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Elliot Moyer visits Santa at the Canajoharie Post Office for Elves Night Out.
See page 11.

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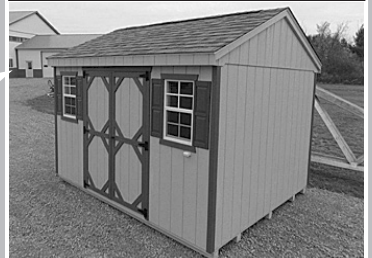
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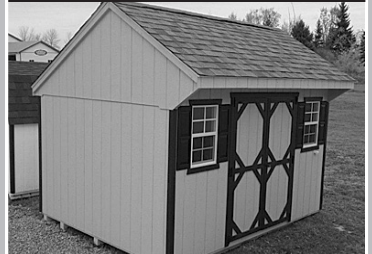
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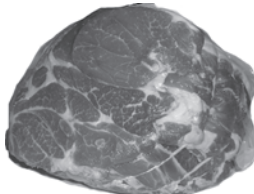
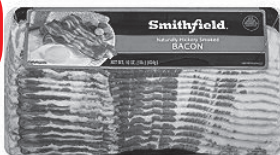
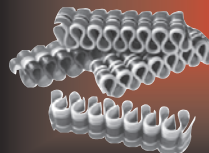
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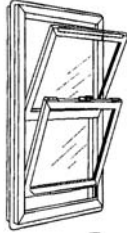
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In a recent letter from one of our readers, the writer said, "Many of us are simply looking for an enjoyable publication that has articles about interesting and informative topics that are not political in nature." Earlier in his letter he wrote most of the articles in the Country Editor are very interesting.

He could be a mind reader, a prophet — that is exactly what we wanted and chose the Country Editor to portray: as it states on the front page, "Just good reading."

I grew up back in the hills and Charlie Hearn's and Norm Morton's general stores were the gathering point for village and farm families. Mostly men folk. After shopping, the farm wives usually scattered throughout the village to visit and gossip with their lady friends.

In the winter the men would gather around the old chunk stoves. Naturally they never told a lie (unless it was about hunting or fishing.) Sometimes they might help the truth out a little bit, adding a little spizmerinktom. You know what I mean.

One such tale was about this farmer who had purchased a Palomino colt, you know, the kind like Roy Rogers' trick horse, Trigger. From the beginning he started teaching that young colt how to kneel down, rear up on his back legs, sash-shay sideways, and shake his head yes and no. By the age of two he became a wonderful, colorful trick horse.

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When the crowd gathered he picked up a two-foot long branch of wood and tossed it

out into the middle of the Cherry Valley Creek and said, "Fetch." With that, the Palomino went down to the creek edge, walked gently on top of the water and retrieved the branch.

Standing next to his pride and joy the farmer asked, "Have you ever seen a smarter horse?" With that one of the farmers replied, "That horse don't even know how to swim!"

Remember Henry Ford? No — neither do I — but I read that he often said, "Thinking is about the hardest thing we can do. That's why so few folks do it." Seems, I am easily attracted to short quips and humorous Irish stories, so here is another one.

Hal Roach, a famous Irish comedian, while touring Innishfree, a quaint village in Ireland made famous by the movie "The Quiet Man" starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, stopped by a news agent and was quickly recognized. Hal was greeted with, "Ahh then it is yourself is it?" Hal answered, "It tis it tis. And is it yourself? Now it's the two of us, is it?" After that greeting came "Can I be of service to you kind sir?" she asked. "Yes, I would like a newspaper." She asked, "Is it today's you'd be liking or yesterday's?" He answered, "Today's." The agent quickly replied, "then you will have to come back tomorrow."

Let's drift back to the good old days. Have you ever wondered what made those days so good?

One of our readers gave us a copy of the April 25, 1938 LIFE magazine. I guess that is old enough to be considered the good old days. Does that mean I am a product of the good old days? On the front page there is a picture of a baseball player swinging at a ball — Strike! At the bottom of the front page, in large size print, a bold 10 cents price.

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If you are a history buff I wish you could read this 1938 issue of LIFE. It is loaded with information which we now call history, such as "The U.S. finished a \$57,000,000 overseas highway to Key West, Florida."

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Our modern day dairy farmer's will get a

kick out of this. In the Oct. 1, 1942 issue of the "Better Farms" publication it said, "The typical cow in a New York State dairy herd produces about 6,000 lbs of milk per year." In the Nov. 19, 2013 issue of our weekly farm

publication, Country Folks – West, the Dairy Herd Improvement Association listed the Scipio Springs Dairy in Cayuga County has a tested herd average of 31,641 lbs of milk each year. That's a-lot-of-milk.

A farm wife asked, "What is your son doing now since graduation?" "Nothing," the father replied. "Absolutely

nothing." "I thought he got a job working under President Obama on the national economy problem." "It's like I told you — he got it."

About the time you read this "Hello Again" we will be on our annual pilgrimage — toughing it out in our motor home to West Palm Beach, Florida. While I confess we will miss the love and smiles on your sunny faces, we will have to strive to live on memories. You know what I'm trying to say. It will be agonizing but somebody has got to do it. The weatherman depends on someone soaking up the Florida heat and sunshine.

My wife and I have spent well over 70 years growing white hair so we could take this trip. If you don't have white hair — don't worry, your time will come.

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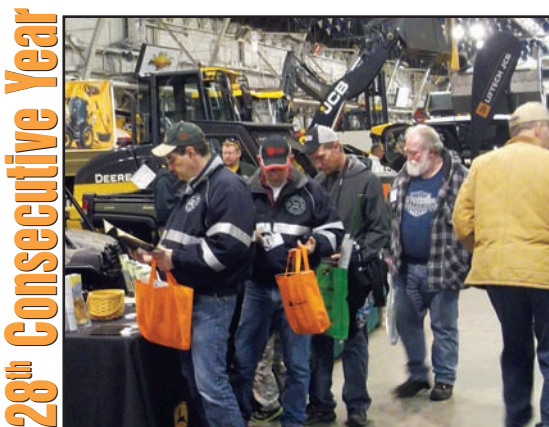
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Elves Night Out more successful than ever!

