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We are now one weekly edition with expanded circulation!



St. Johnsville landmark gets facelift

The 1954 Fowler Grandstand, long a focal point in this sports-minded village of St. Johnsville, is receiving a much-needed facelift thanks to the Friends of St. Johnsville (FOSTJ). To date, the three-year-old public charity corporation has raised over \$20,000 in donations for the project.

Larry Schoff, chair of the FOSTJ Fowler Grandstand Committee, explained the scope of the work. "Working with Village Mayor Charles Straney, the Friends have hired TW Services to power wash and spray paint the purlins and carrying beams of the Fowler Grandstand roof. Two online surveys conducted earlier in the year revealed that the community wanted to see the grandstand restored and determined the new color scheme. We are using Benjamin Moore Greenfield Pumpkin and Bryant Gold, purchased from Ft. Plain True Value Hardware," Schoff said.

Claus Construction has replaced the leaking metal roof with a new metal roof using materials purchased from C.H. Burkdorf Building Supplies. The cost of all work to date is \$16,760.

While celebrating the rich baseball heritage of St. Johnsville, the Friends quickly realized that "Play ball!" has been replaced by PlayStation in 2021 and the only way to keep the grandstand viable is to turn it into a multi-use venue. The COVID pandemic may have already ushered in a new reality for the

grandstand, which hosted graduation ceremonies in 2020 and 2021 and a recital by students of the Joy of Dance Studio on Park Place.

The hope is that the alterations to the grandstand will enhance its desirability as a non-sports venue, according to FOSTJ President Robert Smith. "Replacing the old, rusty backstop fencing in front of the bleachers with movable netting would allow for an unobstructed view from the grandstand into the infield and vice versa," observed Smith. "One might have a concert where the performers sit in the grandstand and the audience sits in the infield."

Straney expressed pride in the work being done on the grandstand. "I am thrilled to see the actions taken by the Friends of St. Johnsville to make manifest the desire of village residents to honor their past while stepping boldly into the future," he stated.

This multi-year project will continue in the spring when the Friends paint the remainder of the grandstand and structural repairs are made. "This is a community-building project and we encourage anyone interested in making this gem shine again to get involved when we schedule work days and programs in the spring," noted Smith.

For more information on the activities of the Friends of St. Johnsville, visit friendsofstjohnsville.com or their Facebook page or call 518.542.0542.



TW Services employee Bernie Shaut spray painting carrier beams in the Fowler Grandstand of Soldiers' & Sailors' Memorial Park. Photo submitted

Morning Star UMC trip

January 10 is the deadline for a \$50 deposit for a bus trip to Williamsburg, Charleston and Savannah planned for April 24 - 30. The total price for a seven-day, six-night tour is \$880 per person double and \$1,180 for a single. Transportation, lodging, breakfasts, three

full course dinners and a lunch at Paula Deen's in Savannah are included. There will be guided tours in Colonial Williamsburg, the cities of Charleston and Savannah, a harbor cruise in Charleston, museums, shows and more.

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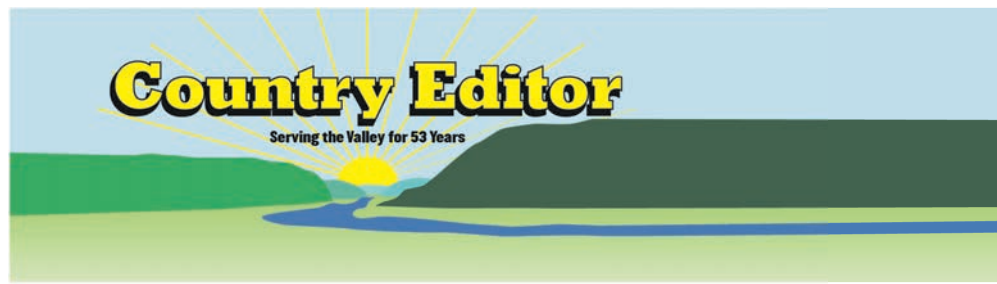
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Doug Capraro named Senior Citizen of the Year

