spout where you can attach a hose, and a wingnut-looking handle. Can this be repaired, or is it too old? — Clive in Pittsburgh

**A:** If the leak is caused by a worn seal or washer, you should be able to find an adequate replacement in a universal washer kit. This inexpensive item is available at hardware and home-improvement stores and has a variety of different washers and seals to solve problems exactly like yours.

The type of faucet you described is likely a hose bib. These are pretty reliable and long-lasting, but the washers can wear out just like any other faucet. You'll need to disassemble the handle to get to the assembly inside.

First, shut off water to the faucet at the nearest shutoff valve. This may be located under the sink, or further along the pipe-run since it's a utility sink.

Unscrew the small screw in the top of the faucet's handle. Then pull the handle up and off. Just below the stem is the packing nut —

the large nut just underneath the handle. Use an adjustable wrench to unscrew the packing nut.

Next, carefully unscrew the spindle. It's important to not scratch the spindle shaft or strip the ridges at the end of it. You can use pliers (channel-type) to do this, but try wrapping a soft cloth around the spindle to protect it. Remove the spindle from the faucet valve.

Now you're ready to replace the damaged washers. The assembly should have two: a packing washer, just under the packing nut; and a stem washer, near the bottom of the spindle. Remove the old washers, and locate same-size replacements from the universal kit.

Reassemble the spindle using the replacement washers, reinsert into the valve and screw the packing nut back into place. Slide the handle back on and attach with the small screw.

Test the faucet by turning the water back on and turning the faucet on and off.

HOME TIP: Some professionals recommend coating new washers with a heatproof grease to prevent them from cracking, while others say it doesn't matter. Use your own judgment.

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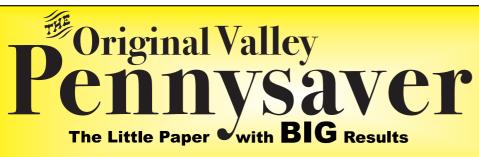


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A: The Internal Revenue Service offers some guidance about what records could be important in its publication,

"Recordkeeping for Individuals" (online www.irs.gov/publications/p552/), but everyone's situation will be different.

Although some people might think it's a little early to prepare for April 15, 2014, it's actually a prime time. If you start identifying and gathering records now that you'll need for filing in the

spring, you can make sure your new system is in place at the start of the year — which will make gathering tax records for the following vear a breeze.

Since you already have an envelope system in place and it seems to work, why not just expand it to include other tax-related records:

• Income. For salary

information, many people simply rely on the W-2 form they get at the beginning of the year, but it's always a good idea to keep pay stubs. That way you can check the W-2 form against the final paystub of the year and make sure the income and withholding figures match. Also, if something happens to your employer and you

have trouble getting a W-2, you'll have pay stubs as proof that taxes were withheld. Also keep records of other types of income — bank statements that show interest, for example.

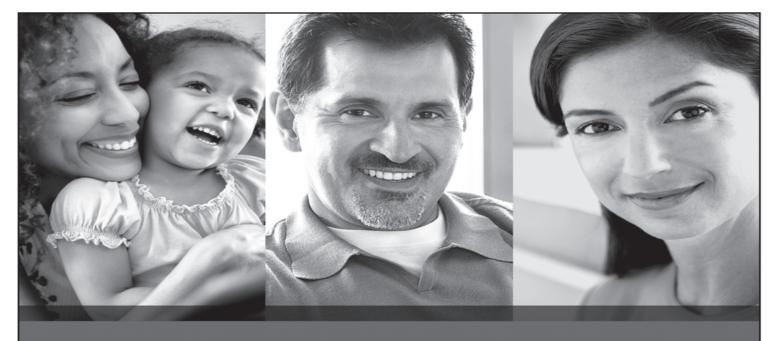
• Expenses related to tax deductions. People who don't itemize and just take the standard deduction might not think this is important.

But you never know in January where you might find yourself at the end of the year, so keeping records could be worthwhile. You have a good start with your charitable contributions envelope. Don't forget to include in it any phone bills with text-messagebased donations you make for disaster relief or other drives.

Also, keep an envelope with records for property tax and state and local income taxes paid during the year. Keeping track of medical and dental expenses is also a good idea, in case a serious problem arises and your expenses exceed 7.5 percent of your income — that's when you can list them as a deduction. If you have a home mortgage or a student loan, keep the records showing the interest you pay — it's often listed on the loaning institution's statement. If you're a teacher, keep receipts for anv non-reimbursed classroom expenses you can get a tax break for expenses up to \$250.

The type of records you gather should reflect what's relevant for you. You might not think of everything now, but if you get a system in place, it will be easier to make adjustments in coming years to make it work even more smoothly.

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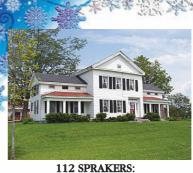
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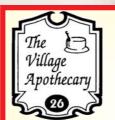
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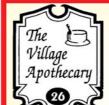
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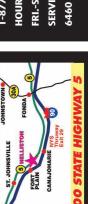
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