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Canajoharie's annual Elves Night Out took place on Dec. 6 with Santa, elves, light displays and live music in most of the village businesses and in the Arkell Library and Museum.

Chamber of Commerce President Dolores Jacksland reported on the event.

"It was a huge success this year!" Jacksland said. "The merchants are very happy! It was extremely successful! Senator Tkaczyk was here serving hot chocolate at the museum, the horse and carriage rides were still going on at 9 p.m., the elves were frolicking, the streets were booming! It was a tremendous evening, one of most successful ever! Even the weather cooperated!"

Jacksland says the event, which is sponsored by the Canajoharie & Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce, is a community tradition. "We've been doing this at least 15 years. It all began when Barbara Spraker started a 'sing around the tree' in Canajoharie and grows each year, it has definitely become a community tradition."

Businesses in both Canajoharie and Palatine Bridge take part in the celebration.



Elves Night Out Coordinator Sue Leavitt (left) receives a cup of hot chocolate from NYS Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk (46th Dist.), who was serving for the event at the Arkell Library.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin



Elves, Madison Koelbl, Madison Crouse, Jordan Porter, Danyell Monk and Mrs. Debbie Eckler spread cheer and hot chocolate around the village throughout the evening.



Russell Porter (left) and Andrew Meka sing around the Christmas Tree on Elves Night Out in Canajoharie.



Members of the Canajoharie High School Choir, Gordan Trahan, Jenna Shepard, Ashley Darling, Christina Towse, Mr. Nicholas Anker and Jacob St. Martin (missing from photo are Morgan Koelbl and Brice Buccolo) led the singing around the Christmas tree for Elves Night Out.

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Forsaken Sons President George Stever (right) and Sergeant at Arms Chris Putnam (Left) deliver toys to OE-STJ High School for the toy drive.

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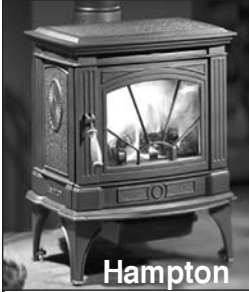
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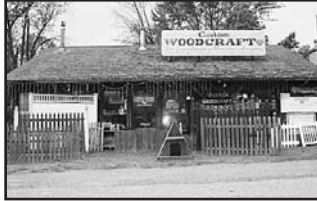


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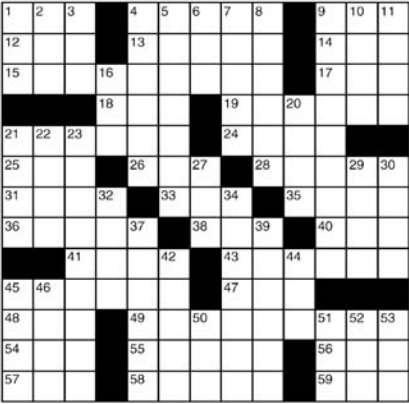
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- ACROSS
- 1 Use the couch
- 4 Fidel Castro, e.g.
- 9 Picks out of a lineup, briefly
- 12 Japanese pond carp
- 13 Last Greek letter
- 14 Ultramoder-nist
- 15 Office-holder
- 17 Pitcher's topper
- 18 Apiece
- 19 Merman and Mertz
- 21 Label founded by Olive Davis
- 24 Gets a gander at
- 25 Fellow
- 26 Pvt.'s superior
- 28 Takes five
- 31 Snapshots
- 33 Finish
- 35 Willy Wonka's creator
- 36 Narrow cuts
- 38 Sleuth, for short
- 40 Born
- 41 — moss
- 43 Fed well, as a Biblical calf
- 45 Twist in pain



- 47 Mrs. McKinley
- 48 Coloration
- 49 Rainy, perhaps
- 54 Hostel
- 55 Surround
- 56 Sticky stuff
- 57 Encountered
- 58 Uses a swizzle stick
- 59 Rhyming praise
- 6 Spelling contest
- 7 Actress Moorehead
- 8 Talk on and on
- 9 Nonstop
- 10 Transaction
- 11 Bribes
- 16 — and downs
- 20 Pay attention
- 21 Rock band's gear
- 22 Bar
- 23 Just beginning
- 27 Explosive letters
- 29 You
- 30 Coaster
- 32 Undo a dele
- 34 Graffiti writer, e.g.
- 37 Masters, in old India
- 39 West
- 45 Caprice
- 46 Mysterious character
- 50 Vegas-based crime show
- 51 Swelled head
- 52 Agree silently
- 53 Part of the foot

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by Linda Thistle



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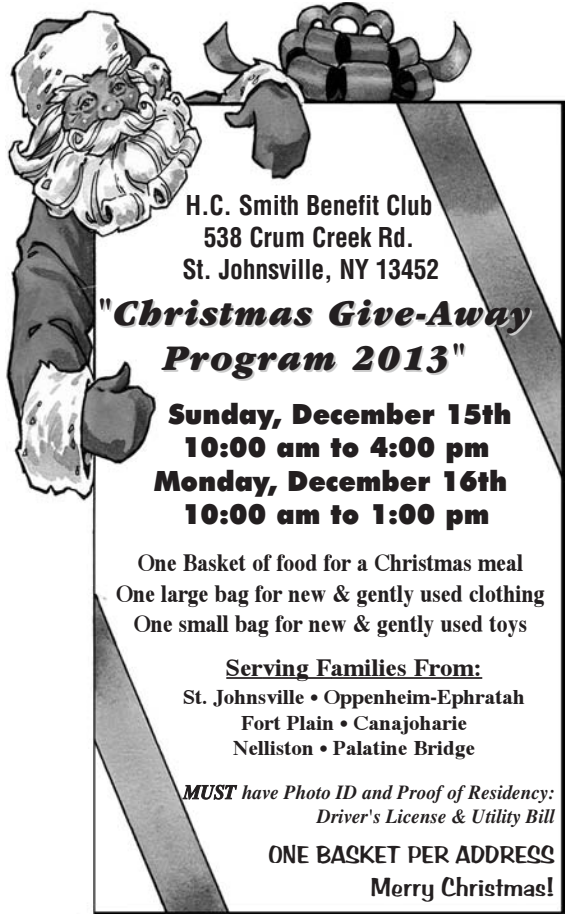
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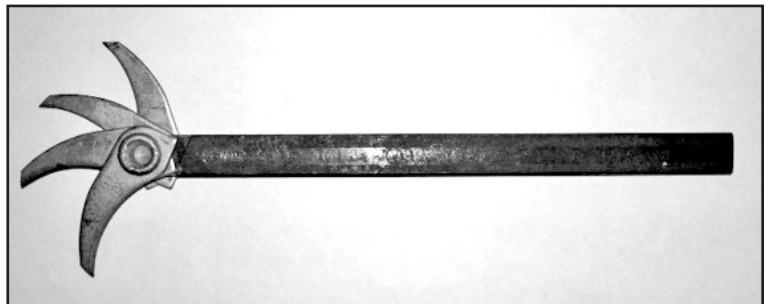
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# Bridge Street Bakery & Café celebrates grand opening in St. Johnsville

