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## Flannel: Fabric for the country soul

by Troy Bishopp

It took just one cold morning on the farm to ask my wife “Where are

my flannel shirts hiding?” As I slid on my old, cotton friend, I knew it was fall. The glorious season

of pumpkins, leaf peeping, no mosquitoes and the many hues of flannel. For a country boy, flannel is just necessary, like my Carhartts.

Essayist Deborah Knight remarked, “Flannel is an integral part of

our national heritage. It’s literally the fabric that binds us together.” In my opinion, flannel is a fabric for the country soul.

The origin of flannel can be traced back to Wales as early as the 16th century. Flannel

was originally made from carded wool or worsted yarn. At one time Welsh, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Irish flannels differed slightly in character due largely to the grade of raw wool used in the several localities.

Originally it was made of fine, short staple wool, but by the 20th century, mixtures containing either cotton, silk or synthetic fiber became common. Nowadays, the softest, coziest flannel is 100% cotton. (For you old rockers, the use of flannel plaid shirts peaked in the ‘90s, when grunge bands like Nirvana and Pearl Jam used them as their trademark fashion statement.)

GQ Magazine remarked, “Weighty flannel shirts have been adopted and reinterpreted by just about every demographic and subculture imaginable: frontier loggers, WWII sailors, greasers, surfers, punks, skaters, West Coast rappers, grunge kids, rock climbers, contractors, mus-

tachioed Williamsburg hipsters, farmers, yoga moms, tech bros and present-day NBA style kings. That universality is a testament to the fabric itself: Resilient enough to take a beating on a job-site, comfortable enough to swaddle up in on weekends, respectable enough to wear on a date or out to brunch with your folks or on a Zoom call with your boss.”

After the first flannel shirt of the season has been christened with leaf fragments and cat hair (because they love to snuggle in it), it seems the flood of this softer-than-your-duvet-cover fabric seeps into our daily lives as the temperature ticks downward. Flannel never leaves the practical fashion conversation – or our laundry cycle – between October and March. The sheets and pillowcases are transformed to flannel. The polos of summer are changed out in favor of colorful, brawny hues. Pajamas, bathrobes, long underwear and scarves are all put in play to fight Old Man Winter. Even the discarded flannel is used for cleaning, wrapping a newborn animal or mopping up grease in the shop.

When I go to buy flannel shirts, quality and origin are all over the board. I prefer companies like Woolrich, Duluth Trading and LL Bean when my budget allows. Trouble is, the bargain rack pseudo-flannel for \$12 also calls my name. It doesn’t seem to matter which product I’m drawn to or eventually choose; I always find ways to rip, stain or shrink the darn things.

As a flannel-ista, I prefer vibrant colors, plaids and patterns. They always match with jeans and any kind of Carhartt clothing accessory. I’ve worn a flannel kilt in running the Highland Mud-fest and what man about the town wouldn’t dabble in a flannel man-scarf. The fabric’s versatility is unmatched. I have to admit, however, that my favorite use is when my wife wears my soft shirt and cuddles with me on the couch. So now the farmer has made the proclamation: Flannel is also an extension of love.



Flannel – an extension of love.  
Photo by Troy Bishopp

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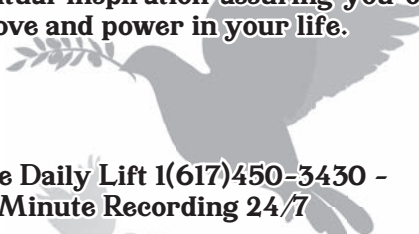
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With the start of a new school year, the Fort Plain Free Library launches its free weekly program offerings for children, teens and adults.

- Each Tuesday at 11 a.m., the library hosts Animal Safari Story Time for toddlers, preschoolers

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and their parents or an adult caregiver. Weekly sessions of the educational program take place in the children's room at the library and consist of stories, action rhymes, age-appropriate activities and/or crafts and a healthy snack. Social distancing is practiced.

• Thursdays, the library hosts several in-person groups for creatives including the Creative Textile Fibers Group, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., and the Writers at Fort Plain from 3 - 5 p.m.

Participants of all ages and walks of life bring their individual quilting, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, weaving, felting and/or fiber-and-textile craft projects to the Fort Plain Free Library for the Creative Textile Fibers Group. Bring a project to work on and to share in the casual setting. It's free and open to all each Thursday starting at 12:30 p.m.

If you like painting pictures with words, the Fort Plain Free Library's writers' group is for you. The group, which meets at the library each Thursday at 3 p.m., is a diverse and dedicated group of creative writers with a wide array of writing backgrounds, interests, goals and experience levels who support each other with

constructive feedback in a friendly and fun setting. Weekly sessions consist of word play, writing prompts, readings and encouragement.

Finally, tweens and teens in the library's Teen Innovation Division meet at the Fort Plain Free Library each Thursday starting at 4:30 p.m. With a focus on innovation, recreation and imagination, the group offers opportunities for local youths to make art and jewelry, learn about digital photography, participate in collaborative team-building games, get involved in their community and more.

Past projects have included journal-making, mixed media self-portraits and digital photography with Fujifilm Instax Polaroid cameras. Newcomers are welcome.

Adults and children over the age of two must wear face masks while in the library.

All programs are free. Visit the library located at the corner of River and Willett streets. Call 518.993.4646 or email FortPlainFreeLibrary@gmail.com for hours of operation, information or to register for programs. Follow the library on Facebook for updates or visit fortplainfreelibrary.org.



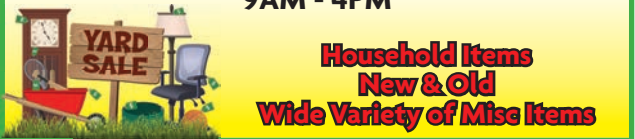
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Youth Group Wed. 6:30 PM,  
Sat. Visitation 10 AM  
[www.amazinggracecbc.org](http://www.amazinggracecbc.org)

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

**Bethesda Fellowship**  
34 S. Division St., St. Johnsville, NY 13452  
518-568-2678  
Summer Schedule  
Sunday Worship 10 AM  
Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM

**Cherry Valley Assembly of God**  
37 Alden St., Cherry Valley,  
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**Pastor David Carpenter, Jr.**  
Sundays 9:30 AM

**Christian Church of  
Charleston Four Corners**  
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**Paster Brett Popp**  
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Worship 11 AM  
Sunday Prayer Meeting 5:30 PM  
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**Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler**  
Sunday Morning Service 11 AM  
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**Cornerstone Baptist Church**  
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Sunday AM Service 10 AM  
Sunday School/Adult Small Groups 11:15 AM  
Sunday Evening 6 PM  
Wednesday PM Service 7 PM Via Zoom  
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[info@cornerstoneames.com](mailto:info@cornerstoneames.com)  
518-673-3405

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

**Dolgeville Christian Fellowship**  
3 Elm St., Dolgeville, NY 13329  
315-429-9142  
**Dr. Marvin Isum, Pastor**  
Worship Sunday 10:30 AM  
Midweek Fellowship Tuesday 7 PM  
[www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org](http://www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org)

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

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church**  
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315-823-1323  
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Sunday School 10 AM  
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September till end of May 11 AM  
June till end of August 10 AM

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**Grandview Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School 10 AM  
Morning Service 11 AM  
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Wednesday 6:30 PM

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Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30 PM

**Lassellseville United Methodist Church**  
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Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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[ourladyofhope@frontier.com](mailto:ourladyofhope@frontier.com)  
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## Fall's a good time for a flower-bed makeover

by Lee Reich, AP

Nobody ever said gardening offers instant gratification. With this limitation in mind, I dug and made over one of my flower beds last weekend.