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

St. Johnsville is the home of another new business! The Bridge Street Bakery & Café, located at 10 Bridge St., celebrated a grand opening, ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 7.

"Baking has always been a passion for me," said Owner Lesha Dolan. "An opportunity presented itself and I decided to seize the moment!"

Dolan, who had been working in physical therapy for the previous 16 years,

says she loves to be in her kitchen, looking out at the hard work and dedication people have put into her bakery. "It really is beautiful! I am very proud to be here."

Dolan especially thanks her family for all of their help and support in her endeavor and also thanks the people in the community who are helping to make her business flourish.

"I have had warm welcoming and support from the village and surrounding



Hannah Taylor fills an order at the grand opening.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin



Bridge Street Bakery & Cafe owner Lesha Dolan serves Bill MacLauchlin and his grandson Chase Eakin at the bakery's grand opening celebration.

areas. We hope for continue support and patronage."

The bakery & café offers a variety of fresh, baked daily goods including breads, rolls, bagels, croissants, English muffins, cinnamon buns, donuts, pastries, pies, cakes, muffins, cookies and

special order items. "We also offer light breakfast and lunch specials daily," Dolan reports, adding, "I hope everyone gets an opportunity to stop in and admire the café!"

The business is now open daily, 6 a.m.-2 p.m. "But, I always leave the light on!" Dolan remarks.

The Bridge Street Bakery & Café is now taking orders for the holiday season and would like folks to know that they specialize in Italian cookie platters.

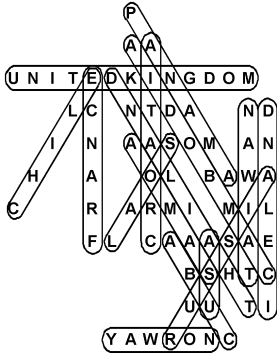
Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will visit the Bakery & Café on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. until noon. "Bring your children young and old for breakfast with the Clausés," Dolan invites. Free photos will be available. Contact the Bridge Street Bakery & Café at 518-568-8023.



The Bridge Street Bakery & Cafe grand opening in St. Johnsville was attended by employees and village dignitaries including, from left front: Gail Murray, Shelby Colgrove, Nan DeNinno, Mayor Bernie Barnes, Lily Arduini, owner Lesha Dolan, Brooke Arduini, Meadow Arduini, Valerie Dolan, Chamber of Commerce President Juanita Handy. Back: Chris Arduini, Dave Dolan, Hannah Taylor, Shelley Arduini and Christine Clark.

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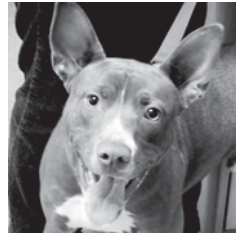
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**Thurs., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Liver & Onions, Mashed or FF & Salad
- Beef Stew over Biscuits w/Applesauce

**Fri., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Fresh Haddock, FF or Mashed & Salad
- Fresh Haddock on a Roll

**After 4:00 PM**

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**Sat., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Western Omelette w/HF
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**Sun., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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## HOSKING SALES

Weekly Sales Every Monday starting at 11:30 with Misc. & small animals, 1:00 Dairy. We start calves at 5PM cull beef follows. Call for more info and sale times. Our Volume is increasing weekly - join your neighbors & send your livestock this way!

**Monday, Dec. 9th sale** - cull ave. .64 Top cow \$.83, bulls/steers \$.79-\$.95, bull calves top \$1.65, heifer calves \$1.00, Dairy top milking age \$1550, bred heifers top \$1700, open heifer top \$720.

**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.

**Friday, Dec. 20th - Sale held on farm: SHORT NOTICE** - 11:00AM - HARTWICK, NY. DONALD & MARJORIE ELDRED COMPLETE DAIRY & MACHINERY DISPERSAL - 40 Head of AI sired mostly R&W Holsteins - 30 milking age, 10 heifers. Machinery: Gehl 980 3 beater Forage Wagon; H&S 3 beater tandem gear w/roof; NH 718 Chopper w/ 1 row corn head; NH 717 Chopper w/pickup head; Gehl 1540 Blower; JD 7000 4 row corn planter; JD 1600 4 bottom variable width auto reset plows; NH Hayliner 315 Baler w/kicker; Kuhn GF 5000T 4 star tedder; Int. 35 rake; 13' Perfecta; IH 13 hole grain drill; Pequea 918 & Meyer 816 steel kicker wagons; feeder wagon, land roller; flat wagon; 3 pt. fert. spreader; Winko 18KW generator. Barn Equip: Wic 45 feed cart; Badger Ring Drive 16' silo unloader; Badger pack drive silo unloader; 500 gal. DeLaval Bulk tank w/compressor; dumping station; 4 DeLaval pail milkers; DeLaval 74 milker pump; 80 gal. Hot water heater; gates; double ring chains 38"; PTO shafts; blower pipes; Wagon load of misc. items found around the farm. Mgr. Note: This farm has been in the family for over 100 years, the farm has been sold & Donald and Marjorie are retiring from farming. The dairy has been AI bred for years and this is a closed herd of mostly R&W Holsteins. Moderate hay & grain feeding program. The Equip. has been used in their daily operation and is in good condition. Sale order: Misc. off wagon, Machinery, Barn Equip. then cattle. Cattle will be pregnancy examined & inoculated for shipping fever. Directions: Sale will be held at the farm - 1 mile South of Hartwick on Rt. 205, take left on County Rt. 45 proceed 1/2 mile and turn left on Eldred Road to farm. Watch for auction signs. GPS address: 128 Eldred Road, Hartwick, NY 13348. Check website for complete equip. listing.

**Monday, Dec. 23rd** - Normal Monday Sale.

**Monday, Dec. 30th** - Normal Monday Sale.

**Monday, Jan. 6th** - Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale.

**Monday, Jan. 13th** - Monthly Heifer Sale.

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New Berlin, NY 13411 cell: 607-972-1770 or 1771



*Antiques  
& Auctions*

## Collecting

by Larry Cox

### Grandfather Clock

**Q:** I have a grandfather clock that I have been told was made in 1820 or maybe 1880. I would like to know how much it is worth. — Barbara, Albuquerque, NM

**A:** Let me see if I have this correct. You have a clock, and apparently don't know the maker and aren't even certain when it was made. Even though I can't help you, you do have several options.

You can hire the services of a professional appraiser to document and research your clock. This would not be a free service, but in my opinion it is well worth the fee since it is not a guess but an expert opinion. Your second option is to contact clock dealers in your city for their input.

One of the better general references is the "Antique Trader Clocks Price Guide" edited by Kyle Husflood (Krause Books, \$17.95). This book features more than 1,400 entries covering timepieces from the 17th through the 20th centuries.

**Q:** I have two Edison machines and am trying to find cylinders to play on them. I have searched antiques stores throughout my area but have been unable to locate more than

two or three. Can you help me? — Steve, Rochester, NY

**A:** Richard Gesner is the owner of The Music Connection, New Hampshire's largest and oldest record shop. In addition to LPs, 45s, 78s, cassettes, compact discs and 8-tracks, Gesner has an excellent selection of Edison cylinders. He also stocks steel needles, record sleeves and Discwasher record-cleaning kits. His contact information is 1711 South Willow St., Manchester, NH 03103.

**Q:** I found a record in my dad's collection that I think could be valuable. It is Carl Sandburg's "Flat Rock Ballads" on Decca. — Bob, El Paso, Texas

**A:** I found your recording referenced in "Goldmine Record Album Price Guide" by Dave Thompson (Krause, \$27.99). According to Thompson, your record was issued in 1959 and is worth \$20.

The recently released 7th edition of this excellent guide is a must for collectors, since it has updated prices for more than 100,000 American vinyl LPs issued since 1948. It is easy to use with a well-organized format.

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# Antiques & Auctions



## KING'S

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

*Sat., December 21st Christmas & Consignment Auction ~ 6:33pm*

*Sun., December 22nd Breeder Sale ~ 11:33am*

*Sat., December 28th Consignment Auction ~ 6:33pm*

*Thurs., January 2nd Food Auction ~ 6:33 pm*

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## ADVANCE NOTICE

### MACHINERY YEAR END CLEARANCE AUCTION

**SATURDAY, DEC 28<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30 A.M.**

**AT SPRINGERS, INC., 7403 ST. RT. 5,  
ST. JOHNSVILLE, NY 13452**

Some highlights include: (7) Discbines; (5) Round Balers; Compact Tractors; T-2310 4x4 w/loader, JD 2305, NH TN60DA, Skid Steers, Skid Steer Attachments; Case Backhoe, Truck Weights, Fisher Plow Parts, Toys, Shop Equipment, Toys, Much More. Full listing in next week's paper.

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## JR's Auction

**56 Willett St., Fort Plain, NY 13339**

**(518) 993-4668**

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**Consignment Auction!! Tuesday, December 17th • 5:00pm**

**Consignments Wanted!! Bring your good sellable items!!**

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

**Gun and Tool Consignment Auction Wednesday Night, December 18th • 6:00pm!!**

1-Ruger M77 & MM Mag with Leopold Scope (super gun) 1-Ruger 10/22 with scope, 1-Beretta A391 3.5 Xtreme with Nikon Scope, Marlin 22 Mag Semi Auto Model 922M, 1-Optima 50 Cal Muzzleloader 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, also 1 customer is bringing 10 Mausers, (call for list) also Sword Canes, Hunting Knives, Décor Knives, Flyer Knives, Swords, Horse Head Knife, 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, Collectables, and much more!! If you have items 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 on Friday, December 20 are \$10.00 per person. At door reservations are \$12.00 per person!! Come On & Enjoy An Auction Between Christmas and New Years!!

# 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 events to Lee Publications c/o The Original Valley Pennysaver, 6113 State Highway 5, P.O. Box 121, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 or Kathleen Lee at [kkelly@leepub.com](mailto:kkelly@leepub.com)

### 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 dona-

tion is \$3 for those 60 years of age or older).

• **Mondays - Fridays:** 10 am - 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 17:** 11:15 am - 12:15 pm. Blood Pressure Clinic. Home Health Care Partners Corp.(Co-Sponsored by St. Mary's & Nathan Littauer Hospital). In addition to conducting the blood pressure clinic the Home Health Care Partners Corp. also 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 1 pm.

### DEC 11-21

#### St. Johnsville House Decorating Contest

Prizes will be given for the Best Decorated House, the Best Door and the Best Business. Judging will take place sometime during the week before Christmas.