For the plants, fall is a fine time for a flower-bed makeover. Cooler temperatures slow water loss from leaves, so plants can better tolerate being ripped out of the ground

and roughed up before having their roots nestled back into dirt. Leaves still on these plants stimulate new root growth, helping plants re-establish in their new homes.

Try subjecting most plants to this brutal treatment in summer and many would die.

### Why A Makeover Might Be Needed

The major impetus for

my flower-bed makeover was some Siberian irises that had run amok, threatening to take over the entire bed. Perhaps you can't have too many iris flowers, but after the flowers fade, you surely can have too many iris leaves. Mine were taking up space in which other, later flowering plants could be strutting their stuff.

Much the same could be said for the daffodils in that bed. These bulbs evidently found the bed much to their liking, and bore many offspring who, in turn, bore many of their own offspring, and so on over the years. They presented a glorious and welcome sea of yellow each spring, but the yellowing leaves that followed were a sorry sight for too long. At least the iris leaves look reasonably prim the whole season.

Fall is also a good time for a flower-bed makeover because any deficiencies – lack of midsummer bloom, garish color combinations, too many irises and daffodils – are still fresh in mind.

My bed further suffered from becoming too much of a hodgepodge of various flowering plants. It had become a home, although it was supposed to be only a temporary one, for many flowers that I had been given or purchased on impulse.

### Make A Plan

Diving into this opportunity to redo the whole flower garden, I make a plan on paper. A good idea is to sketch not only the usual bird's-eye view, delineating groups of each kind of flower, but also to sketch from a human's-eye view – that is, the garden as you would see it from ground level, emphasizing the height,

texture and form of each plant.

In this human's-eye view, I was able to rough out pleasant-looking undulations of spiky irises, delphiniums and gayfeathers, soft mounds of asters and spireas, and tall and pompom-topped coneflowers and black-eyed Susans. A backdrop of butterfly bush and the lacy leaves and flowers of baby's-breath should (I hope) knit everything together.

And then the actual work begins. To thin out clumping plants like irises, slide a garden fork beneath a clump and give the clump a slight lift. Then, pushing two forks or two shovels back to back down the center of the clump, pull the tops of the two forks or shovels apart to pull apart the clump. Replant parts of the clump and give away the rest to a fellow gardener for planting.

And the daffodils? Just dig them up, separate the bulbs by hand, and replant the largest ones.

### Readying the Bed For Winter & Beyond

Everybody's back in

place now, and to ensure that roots start growing right away, I've given the bed a thorough soaking. Following that came a topdressing of a couple of inches of wood chips – except for the delphiniums, hungry plants that they are, which had compost tucked around their stems before the chips went down.

Mulches seal moisture into the soil, and also keep soil temperatures from dropping as low or as fast as in unmulched ground. That gives roots more time to grow before temperatures turn frigid. Mulches also reduce the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that during the winter can heave newly rooted plants up and out of the ground.

There is a downside to this autumn flower-bed makeover: The bed does look forlorn, for now. But a makeover isn't an annual affair, and everything will look perky in spring. Yes, I could have waited until spring for this makeover. But there are too many other things to attend to in the spring garden.

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## Garden Journal: Your new favorite garden tool

by **Deborah J. Benoit, Extension Master Gardener, UVM**

As this year's gardening season draws to a close, unlike shovels, rakes and trowels, a garden journal is a tool you can start using now. Whether you're new to gardening or a seasoned veteran, a garden journal is a great way to organize all the information you've collected related to your garden. And autumn just might be the best time to begin.

A garden journal is an invaluable resource for planning over the long winter months. In it you can capture details that are fresh in mind today but may not be by the time spring arrives and questions pop up. For example, if you ordered bulk mulch this year, next year it would be helpful to know how much you ordered and if it was the correct amount needed.

As you put your garden to bed, take a good look around. Ideas that occur to you while working in the garden this year may

fade by next spring. Jot them down.

Is there a bed you want to expand or plants that should be replaced in the

dar.

Is there something you'd like to spend some time researching now that the physical de-

es. Write down what you envision. Take measurements if needed.

Don't forget to include your successes (and those

changed. All this information will be useful as you plan for next season over the coming months. You also can use a garden journal to record pest and disease outbreaks, so you can be prepared next year before any damage starts.

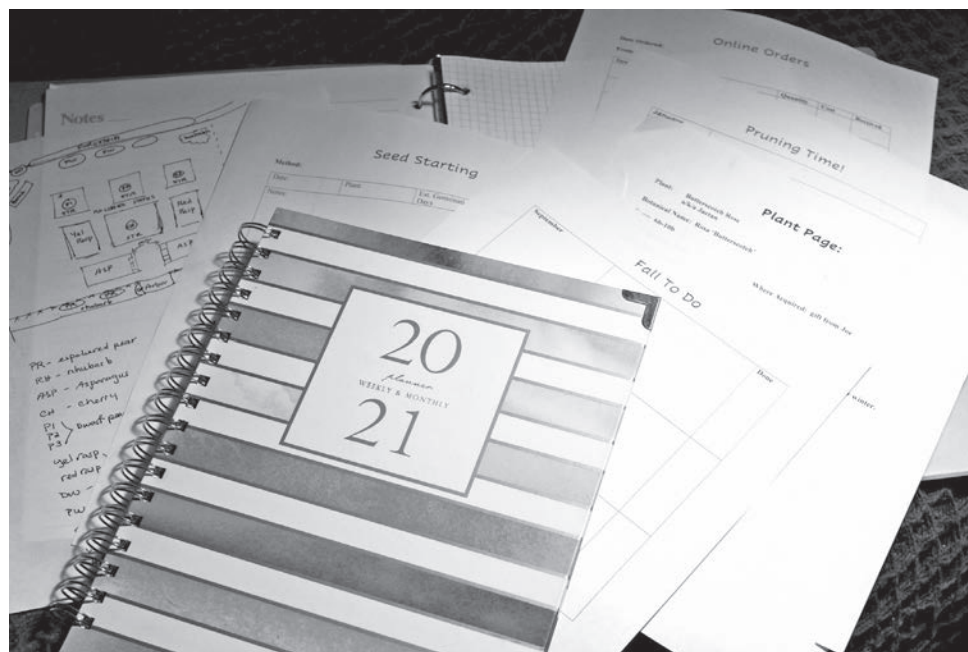
A garden journal can be a beautiful bound book of blank pages to fill with anything related to your garden. Or it could be as simple as a monthly wall calendar to record garden-related dates, such as anticipated and actual first and last frost and freeze dates, or unusual weather, such as prolonged rain or drought and planting and harvesting dates.