# Church Directory

**Call 518-673-3011 To Place Church Listings or Fax Listings to 518-673-2381**

#### Ames - Sprout Brook UMC

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

**Pastor Jeff Rauhauser**  
Sunday Service 9:30am

#### Cherry Valley Assembly of God

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

**Pastor David Carpenter, Jr.**  
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)

#### 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

#### 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

#### Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

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

#### Currytown

#### Reformed Church

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

**Rev. Donald Hoaglander**

Sunday School 9:15am  
Worship Service 10:00am

#### 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](http://www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org)

#### 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

#### Emmanuel Episcopal Church

588-594 Albany St., Little Falls, NY

315-823-1323

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

#### Ephratah Reformed Church

140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY  
To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally.  
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**Pastor Jeff Hindrliter**

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

#### Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

26 Moyer St., Canajoharie

518-673-3440

Holy Communion Sundays at 9:30am  
Fellowship Time to Follow  
Call for Holy Day services

**The Rev. Virginia L Ogen, Rector**  
[churchgood@frontier.com](http://churchgood@frontier.com)

#### Everlasting Joy Believers Fellowship

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

**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

#### 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](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 ARE WELCOME  
coffee hour to follow service

#### Fultonville Reformed Church

Corner of 5S & 30

**Pastor Jane Hubschmitt**

Sunday School 10AM

Family Worship 10:30AM

# Calendar of Events

The winners will be notified and presented with their prizes during our January meeting.

## 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 pm.

### 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 18

### Healing Service

Valley Alliance Church, State Highway 5, east of Nelliston. 7 pm.

## DEC 21

### Herkimer Holiday Stroll

Main and Albany St. Corridor. 10 am - 4 pm. Visit

the website for more information at [www.herkimernow.com](http://www.herkimernow.com)

## DEC 22

### Baby Shower for Jesus

Church of the Good Shepherd, 26 Moyer St., Canajoharie, NY. Clean, gently used or new items. All donations will go to Alpha Pregnancy of Amsterdam. For information call 518-673-3800.

## DEC 22

### Breakfast with Santa

VFW Post #3275, Fort Plain, NY. 8-11 am. 10 years and younger, free. \$5/person donation.

## DEC 31

### Last Night, New Year's Eve Celebration

St. Johnsville, NY. Complete schedule of events available at

[stjohnsville.com](http://stjohnsville.com)

## JAN 12

### Benefit for Jeff Weeks

Marine Corps League, Ilion, NY. \$10/person, children under 5 are free. For more information call Dotty, 315-985-5724, Rose 315-360-6213 or Wanda 315-778-4282.

## JAN 13

### St. Johnsville Chamber Meeting

American Legion, St. Johnsville, NY. :30 pm. May 3 (Rain date May 4)

### 1st Annual Open House

Cambridge Saddle Club 5 Fish Hatchery Rd., Cambridge, NY. Contact Linda Laveway, 518-466-6635 or e-mail [cambridgesaddleclub@hotmail.com](mailto:cambridgesaddleclub@hotmail.com). On Internet at [www.cambridge-saddleclub.org](http://www.cambridge-saddleclub.org)

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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

### 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  
518-993-9929  
*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@nycap.rr.com](mailto:glenreformed@nycap.rr.com)  
Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School  
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

### 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

### Lassellsville 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  
"Old-Fashioned Bible Preaching"

### Marshville Evangelical Church

Route 10 South  
*Rev. David Bowley*  
Worship Sunday 9am

### 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](mailto:friars@katerishrine.com)  
[www.katerishrine.com](http://www.katerishrine.com)

### New Hope Christian Fellowship

32 Spencer St., Dolgeville, NY 13329  
*Pastor Pat Andreoli*  
315-429-3630  
[NewHopeChristianFellowship.net](http://NewHopeChristianFellowship.net)  
Sunday School 9:30AM  
Worship Service 10:30AM

### 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

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

115 Reid St., Fort Plain, NY 13339  
Parish Office 518-993-3822  
[ourladyofhope@frontier.com](mailto: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 9:30AM  
Fellowship Hour to Follow

### Randall Christian Church

NY Rte. 5S  
Sunday Service 10am  
*Pastors*  
*Winston Hallett & Carl Hawver*

### 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  
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# Holly and mistletoe are symbols of Christmas

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As exemplified by this holiday hit by Henry Sanicola, Frank Sinatra

and Dok Stanford, holly and mistletoe are an integral part of holiday imagery and tradition. Holly is used to adorn a home in green and red finery alongside evergreen boughs and wreaths. In addition, it has become customary to hang a bouquet of mistletoe under which people are encouraged to share a holiday kiss. While these elements of celebrations are now incorporated into many of the secular and religious components of Christmas, they have very different origins.

## Holly

Holly has been used since the days of the early Pagans as a decoration for midwinter festivities, when it was brought into homes to keep evil spirits away. The ancient Romans also believed that holly prickles drove away evil spirits, and it held a place of honor at December festivals dedicated to the god Saturn. To avoid persecution during the Roman pagan Saturnalia festival, early Christians would participate in the

tradition of hanging evil-repelling holly on their homes to appear like the masses. Eventually as the number of Christians grew, the tradition became less of a pagan one and more associated with Christians and Christmas. Some people have inferred that holly and its prickly edges is symbolic of the crown of thorns Jesus wore at his crucifixion, with the red berries representing blood.

## Mistletoe

Mistletoe was once held sacred by the Norse, Celtic Druids and North American Indians. It is actually a parasitic plant that grows on a wide range of host trees. Heavy infestation can dwarf the growth and kill these trees. In cultures across pre-Christian Europe, mistletoe was seen as a representation of divine male essence (and thus romance, fertility and vitality). The plant also was thought to be a symbol of peace, and anyone standing below it should receive tokens of affection. When enemies met beneath mistletoe,

they had to lay down their weapons and observe a truce until the next day. This is how the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe likely began, and why a ball of mistletoe is now hung in homes during Christmas, a season of peace and affection.

Homeowners who hang mistletoe and holly around their homes during the holiday season should be mindful of pets and youngsters around the plants. Mistletoe and holly are considered to be moderately to severely toxic, and ingesting the leaves could be dangerous. Therefore, keep these plants away from curious hands. Mistletoe is commonly hung up high, which should make it less problematic, but holly should be hung high as well.

Now largely associated with Christmas celebrations, holly and mistletoe were once part of pagan rituals and ancient superstitions.



Whether faux or fresh mistletoe, a bouquet of this plant symbolizes peace and tranquility for Christmas.

## Tips and tricks for a perfect Christmas tree

As families brave the elements to pick the perfect Christmas tree, Cornell University experts offer a few tips on choosing a tree as well as some tricks to preserve its beauty throughout the season.

Tips for selecting the best Christmas tree:

- Firs and pines have the best needle retention and can last for a month or more indoors. However if buying a spruce tree, plan to have it in the house for just a week to 10 days.

- Look for a tree with a good solid-green color. Needle yellowing or a slight brown speckled color could indicate there was a pest problem and could lead to early needle drop.

- Don't be afraid to handle and bend the branches and shoots.

Green needles should not come off in your hands. Also, the shoots should be flexible. Avoid a tree if the needles are shed or if the shoots crack or snap with handling.

- Christmas trees should smell good. If there isn't much fragrance when you flex the needles, it may mean that the tree was cut too long ago.

- If possible, make a fresh cut on the bottom so the tree's vascular tissue (pipe work) is not plugged and so the tree can easily take up water. Then, if you're not bringing it into the house right away, get the tree in a bucket of water outside.

- Once your tree gets moved to inside the house, don't locate it next to a radiator or fur-

nace vent. And always remember to keep water in the tree stand topped off, so it never goes below the bottom of the trunk.

- County Cooperative Extension offices often have lists of local Christmas tree growers. You can also check the Christmas Tree Farmers Association of New York website at [www.christmastreesny.org/new-york-state.html](http://www.christmastreesny.org/new-york-state.html).



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## Trimming the costs of automobile ownership

According to the Automobile Association of America, the cost of owning a vehicle is on the rise. In its 2013 "Your Driving Costs" study, AAA determined the cost of owning a vehicle is somewhere between \$7,000 and \$11,000 annually depending on the type of vehicle. That's a substantial amount of money and may leave many motorists looking for ways to reduce the cost of automobile ownership.

Driving is a way of life for many people left with little choice but to keep a vehicle. Thanks to mass transportation, city dwellers might be able to get by without owning a vehicle, but those who live in rural communities or even the suburbs often find that public transportation runs too infrequently or inefficiently to meet their needs. There are ways for those who need their own automobiles to reduce the financial burden of vehicle ownership.

- **Downsize your vehicle.** In its study, AAA found that the average cost of owning a vehicle varied considerably depending on the size of

that vehicle. That should come as no surprise, as larger vehicles tend to consume more fuel and, as a result, cost more money. But drivers might be surprised to learn just

that amount, setting their owners back \$11,599 per year. But the most surprising thing from the AAA study might be its findings as to the costs of owing a

amount of money over the life of the vehicle.

- **Drive safe and cash in on lower insurance premiums.** Though numerous factors, including individuals' driving



*Driving a smaller car instead of an SUV can save drivers a considerable amount of money over the course of a year.*

how much less it costs to own a small sedan than it does a four-wheel-drive sport utility vehicle. Small sedans cost the least amount of money to own at \$6,967 annually, while four-wheel-drive SUVs cost nearly twice

large sedan. Such vehicles are nearly as expensive as larger SUVs, costing drivers more than \$11,000 per year. So drivers who downsize their vehicles to a small sedan will likely save themselves a substantial

amount of money over the life of the vehicle. histories, influence the cost of auto insurance, drivers with clean track records might be able to buck the industry trend and pay less for their auto insurance policy next year than they did this year. In its study,

AAA found that the cost of insurance rose by nearly 3 percent in 2012 from the year before. But drivers who can avoid accidents and citations are likely to see their rates decrease from year to year.

- **Buy a used car.** Buying a used car may not give buyers the initial excitement of driving off a car lot behind the wheel of a brand new vehicle, but it might prove quite exciting for your bank account. Revisiting a study they conducted in 2001, in 2013 experts at automotive website Edmunds.com examined three different financing methods and the cost of each over a six-year period, which the global market intelligence firm Polk estimates is the average car ownership period. The study examined the costs, including interest rates and fees, of leasing or buying a 2013 Honda Accord EX and buying a used 2010 Accord EX. The total cost of buying used after six years was \$20,960, while the cost of leasing was \$24,768 and the cost of buying new was \$28,330. Buying used

even saves buyers money when factoring in equity. Of course, leasing saves drivers the cost of maintenance and repairs, which can be considerable when buying used vehicles. However, an older used car won't cost as much to insure as a vehicle that is being leased or financed.

- **Drive less.** Of course, the easiest way for automobile owners to trim the costs of owning their vehicles is to drive less. Though vehicle manufacturers have improved fuel economy in recent years, driving less will save money on fuel, the cost of which hinges on a host of factors, including petroleum demand and economic conditions. Such factors may cause a dip in fuel prices one day, but a sharp increase in price the next day. Regardless of those fluctuations in fuel prices, drivers who can cut back on their driving are certain to save money.

The cost of vehicle ownership is on the rise. But motorists who rely on their vehicles can still find ways to save money.

## Weather or not, winterize your vehicle now

The last thing any driver needs is to break down in cold, harsh winter weather. A vehicle check now before winter arrives is a sensible way to be car care aware and avoid the inconvenience

of being stranded out in the cold and with the unexpected expense of emergency repairs, says the Car Care Council.

"Winterizing your vehicle before the temperatures drop is a wise

idea," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "An investment of an hour or two to have your vehicle checked is all it takes to have peace of mind and help avoid the cost and

hassle of car trouble during severe weather."

The Car Care Council recommends the following steps for winterizing your vehicle:

- If you're due for a tune-up, have it done before winter sets in. Winter magnifies existing problems such as pings, hard starts, sluggish performance or rough idling.

- Have the battery and charging system checked for optimum performance. Cold weather is hard on batteries.

- Clean, flush and put new antifreeze in the cooling system. As a general rule of thumb, this should be done every two years.

- Make sure heaters, defrosters and wipers work properly. Consider winter wiper blades and use cold weather washer fluid. As a general rule, wiper blades should be replaced every six months.

- Check the tire tread depth and tire pressure. If snow and ice are a problem in your area, consider special tires designed to grip slick roads. During winter, tire pressure should be checked weekly.

- Have the brakes checked. The braking system is the vehicle's most important safety item.

- Have the exhaust system checked for carbon monoxide leaks, which can be especially dangerous during cold weather driving when windows are closed.