An easy way to start is with a three-ring binder you can customize to your own needs. It is the perfect place to help organize your previous soil test results and track the results of any soil amendments you have added. Including a monthly calendar makes tracking relevant dates easy.

Templates for specialized pages are available online. Or you can easily make your own using a word processing program. Pages to track online orders, seed-starting specifics, plants acquired and seasonal or monthly tasks, as well as challenges and how they are handled, are all good sections to include.

An assortment of blank pages (plain, ruled, dot grid, graph) are handy for taking notes or sketching design ideas. Plastic pockets in a variety of sizes can hold packing slips for mail-ordered plants, plant tags or seed packets, all for easy reference. A set of dividers makes locating and retrieving information easy.

Whether you choose to go for the basics or a customized catchall, paper or even an electronic version, the most important thing to remember about creating your garden journal is to make it all about what will work best for you.



*A garden journal is a useful tool for recording information about plants, weather, garden layouts, successes, failures and anything garden-related to plan for next year's garden. Photo by Deborah J. Benoit*

spring? Make a note. Is there a shrub that would be happier after pruning? Check when the best time to prune that plant will be and mark it on the calen-

mands of the garden are winding down? Add it to your winter to-do list.

Renovations or a new project might come to mind. Make some sketch-

not-successes). Celebrate what worked and make note of what needs to be

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1/4 cup cornstarch  
3 pounds pears  
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3/4 cup old-fashioned or quick-cooking oats  
1/2 cup (packed) brown sugar  
1/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
4 tablespoon butter or margarine, cut up

Directions:  
1. Preheat oven to 375° F. In large bowl, stir granulated sugar and cornstarch until blended.  
2. Peel, core and slice pears into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Add pears and lemon juice; toss to coat. Pour pear mixture into shallow 2 1/2-quart glass or ceramic

baking dish; spread evenly.  
3. In same bowl, combine oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. With fingertips, work in butter until coarse crumbs form. Press crumb mixture together and sprinkle on top of pear mixture.  
4. Bake crisp 35 to 40 minutes or until top is browned and fruit is bubbling at edge. Cool on wire rack 1 hour to serve warm, or cool completely to serve later. Serves 8.

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## Bible Trivia

**by Wilson Casey**  
1. Is the book of Colossae in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?  
2. What city was second of the seven churches mentioned by John in Revelation? Derbe, Gomorrah, Beersheba, Smyrna  
3. From Acts 8, what magician came to be baptized by Philip? Balaam, Endor, Simon, Laban  
4. What prophet came from among the shepherds of Tekoa? Joel, Hosea, Daniel, Amos  
5. Which Biblical name means “God with us”? Nicodemus, Emmanuel, Elijah, Jacob  
6. What Psalm is the shortest of

all? 1st, 3rd, 117th, 123rd  
Answers: 1) Neither; 2) Smyrna; 3) Simon; 4) Amos; 5) Emmanuel; 6) 117th  
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| <b>“Iron-Hearted: The 115th NYSV in the Civil War” with David Brooks</b> 6:30 p.m. via Webex. Contact <a href="mailto:SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov">SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov</a> with any questions. | <b>“Mohawks and the Dutch in the Mohawk Valley” with Paul Gorgen</b> 6:30pm via Webex. Contact <a href="mailto:SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov">SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov</a> with any questions  | at Arkell Center. Call Joan Cimino at 518.673.4408.  |
| October 20   | October 27  | October 30   |
| <b>Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party</b> 12:30-4 p.m. at Arkell Center. Call Terry at 518.673.5635.  | <b>Senior Citizens Pinochle Card Party</b> 12:30-4 p.m. at Arkell Center. Call Terry at 518.673.5635.   | <b>Ayres Memorial Animal Shelter Chinese Auction</b> 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Canajoharie High School. Donations to the shelter can be made at <a href="http://donorbox.org/tub-of-trouble">donorbox.org/tub-of-trouble</a> . Questions? Have an auction item. Call 518.365.7145. |
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| October 22   | October 29  | November 6   |
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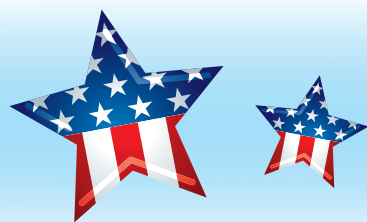
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## The basics of hunting seasons

Hunting has been around a long time. According to Britannica, hunting as many know it today began in ancient Greece. Various game were hunted to provide food, fuel and materials to make clothing and blankets. In the Middle Ages, hunting was the privilege of nobility and linked to land ownership. Hunting is now strictly regulated in many countries and is typically used as a way to control wildlife populations that would otherwise overrun certain areas.

Hunting limits and clearly defined hunting seasons are often spelled out in detail in local hunting laws. Wildlife commissions across states set up strict time periods that govern which game can be hunted. Legislation also dictates size limits and the amount of game that can be killed. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission breaks down hunting seasons into big game, waterfowl, small game, and webless migratory game birds. Seasons vary depending on where hunters live.

The hunting education resource Hunter-Ed says hunting seasons are determined by the type of animal, the environment and animal characteristics like mating season. Wildlife biologists in various regions study animal populations and make recommendations on hunting seasons. "Open season" is when a species may be legally hunted, and tends to coincide with when the population of that species is at its highest, without interfering with breeding times.

Many hunters eagerly await "opening day" so they can start their hunting right away. The season is "closed" when hunters are no longer allowed to go after that game. Food shortages, extreme temperatures and low population numbers may affect season duration. Archery seasons tend to begin before firearm seasons in many states. Hunting outside of seasons is known as poaching and is punishable by law.

Turkey is typically hunted in spring or autumn. Migratory waterfowl hunting tends to open in late September and early October. The seasons to hunt deer, and their close cousins like caribou, moose and reindeer, open in late September and early October, continuing into November for firearms hunting.

Hunters will be required to obtain a hunting license. At the time of licensure, hunters also may be given tags for their game animals. A tag is a physical permit the hunter carries with them that must be attached to an animal immediately after it is felled. Hunters are reigned in by the number of tags they have, which will coordinate with game limits. The tag will need to be completed with the date and time of harvest and the location.

To learn more about hunting seasons where you live, contact your local fish and wildlife organization or visit [huntingseasonhq.com](http://huntingseasonhq.com) for a state-by-state listing of hunting seasons.



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# The Canajoharie Street Fair returns

by Joshua Thomas



The Canajoharie Street Fair made its triumphant return Sept. 11. Following a successful first-year fair in 2019, last year's second annual event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Eighty-two vendors, including community groups

and organizations, lined streets throughout downtown's Wagner Square and beyond. Events across the village marked an action-packed day, including an early afternoon parade featuring businesses, groups, elected officials, athletes, farmers and performers.

Three village businesses participated in the second King of the Wing contest, where Street Fair attendees

voted on unique chicken wing recipes created specifically for the event. Canajoharie Moose Lodge #853 reigned supreme, taking the "King of the Wing" title with a Jack Daniels-based "All Jacked Up" recipe. A traveling trophy was transferred from the contest's 2019 winner, Iroquois Lanes.

The event also featured a new, popular Water Ball contest, with participation by local and NYS volunteer fire departments, wherein players utilized apparatuses to move a suspended ball across an elevated line.

Canajoharie's Mohawk Valley Dance Theater (MVDT) students displayed their skills throughout the day, performing routines on a make-shift dance floor installed in the center of Mohawk Street. MVDT Director Shanna Becker said, "Myself and my students and their families are so grateful to the organizers for such a wonderful community event!"

Linda Scaffidi-Fonti organized a vendor fair at Boiling Pot Eagles #3846, providing space to a variety of sellers and artisans. "I was so excited" by the opportunity to shine a light on local talent, said Scaffidi-Fonti, adding of the fair, "There were so many people coming in from surrounding areas to our wonderful little town! The parade was impressive and to see the community coming together was amazing."

Said Eliza Biltucci, owner of the pet-centric business Brothers Bandanas, "It was a beautiful day for our small community and I look forward to it for years to come. It was truly great to be a part of!"

The event, which also featured live music from several performers and



A fireworks display concludes the Canajoharie Street Fair.  
Photos by Joshua Adam Thomas

locations, concluded with a fireworks display. "The fireworks and live music were sponsored by many local businesses and individuals who generously donated to the event," said Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce President Janet Lee Stanley. "The Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber, the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department, along with the assistance and cooperation of Lee Newspapers, the Village of Canajoharie, the Canajoharie Police Department and many local volunteers were able to make this event possible."

Concluded Stanley of the well-attended Canajoharie Street Fair, "As president of the chamber, all I can say is 'thank you from the bottom of my heart' for the support the entire community gave to this event. I'm so proud of the efforts made and I'm pleased to say this event will take place annually on the second Saturday of September."



Street Fair attendees fill Wagner Square.



Flanked by elves, Santa Claus waves from the Lee's Shops at Wagner Square float.



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Fire departments compete at Water Ball.



Parade participants highlight local agriculture.



Canajoharie Little League participates in the parade.



Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Dept. leads the parade.



## American Heritage sign dedicated at Dygert Family Farm

The Stone Arabia Preservation Society in partnership with the Fort Plain Museum dedicated an American Heritage sign for the Dygert Family Farm on Oct. 3.

This 13th generation dairy farm sits on the original 50 acres of land deeded to Warner Dygert from the Stone Arabia Patent in 1723. It is one of very few operational bicentennial farms left in our area.

Robert and Shannon Dygert and their four children operate the farm where 230 cows are milked twice a day and 90% of the feed for the cows is grown on the farm. A new milk processing plant was completed in April of this year. High quality milk and milk products are offered through delivery to homes and businesses and also at their creamery on the farm.

Offering remarks at the unveiling were Supervisor William MacLaughlin and Norm Bollen from the Fort Plain Museum. Look for more of these red, white and blue American Heritage signs around the area.

The Fort Plain Museum congratulates to the entire Dygert family and offers best wishes as they step into the future while keeping alive the rich history of past generations.

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As Principal Court Attorney, I research and analyze legal questions and issues; draft opinions, decisions, orders, jury charges, and correspondences; confer and advise judges on legal issues; conduct conferences with litigants and other parties to legal actions to clarify issues to be resolved or to settle cases. I have been assigned to Judges working in the Family Court and to Judges assigned to the Supreme Court having a matrimonial calendar. I am a stakeholder in Montgomery County's recently-created Opioid Stabilization Court and helped develop Montgomery County's Drug and Mental Health Courts. In addition, I am currently assigned as a trained court attorney mediator for child custody and visitation proceedings taking assignments in the Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, and Schenectady County Family Courts pursuant to the Fourth Judicial District's Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan.

In addition to my work experience, I have been actively involved in the community, having been a member of the Greater Amsterdam School District's Board of Education and Chairman of the Amsterdam Housing Authority since 2014. I am the current President of the Montgomery County Bar Association. I chose to make Montgomery County my home twenty-four years ago. I reside in the City of Amsterdam with my wife and am raising two daughters.



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The program is open to all interested gardeners and homeowners. The webinar will be offered via Zoom from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Although free to attend, donations will be accepted to support garden education programming offered by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener chapters throughout Vermont. Register at [go.uvm.edu/resilient-landscape](http://go.uvm.edu/resilient-landscape).

Wilder will walk participants through the

process of establishing a resilient landscape from assessment of site and plant species and invasive species issues to ecological landscape techniques and long-term maintenance. He will draw from examples from his work at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Monson, MA; Garden in the Woods, a botanical garden in Framingham, MA; and his home landscape.

Wilder is the author and photographer of *Native Plants for New England Gardens*. He is an expert in native plant ecology, propagation, wildlife habitat construction and native edible

landscapes and has consulted with botanical gardens, nurseries and wildlife refuges.

The program is sponsored by the Master Gardener chapters in Windham and Windsor

Counties in collaboration with the Rockingham Free Public Library. Additional funding is provided by the Bennington, Central/Northeast Kingdom, Northwest and Rutland chapters.



Dan Jaffe Wilder, a landscape consultant, author and photographer, will present a webinar on building a resilient home landscape on Oct. 16. Photo courtesy of Dan Jaffe Wilder

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## It's time to plant the garlic

by Joyce Amsden,  
Extension Master  
Gardener Intern,  
University of Vermont

I love growing garlic. In the Northeast, it is best planted in autumn because of its need for a dormant period of two months below 40 degrees. Just as the reality of summer's end sets in, planting the garlic is like planting the promise of spring. Seeing the little shoots emerge just behind the receding snow are well worth the small effort required.