- Check to see that exterior and interior lights work and headlights are properly aimed.

- Be diligent about changing the oil and filter at recommended intervals. Dirty oil can spell trouble in winter. Consider changing to "winter weight" oil if you live in a cold climate. Have your technician check the fuel, air and

transmission filters at the same time.

Motorists should also keep the gas tank at least half full at all times to decrease the chances of moisture forming in the gas lines and possibly freezing. Drivers should check the tire pressure of the spare in the trunk and stock an emergency kit with an ice scraper and snowbrush, jumper cables, flashlight, flares, blanket, extra clothes, candles/matches, bottled water, dry food snacks and needed medication.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For a copy of the council's Car Care Guide or for more information, visit [www.car-care.org](http://www.car-care.org).



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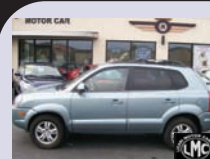
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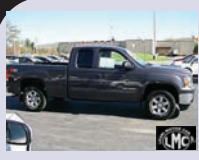
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## Dos and don'ts of holiday shopping

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- Do set a budget. Establish what you can afford to spend on gifts and other seasonal trimmings early on. The National Retail Federation estimates that the average consumer will spend around \$700 come the holiday season. But not every person needs to be a big spender. The "buy now, pay later" mentality that credit cards offer lands many shoppers in trouble, a sticky situation many only notice once the first bill comes due. If you cannot afford to pay your entire credit card balance off once the bill arrives, you face steep interest charges that can quickly add up. Instead, pick a set spending limit and keep to it no matter

how tempting it may seem to overspend with a credit card.

- Don't be fooled by false sales. Retailers understand that a good advertised deal lures shoppers into their stores. As a result, some retailers mark up the cost of certain items in order to slash the prices for holiday sales. Even if you are saving the assumed 50 to 60 percent, the final cost of the item still may be higher than normal. Comparison shop and do your research so you don't fall victim to clever pricing.

- Do schedule time for shopping. Hectic schedules sometimes result in last-minute shopping that leads to impulse purchases. Schedule some distraction-free time for your holiday shopping so you're less likely to rush into purchases before thinking them through.

- Don't double buy. Some shoppers use the holidays as an excuse to buy more for themselves than the people on their lists. While it's tempting to treat yourself come the holiday season, this is a great and quick way to



deplete your budget. If you plan on using holiday deals to supplement your own wardrobe or household needs, reduce your spending the rest of the year and save money for year-end purchases.


- Do collect coupons and look for purchasing

incentives. Comparison shopping not only helps you get the best price, but also it can shed light on coupons, shipping discounts and other incentives that lower the overall cost of products. Search online for websites that publish coupons and codes for online discounts, includ-

lay some purchases if need be. If hosting a post-holiday gathering where gifts will be exchanged, it's perfectly acceptable to delay buying those gifts until after Christmas or Chanukah, when many items can be found at even lower prices. Many stores reduce prices on merchandise come Dec.

more money and use any received gift cards toward shopping.

- Do keep a level head. Some people forget the true meaning of the season is spending time with loved ones. Getting swept away by shopping and worrying about deadlines can make the season less enjoyable. Don't allow the



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## Great gifts for music fans

Music remains an art form that evokes strong emotions and holds a special place in many a listener's heart. The nearly universal appeal of music makes it a great gift come the holiday season, when shoppers may not always know what to buy a loved one.

artist or someone he or she has long desired to see live. Look into that performer's tour dates to see if they are playing your area anytime soon. If they're playing just before the holiday season, don't hesitate to give this gift a little early. The same approach should be

love a good rock-and-roll riff might find guitars make a great holiday gift, while those who can't stop playing air drums should enjoy finding a real drum set come the holidays. When buying guitars, shoppers should learn which hand their loved ones favor.



The following are a few gift ideas that are sure to have your favorite music fan singing your praises this holiday season.

- **Concert tickets:** Perhaps no gift makes music fans' hearts race more than tickets to see their favorite musicians perform. Your loved one probably has a favorite

taken if an artist will be in town within a day or two of Christmas or Chanukah. Giving the tickets early enables your loved one the chance to clear his or her schedule.

- **Musical instrument:** It's never too early or too late to learn how to play a new instrument. Shoppers whose loved ones

- **Music lessons:** Lessons are the next logical step once a music fan has the instruments to work with. But even those without an instrument of their own can benefit from music lessons. For example, music lovers who want to learn piano can make use of lessons even if they don't

have their own pianos at home. Lessons can be a great way for music lovers to gauge their skill levels before buying an expensive instrument. In addition, lessons can turn music lovers on to new instruments or new types of music they may never have considered previously.

- **Sound system:** Advancements in technology have proven to be music to music lovers' ears. Music fans can now take ad-

vantage of crisp sound systems that make music that much more enjoyable. Sound systems come in many shapes and sizes, and they can vary significantly in regard to price. When purchasing a sound system as a holiday gift, look for one that's compatible with your loved one's existing components, such as a television or music player.

- **Streaming service membership:** Unlike the days when music fans

had to wait for local deejays to play their favorite songs on the radio, today's music fans can essentially create their own radio stations on their computers and even on their phones. Shoppers can buy their favorite music fans subscriptions to streaming services, such as Pandora or Spotify, and listeners can then tailor their own stations to include their favorite genres, artists or individual songs.

## Wreaths and decorating styles

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**Arch:** A curved or arched arrangement often used over doorways & windows.

**Boughs:** Branches of evergreens used for decorating and creating

wreaths and novelties.

**Candle ring:** Usually a smaller wreath displayed horizontally on a table or stand with a candle in the center.

**Centerpiece:** A myriad of designs, large & small, created to adorn your table.

**Cornish:** A right angled arrangement used to frame the corner of a door or window.

**Garland/roping:** Is hung to frame doorways, railings, staircases and decks and is generally sold (and priced) by the foot or yard.

**Novelty:** A greens creation other than the traditional wreath shape. Novelty shapes include heart, cross, tree, candy-cane, star and others described above.

**Spray:** A vertically shaped arrangement generally wider than the swag and is fan-shaped.

**Swag:** An arrangement

of greens generally hung vertically, and is often used in combination with garland.