Plant your garlic in late September to mid-October. This allows it to put down some roots but not develop significant tops before the ground freezes.

Avoid planting garlic from the grocery store. It may have been treated to prevent growth. Store purchased garlic also may be a variety adapted to warmer climates with longer growing seasons.

Purchase garlic from growers in your area or from catalogues that are focused on the Northeast. Look into the numerous varieties available and

consider trying several. Whatever your source, plant the largest cloves from the biggest bulbs available to you and save any small cloves for cooking.

Because garlic retains the genetics of the mother clove, you can plant garlic grown in your own garden and get excellent results. I save some of my

best bulbs for planting.

There are two basic types: hardneck and softneck. Hardneck garlic produces five to eight large cloves. It also produces scapes, which are flower stalks prized by many as a garlicky vegetable.

Left on the plants, they produce tiny seeds that can be planted but take

several years to develop into normal-sized bulbs. Softneck garlic has 12 or more smaller cloves and no scapes.

Before planting garlic, incorporate compost or well-rotted manure to provide nutrition and improve soil quality.

Garlic does not like competition from weeds or getting too dry. In my sandy soil that tends toward dryness, mulching retains soil moisture and keeps my garlic nearly weed-free. I plant garlic in 4-foot-square beds divided into 16 1-foot squares. In each square, I plant nine cloves and mulch thoroughly.

Plan spacing with your preference for cultivating in mind. My square foot method does not easily yield to a hoe. Some gardeners plant cloves four inches apart in rows about eight inches apart for cultivating ease.

Consider whether your soil holds a lot of moisture. If so, don't count on mulch to keep down weeds and perhaps even



*Choose garlic varieties suited to the Northeast and only plant the largest cloves from the biggest bulbs available for best results.*

implement raised beds to allow for proper drainage. Too much moisture can cause garlic to rot.

Plant unpeeled garlic cloves three inches deep with the point up, root down. Cover. Press soil gently, but firmly. Heavy mulching can help prevent winter kill and cloves

being pushed up and out by frost but may need to be removed in spring if the soil stays very wet.

Clean your tools, finish your fall chores and hunker down for winter knowing your garlic will appear with the daffodils to herald the start of another gardening season.



*Unpeeled garlic cloves should be planted three inches deep with the pointed side up and root down. Photos by Joyce Amsden*

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## Design ideas to give your home a farmhouse feel

Farmhouse-style homes are having a moment. A 2020 survey from Homes.com asked more than 5,000 adults across the U.S. about their favorite house style from a list that included bohemian craftsman, mid-century modern ranch, French chateau and Tudor, among others. Modern farmhouse was the runaway winner, as participants in 42 of the 50 states indicated this simple cozy style was their favorite.

Home renovation projects can help homeowners put their own unique stamp on their homes, and such projects can be both aesthetic and functional in nature. The following are some farmhouse design elements homeowners can consider as they look to transform their home interiors with this popular style in mind.

- **Exposed beams:** Exposed beams instantly evoke images of a farmhouse. The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that this rustic renovation project can utilize real wood or faux beams that look like the real thing. Decorative beams that have nothing to do with a home's structural integrity can be installed by skilled do-it-yourselfers. However, even faux beams are heavy, and BobVila.com recommends homeowners have an engineer assess their existing structure prior to installation.

- **Distressed wood finishes:** Distressing is designed to make something look less than perfect. Distressed wood finishes can be found throughout many farmhouse-style homes. Furniture and picture frames can provide the distressed look farmhouse fans are looking for. This is a relatively inexpensive project that many homeowners can tackle on their own after watching some online tutorials that recommend the right tools and techniques to get the job done right.

- **Kitchen sink:** Many components combine to create a truly classic farmhouse kitchen. But perhaps no component is more essential than the classic farmhouse sink. The renovation experts at HGTV note that a classic farmhouse sink features a deep, wide basin. Farmhouse sinks are large enough to handle all the dishes that come after a big family meal. Old-fashioned porcelain sinks

are worth consideration by homeowners who want their kitchen sinks to evoke a traditional farmhouse feel.

- **Countertops:** HGTV recommends butcher block countertops for homeowners who favor European farmhouse style. Homeowners overhauling their kitchens to create a farmhouse feel should consider install-

ing a large island with a walnut butcher block countertop for an authentic farmhouse feel.

Farmhouse style homes are wildly popular. Some simple renovations can help homeowners with a fondness for farmhouse style bring this classic look into their homes.



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## The Family Counseling Center announces organizational updates

The Family Counseling Center in Gloversville is announcing a series of organizational updates including the 2021-22 Board of Directors and new faces on their leadership team.

The organization voted in the 2021-22 Board of Directors at their June meeting, naming Michael Schaus, owner of WENT Radio as the board's president. A full list of board members includes:

- Michael Schaus, president
- Gail Ryan, vice president
- Mark Finkle, treasurer
- Marilyn Smith, assistant treasurer
- Denise Walsh, secretary
- Shawn Cleland, member-at-large
- Mary-Jo Ferraulo-Davis
- Arthur Steinkritz
- Brad Yeardon

In addition to the new slate of board

members, the Family Counseling Center is proud to announce the promotion of two employees to the role of director.

Sheila Wood now holds the role of Children & Family Services Director. Wood has a BS in human development and joined the agency in 2020 as the Mobile Crisis Program Manager. She brings over 20 years of work with both children and adults who have emotional and developmental needs. Wood's career has encompassed working under the auspices of the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health, Office of Mental Health and Office of Children and Family Services in addition to the Juvenile Justice System.

Justine Maier, LCSW-R has been named clinic director. Maier joined the agency in 2021 as a clinic supervisor and specializes in working with youth and families who have experienced significant trauma with a focus on family reunification/permanency planning and juvenile justice issues. Maier has experience working in community, residential and outpatient treatment settings.

"We are so thankful to have Sheila Wood and Justine Maier join the executive leadership team at the Family Counseling Center," said Michael Countryman, executive director. "Their talent and dedication to our organization, staff and to the clients we work with every day is palpable."

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## Strange But True

by Lucie Winborne

• Koi fish have been known to live up to 226 years.

• Singapore has a mandatory organ donation scheme for people over 21. Anyone choosing to opt out of it is given lower priority to receive

a transplant if they ever find themselves in need of one.

• In Chinese, the KFC slogan "finger-lickin' good" translates to "eat your fingers off" in its literal interpretation.

• Dueling is still legal in Paraguay, as long as both parties are blood donors.

• The Boston University Bridge is the only spot in America where a boat can sail under a train moving under a car driving under an airplane.

• In 2018, a 30-year-old woman in Canada was shot in her left breast. Her silicone breast implant deflected the bullet away from her vital organs and left her with only some broken ribs ... and a damaged implant.

• Eighty-five percent of American shoppers go to their right when entering a store.

• Early astronomer

John Herschel reported seeing winged people inhabiting the moon through his telescope.

• Prior to 1900, prize-fights lasted 100 rounds.

• Three British friends set the world record for completing the longest-ever journey by taxi – a grand total of 43,319.5 miles in their 20-year-old black cab named "Hannah." The trip took them across four continents and 50 countries and generated a fare equivalent to \$108,269.73.

• According to Western University, 88% of divorced people use Facebook to keep tabs on exes, and a third post pictures to make the ex jealous.

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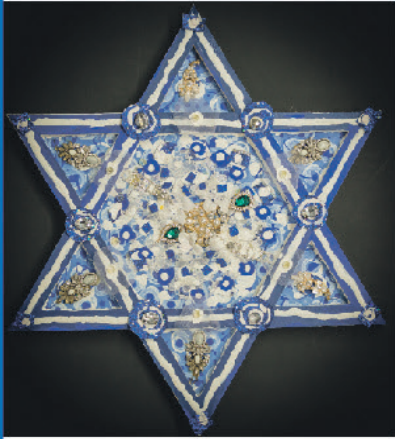
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## Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

### Owner:

#### Let Cats Roam Freely Outdoors

Dear Paw's Corner: Your point about cats being at grave risk outdoors is just silly. Are there some dangers? Sure, there are. Small dogs are subject to the same dangers, as well as all the other animals that live outdoors. Are you suggesting that we should keep all snakes, hedgehogs, frogs, mice and turtles inside at all times because it's a dangerous world outside? I dare say not!

There is always going to be a bigger animal outside. All animals are free. It is us, as humans, who put the bound-

aries on animals and cage them in. Do you think that cats didn't exist centuries ago? Of course they did! How do you think they survived? They learned how to survive. Is it important to help those animals in need of a comforting shelter, good food and lots of love? Yes! But please don't cage in the freedom they need in order to survive for centuries to come. – Ellen I., via email

Dear Ellen: Those are... interesting points. You're right, I do harp on the importance of keeping cats inside. And for that matter, small and large dogs. And, if they are being kept as pets, snakes, hedgehogs, frogs, mice and turtles.

Why? Because it keeps them exponentially safer and healthier. Staying inside reduces the chance of getting ticks and fleas. It keeps them safe from attacks by other domestic animals and coyotes, as well as (in my neck of the woods, New England) packs of wild turkeys. Keeping cats inside protects other wildlife – cats are hunters, and they love catching songbirds, hedgehogs, snakes, frogs, mice and turtles.

Readers, what are your thoughts on this issue? Write me at ask@pawscorner.com and sound off!

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## Events at Schoharie Crossing

Events for October:

• **"Iron-Hearted: The 115th NYSV in the Civil War"** with David Brooks, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. via Webex. Free. Donations accepted during program.

This program covers the service of the 115th NYS Vol. Regiment during the American Civil War. Journey along with them from Upstate NY to the Deep South and back. Discover the battles they faced on the front line and those experienced from within.

• **"The Wild Women of Rensselaer County"** with Kathy Sheehan, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. via Webex. Free. Donations accepted during program.

Join Rensselaer County and Troy City Historian Kathy Sheehan for this illustrated lecture on the Wild Women of Rensselaer County. Suffrage, anti-suffrage, education, labor and temperance are but a few of the historic subjects associated with famous women like Emma Willard and not so famous women like Julia Blanche Stover Clum and Evanetta Hare. These "wild women" made an impact on our county, state and nation and their legacy is still in evidence today.

• **"Mohawks and the Dutch in the Mohawk Valley"** with Paul Gorgen, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. via Webex. Free. Donations accepted during program.

This talk takes a close look at relations between the Mohawk People and the Dutch settlers who arrived at their borders in the early 1600s. Focusing on experiences in the Mohawk Valley, it looks at Mohawk and Dutch trade relations, their alliance in war and peacemaking, some family connections and other lasting impacts of their partnership. We will also discuss the ongoing legacy of those relations beyond the end of the Dutch colonial era and the Mohawks' return to

the Valley today.

Gorgen is a writer and researcher from the Mohawk Valley. Recently retired from IBM, he is currently writing about Colonial and Indigenous history in the Valley, drawing on his own family history back to the Mohawk people and the early Dutch and German immigrants to the region. He is studying the Mohawk Language and serves on the board of directors at Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community in Fonda. Recent publications include several articles on the Mohawks and the Palatine Germans, including one in Plotzlich Da, a book on German emigration history published by the Deutsches Auswanderhaus Museum in Bremerhaven, Germany. His article on Clarissa Putman and Molly Brant appeared in the journal Iroquoia in 2017, and his paper on Mohawk relations with the Dutch in the Mohawk Valley, the subject of this talk, was published this year as a chapter in the book "Dutch and Indigenous Communities in Seventeenth-Century Northeastern North America" by SUNY Press.

• **"Memory and Celebration: Examining the 1929 Sesquicentennial of the Sullivan Clinton Campaign"** with Mary Alexander, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. via Webex. Free. Donations accepted during program.

Join Mary Alexander, curator of education at the Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, as she discusses the 1929 sesquicentennial celebration of the Sullivan Clinton Campaign. The Sullivan Clinton Campaign was a major Revolutionary War event in which thousands of troops were sent by General George Washington to central and western NY. The troops were sent with the express purpose of wiping out the villages, homes and crops of the Haudenosaunee "Iroquois" Confederacy.

This scorched earth campaign wrought havoc on the land and people, complicating an already difficult set of circumstances in the region.

We will examine how the original historical event was viewed 150 years later in 1929 when the Village of Canajoharie and much of central and western NY set about on a series of commemorations of the military event. To better understand this we will look at materials from the Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library's permanent collection including artwork, newspaper articles and photography. We will look at the legacy of the 150th celebration and the impact of this celebration that is still visible throughout the built landscape of our region.

• **Autumn Bike Tour – NYS History Month.** Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. from the Visitor Center. Free. Donations accepted.

Wrap up NYS History Month with Katy from Schoharie Crossing. She will lead a bike ride along the historic towpath along "Clinton's Ditch" and then the enlarged canal from the Visitor Center to Yankee Hill Lock with a return on the Empire State Trail. Ride will include three miles on grass towpath and two miles on paved bike trail. That's five miles to add to your Canalway Challenge goal.

While the grass towpath is well maintained and mostly flat, there are sections that include bumps and small ups or downs. We recommend a mountain bike or road bike with tires for such terrain. Narrow wheels and slicks will make this trek not so much fun. Dress for the weather and bring an appropriate bike so that you are comfortable enough to enjoy this tour. COVID protocols apply when not able to socially distance.