**Kissing ball:** A round creation of greens which

most often is hung suspended from a hook, shepherd's hook or chandelier.

**Mantlepiece:** A long, narrow arrangement de-



signed to be displayed horizontally along a ledge or fireplace mantle.

**Custom wreaths:** Made to order, following the customer's individual design, dimensions, colors, etc. to compliment your personal decor and/ or theme.

**Designer wreaths:** Generally more ornate than the traditional design. Often, one-of-a-kind or original themes using traditional and non-traditional colors and applications.

**Natural wreaths:** Decorated with materials found in nature (cones, berries, nuts, flowers, etc.)

**Traditional wreaths:** Decorated with cones, berries and a "traditional" red or plaid bow.

**Advent wreath:** This wreath is most often used in church or home to commemorate the Advent season. Tapered

candles in purple, pink and white are traditionally inserted into the wreath frame and are lighted weekly until Christmas.

**Cemetery wreaths:** A small to medium sized wreath, usually wired to an easel or frame. A traditional symbol of everlasting love & eternal life.

**Door wreaths:** Averaging 18" to 26" in diameter to fit a standard sized residential door. Available in double door size.

**Wall wreaths:** Varying in size from 8" to 6 ft. or more. Is generally displayed flat against an interior or exterior wall.

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## Great gift ideas for teachers

Few opportunities to thank teachers for all of the hard work they do present themselves during the course of a typical school year. But a thoughtful holiday gift is one way that students and parents can show their appreciation for a teacher's efforts.

It's customary for students to offer teachers small tokens of their affection, whether it's during the holiday season, at the end of the school year or both. Choosing a gift for a teacher can be challenging, as the relationship between student and teacher and/or parent and teacher is not personal, and it's very possible students and parents have little knowledge of a teacher's interests outside the classroom. But the following gift ideas are essentially universal in their appeal, making them great gifts for the special educator in your life.

- **Handwritten notes from students:** Rather than trinkets that proclaim "World's Best Teacher," students can

note of appreciation and gratitude can be all it takes to put a smile on a teacher's face this holiday season.

that were cooked in someone else's kitchen. Stick to pre-packaged food baskets, or even treat the teacher to a

might just do the trick this holiday season. For example, a set of safety goggles or a kit for doing in-class experiments might work well for a science teacher, while a biography or a best-selling novel may fit the bill for English teachers.

- **Gift cards:** Very often all of the students in a class donate a small amount toward a gift card. Consider a card that is redeemable at a nearby store or a generic cash card the teacher can use anywhere credit and debit cards are accepted.

- **Classroom supplies:** Budget constraints have forced many teachers to supplement classroom materials out of their own pockets. So a gift of school supplies or a gift certificate to an office-supply store or teacher-supply center may be greatly appreciated.

- **Catered lunch:** Consult with the school principal to set aside a day

when teachers can enjoy a catered lunch provided by the students. Each class parent can collect funds, which can then be pooled to host a lunch for the teachers.

When gifting teachers, there are some gifts to avoid.

- **Trinkets and mugs:** Through the years a seasoned teacher has likely collected a fair share of trinkets and coffee mugs. Chances are he or she does not need another one.

- **Perfume and lotion:** Avoid scented lotions, perfumes and other cosmetic products, as such items are more personal.

- **Overly expensive gifts:** Do not give a gift that is beyond the standard range of others in the classroom, which usually falls between \$10 and \$20. It could appear as if you're buying affections for the student, and it could make the teacher uncomfortable.



write their own sentiments about their teachers and present it with a gift card or another gift that doesn't take up much space. A heartfelt

- **Food:** Food can be enjoyed in and around the season. Avoid making items yourself, as some people are particular about eating foods

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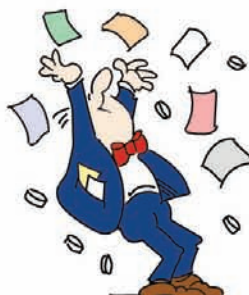


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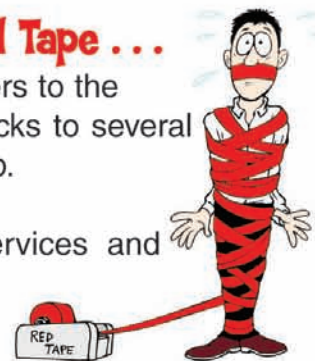
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- **Folding kayak:** Kayaking is a great way to take in the great outdoors, but not everyone has the room at home to store kayaks when they aren't being used to traverse nearby waterways. Those who live in apartments, condominiums or smaller homes with limited storage may appreciate a folding kayak, which can be stored in a closet or beneath a bed and put together in a matter of minutes. Folding kayaks that can be stored in vehicle trunks and quickly assembled once you arrive at your kayaking destination also can save kayakers money on roof racks for their vehicles.

- **Waterproof backpack:** A good outdoor person knows never to leave home without a waterproof parka, but what about his or her backpack? A waterproof backpack protects valuables, including cell phones, cameras and tools, from the elements. Look for backpacks with waterproof zipper systems to ensure your loved one's valu-

ables are fully protected on rainy treks through the forest.

- **Water filter:** Drinking straight from natural water sources may seem like a genuinely adventurous thing to do, but it's genuinely dangerous as well. A hiker's water filter greatly reduces his or her risk of suffering illness after drinking water tainted with bacteria such as E.coli. Even the most serene streams or isolated rivers can contain harmful bacteria, so a portable water filter is a necessity.

- **Compass:** Many of us have grown to rely on our smartphone apps to get us from point A to point B. While such apps may do the job when we are near cell phone towers, phone signals are often less reliable in more remote locations, such as forests and national parks. A reliable compass is all one may need to make his or her way through the wilderness.

- **Hot dog roasters:** No trip to the great outdoors is complete without roasting some hot dogs over an open flame. But far too many hot dogs have been lost to the fire thanks to traditional campfire forks that don't provide adequate hold as hot dogs cook over an open flame. Curly hot dog roasters wrap around the hot dogs, snugly holding them in place as the franks cook.



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