## Now Here's A Tip

by JoAnn Derson

• Here's a tip for you waist-watchers out there: Wait until Halloween Day to buy the candy. That way the in-house sweets won't be haunting you throughout October. – JoAnn

• Now's the time to install weatherstripping or caulk

for fall and winter. To find drafts, try this trick: Light a taper candle and run it very slowly along the cracks of your windows. When you see the flame flicker, that's where you have a draft leak.

• A great use for those old knee-high stockings (no runs!): Stuff with a mix of crystalized kitty litter and scent-boosting beads you can find in the laundry aisle. Stuff these in stinky shoes to freshen and deodorize. The litter wicks away moisture from sweaty feet and deodorizes, and the scent boosters last for a good long while.

• "Here is a sewing tip for your column: I prewash fabrics that tend to shrink before I use them to make clothing items. That way, the fit is more accurate." –

G.V. in Indiana

• "Exfoliation can be easy if you already have a bag or jar of Epsom salts. Soak in a warm bath and rub the salts over your skin to gently scrub dead skin away. A little essential oil might help too!" – D.D. in Florida

• "To keep sauces from splattering and dirtying the inside of your microwave, cover the food with a damp paper towel or a coffee filter." – E.C. in Utah

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## Must-have features in your bathroom remodel

Veteran homeowners recognize the value of remodeling their kitchens and bathrooms. Kitchens and baths tend to appear dated more quickly than other spaces, such as living rooms and bedrooms, which can always be revamped with some fresh paint and new furnishings.

The home improvement pricing resource Home Guide indicates an average

bathroom remodel costs anywhere from \$5,500 to \$15,000 depending on the size and scope of the renovation. However, a bath redo can increase a home's resale value and can return as much as 68% of homeowners' investments. As homeowners plan their bathroom renovations, it's a good time to consider improvements that will improve function and add design appeal for years to

come.

- **Floating vanity:** Add an airy feeling to the room by creating space between the vanity and the floor. A floating vanity can be a counter with a vessel sink or even have cabinets, as long as the vanity doesn't extend to the floor.

- **Freestanding traditional sink or tub:** There's something elegant about a freestanding tub or pedestal sink. Such features

can lend a classic vibe to a space. However, freestanding fixtures also come in modern or eclectic forms, so there are options for any design style.

- **Frameless showers:** Switch to a walk-in shower option, which improves aesthetics and makes it easier to "age in place" in a home. Pair that frameless shower with clear glass shower doors so sightline in the space remains unencumbered.

spired colors on tiles, walls and vanities can add to the spa vibe.

- **Dual sinks and vanities:** With a double vanity, two people can share the space and easily use the bathroom without getting in each other's way. One vanity with two sinks works, but homeowners can create even more personal space by dividing vanities and mirrors.

- **Small textured tile on shower floors:** Small tex-

Invest in shower heads that can run the gamut from creating steam showers to rainfall effects. Some showers will have multiple shower jets to offer an invigorating experience.

- **Improve drainage:** Increase the diameter of the drainpipe in the bathroom from the standard to a two-inch drainpipe. This will reduce the risk of clogs and overflow leaks.

- **Install a window:** Natural light and air flow can

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- **Natural textures:** Create a calm and serene sanctuary in the bathroom with light, natural hues and materials. Nature-in-

tures are appealing and add safety. The added texture and grouting will keep feet from slipping on wet floors. Also, opt for mold-resistant grout to make cleanup even easier.

- **Special shower heads:**

reduce the risk for mold and mildew growth, and windows add some aesthetic appeal to a space. Just be sure to choose frosted privacy glass.

Additional considerations for a bath remodel include heated floors, well-placed and attractive storage options and a toilet enclosure (water closet) for added privacy. These and other bathroom renovation ideas can add value and improve the appeal of the room.

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**Weekly Menu Change Info:** As many are aware, our nation is experiencing supply chain issues in many areas, and especially in the food service industry. Due to these constraints, there will be times when our school menu needs to change from what was originally posted. Visit our website each week to see a list of any breakfast or lunches changes in each building.

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### Drama Club:

The Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club will host an acting workshop on Monday, November 15th. The workshop is designed to help students prepare to audition for the upcoming musical. It features fun activities and games, and gives a sneak peek at the audition materials. The workshop will be held from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in the auditorium at the Canajoharie High School and is open to students in grades 7-12. See Mr. Ryan at the HS or Mrs. Broady at the elementary school for more information.

### Upcoming Events:

Oct 18-25 School Bus Safety Week  
Oct 20 Board of Education Mtg 6:00  
Oct 31 Happy Halloween!  
Nov 2 School Closed: Conf Day  
Nov 4 Jr/Sr HS Picture Day  
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### Interim Superintendent Addresses Protocols:

As we move through the fall season, Fort Plain remains committed to keeping our schools safe for in-person learning for all of our students, all of the time. To continue to meet this goal, we must protect the health and well-being of everyone on our campus by limiting their exposure to possible illness, including COVID-19. Our school nurses follow established COVID-19 protocols to determine whether a student or staff member needs to be sent home. If a student or staff member exhibits any of the symptoms or signs listed below with no explanation for them, they will be sent to the health office for an assessment by a school nurse. If the school nurse determines that the student or staff member exhibits the following symptoms indicative of the COVID-19 virus, they are isolated from others and sent home immediately: Fever of over 100 degrees, vomiting or diarrhea, loss of smell or taste, persistent cough, headache/congestion/sore throat. Our community is reminded that in order to keep everyone safe and healthy, students or staff members should stay home when they have signs of any illness, and they should contact their healthcare provider if symptoms do not resolve after 48 hours. Individuals may be asked to provide a doctor's note to return to school. If a student or staff member has been tested for COVID-19, they should remain home until the test results are confirmed negative. If a student or staff member is diagnosed as being COVID-19 positive, before returning to school they must satisfy isolation protocols (typically 10 days) and have improving symptoms. They must also be fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication, per the New York State Department of Health. Our goal remains to keep our schools open and safe places for teaching and learning. We thank our families for their understanding and cooperation.

### Ground Zero Author Inspires Students:

On Friday, September 10th, students in Mrs. Colvin's 5th Grade Guided Reading class participated in a virtual visit with Alan Gratz, author of the book "Ground Zero." Mr. Gratz shared information with students about how to conduct research for a book, and how to then take all of that information and organize it into chapters and sections. Mr. Gratz also shared some of his experiences with the class, and they were inspired and excited to then read his book and learn more about 9-11 from a perspective that is tailored to kids.

### What's New in Forensics:

Students in the high school's Forensics and Criminology class recently conducted a lab involving the Locard Principle. "The principle is a famous forensics fundamental idea that when two objects come into contact with each other, they exchange material," explained Kevin Bogus, who teaches the class with Dale Smith. Mr. Bogus and Mr. Smith ran an experiment where their students wore white t-shirts for an entire week. The shirts were designed by the students, with messages on them to let their fellow students know that they were part of a forensic experiment. The students had made predictions of what kinds of fibers, materials or substances they would find on the shirts, and when the week was up they conducted an examination with lenses and microscopes to identify what materials the shirts picked up all week. The class was surprised to find how much transfer had taken place!

**43rd Annual Cross Country Invitational:** The annual event is hosted by Fort Plain CSD and was held on Saturday, September 18th. Eighteen schools participated in eight races, and there were over 400 runners. Special thanks to the Class of 2022 for providing concessions to the runners and spectators. The Canajoharie-Fort Plain Team finished in 2nd place in the Varsity Boys Small Schools Division! The other winning schools were: Varsity Girls Large Schools: Guilderland 1st and Mohonasen 2nd, Varsity Girls Small Schools: Berlin-New Lebanon 1st and Schoharie 2nd, Varsity Boys Large Schools: Guilderland 1st & Oneonta 2nd Varsity Boys Small Schools: Berlin-New Lebanon 1st and Canajoharie-Fort Plain 2nd, JV Girls: Guilderland, JV Boys: Guilderland 1st and Oneonta 2nd, Modified Girls: Guilderland 1st and Cobleskill-Richmondville 2nd, Modified Boys: Guilderland 1st and Oneonta 2nd

**Health & Wellness Fair Postponed:** The Health & Wellness Fair committee has announced that this event has been postponed. Watch for more information in the new year.



**Soccer Under the Lights:** The portable lights recently returned for a series of night soccer games at the athletic complex.

Monday 10/4 featured the varsity boys vs Mekeel Christian Academy

Tuesday 10/5 was the varsity girls vs. Canajoharie

Wednesday 10/6 the varsity girls played vs. Northville

Thursday 10/7 was the varsity girls in action one more time vs. Duanesburg

**Elementary Student Council News:** The Elementary Student Council recently got underway, with a campaign week and election of officers and representatives for the 2021-2022 school year. The council is open to students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Kids could apply to run for office, and then conduct a campaign to try to win the votes of their fellow classmates. Colorful posters featuring clever slogans filled the hallways during the last week of September. In lieu of speeches this year, the candidates issued statements of their qualifications and goals. The voting took place online, on Friday, October 1st. Students were excited to wear their "I voted!" sticker for the rest of the day. The 2021-2022 Elementary Student Council members are: President Caleigh Bartholomew, Vice President Ahna Brackett, Secretary Danika Suits, Treasurer Jordan Gallo. The 5th grade class representatives are: Gavin Souza, Molly Shults, and Coco Brackett. The 4th grade class representatives are: Milo Clark, Timmy Keane, and Elijah Shostek. Congratulations to all of the winners, and great job to all of the candidates!

**PreK Skates to Strauss:** Well known for his waltz's, composer Johan Strauss' classical music is beloved all over the world. Students in Mrs. Kennedy's PreK class have been learning about Strauss, and other composers, in their music class with Mrs. Sincavage. They have explored music of different tempos, comparing "fast like a rabbit" tunes to "slow like a turtle" melodies. To get a feel for a waltz, the kids put paper plates on their feet and skated on the carpet, which was fun!





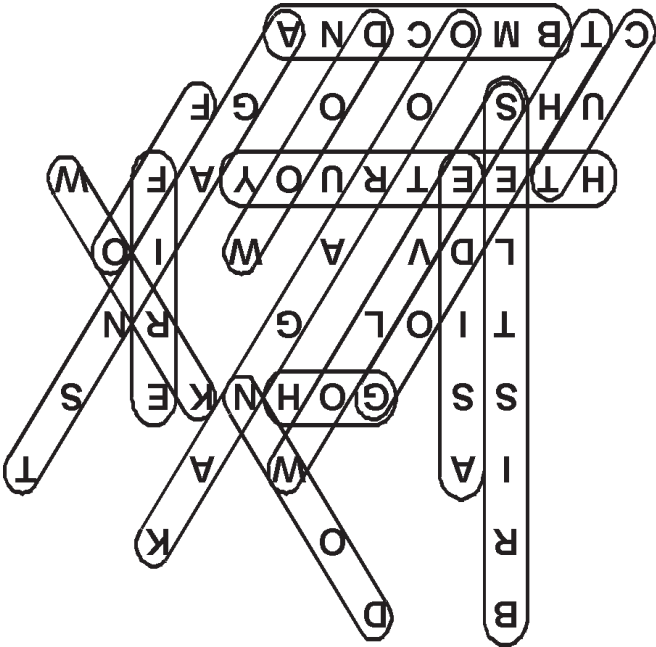


# Coffee Break

Home Country  
by Slim Randles



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Solution time: 26 mins.  
Answers  
— King Crossword —

Alphonse Wilson here, jest celebratin’ a nice day with poetry. Yessir. I thought I’d do some poetry today just to see if you’re in the mood. Well, if you

ain’t in the mood, I guess you could go fix a cup of coffee or something and wait for me to finish, but that would hurt my feelin’s exponential-like and you’re not the kind of person to do that, are ya?

Thass right. So Windy, you’re prolly askin’ yourself, how do you go about writin’ a poem? You were? Good. It really ain’t so very hard, you know. You just gotta sling yerself into a artistical mood. You know, like them Dutch masters used to do afore they died and got made into seegars. You start out kinda easy, and think about lilies and daffodils and leetle fluffy cloudlets that might grow into a storm someday. Then you throw in a look that a puppy gives you ... one a-them looks of love like just before he throws up on the rug. That’s how you do it. Then you just get a pencil and a piece of paper and have at it. So here’s my poem today. I call it “Circulational Quandary” by Alphonse Wilson. But I still go by Windy, a-course.

I wandered lonely as a heart  
That sends my corpuscles through waiting veins  
And all the might of pumping blood  
Couldn’t hold onto them reins.

BRUSH —

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

Bold rider, never, never  
canst thou smooch  
Lady Fair upon the  
mouth.  
Nay I say to you nay-  
sayers  
Or just keep ridin’  
south

Oh beats my heart with  
laughing  
At corporational cruds,  
I right now feel like  
quaffing  
A six pack of good suds

And though you come

out bleedin’  
And need a tranfusion-  
al fix  
It sure beats hell out of  
weedin’  
The garden out here in  
the sticks.

Well, there it is ... do  
you feel transformation-  
alized? Me, too.  
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49 +/- Surveyed Acres situated here with an approximate steel building that is 50x67, a small outbuilding and a large covered building being used now for T-Hangers for 7 planes that is approximately 48x234. This is used currently for a registered airport with a drained 2200' grass landing strip. Possibilities are endless with this property. What do you desire?

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