Doug Capraro resides in West Winfield. He has been a volunteer for the RSVP program through Catholic Charities since December 2012. Over the past eight plus years, Doug has been a dedicated driver for the RIDE program at Catholic Charities of Herkimer County. He has donated 4,356 hours driving over 135,000 miles, assisting hundreds of older adults get to their medical appointments. The main goal of the RIDE program is to get older adults to their medical appointments so they can maintain their health but the program also provides a social benefit so our older adult clients feel less isolated and alone. It is common for clients to request Doug by name when they call in with their appointment. While Doug's volunteer role with Catholic Charities has been a driver, he has been known to help the organization in other ways when he is available. Doug is a member of the American Legion & the Knights of Columbus. Doug is a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Doug has been known to assist veterans and other community members who do not have means of transportation.

He was awarded the RSVP Miles for Others in 2014 in recognition and

appreciation for the thousands of miles driven and hours donated, providing medical transportation

and escort services for the frail and elderly in Herkimer County.

Doug is married to his

wife Joanne and they have one daughter and two sons. They also have six grandchildren.

Doug's advice for other people thinking about volunteering in the future is: "Give back what the community has given to you, I have been very blessed and happy to give back to those who need it."

The Advisory Council of the Herkimer County Office for the Aging has been honoring seniors since 1977. The winners are representative of hundreds of Herkimer County residents who selflessly give of themselves for others.



Doug Capraro
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January 20

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January 19

Third Wednesday Night Dinner 4-6 p.m. (or sold out) at First Baptist Church, 8 Second Street, Ilion. Turkey Dinner. \$12. Take out or delivery only. Take-outs may be ordered ahead by calling 315.894.9041.

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Heartwarming holiday giving

The Mohawk Homestead received much love and kindness this holiday season from the community. The Herkimer VFW Auxiliary, who remembered the veterans at the Homestead with many gifts, Mrs. Andrea Hitchcock's pre-K class at BOCES made a beautiful big card and Mary Tubia rallied the community into many gifts that were delivered for the residents to have on Christmas Day. All definitely made for a Merry Christmas.



(L - R) Meghan Moore, activities director at the Mohawk Homestead, Mary Tubia, Cathy Ingraham and Lisa Gollegly, community outreach coordinator and marketing specialist at the Mohawk Homestead. Photo courtesy of the Mohawk Homestead



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Poland Central School District second graders passed up on the chance to do a holiday gift exchange this year to instead donate gifts to residents of Valley Residential Services (VRS) in East Herkimer through a donation effort they dubbed "Santa for Seniors."

All Poland second grade classes participated, from



Poland Central School District second grade teachers Heather Judd, Michelle Garrett and Rachel Hitt pose with their students and items students donated to give as gifts to senior citizens who live at VRS in Herkimer. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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the classrooms of teachers Heather Judd, Michelle Garrett and Rachel Hitt.

"Each class will still celebrate the holidays, but we are hoping to help others that are in need or will be alone during the holiday season," the teachers wrote in a letter to parents about the donation effort.

Students were asked to bring in items of about \$5 of value such as socks, hats, bobbleheads, sun dancers, puzzles, paper, pens, crafts, tissues, lip balm, sanitizer, lotion, games, blankets and more.

The second grade teachers said they wanted to teach the students that it's better to give than receive and about the importance of helping others.

The classes also made cards, decorated bags and stuffed the bags with the donated items to be delivered before Christmas.

Poland Principal Greg Cuthbertson said he is happy to see the second graders learning at such a young age about opportunities to help others.

"Especially this time of year, kids are always excited about what they're going to get, and I think it's important that we teach them about giving too," he said.

Cuthbertson said he believes that when you put out "good" into the world, you get "good" back.

"I think the second grade teachers have really embraced that, and they're passing that to their students too," he said.

The second graders were happy and energetic as they decorated the bags, filled the bags with items and carried the bags out to a car to be delivered.

"That's the thing for me – to see that excitement on the faces of the kids from knowing what they did is going to be going to be helping other people that they don't even know directly," Cuthbertson said. "It's just a little gesture, but to be able to share in that with other people, I think it's important for them to experience that."

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Home Country

by Slim Randles

And that’s another thing,” Herb said, with finality, “Changing that dang year on everything we write, every January. Goes against human nature.”

“Well I might just have an answer to your problem, Herb,” said Doc, sipping and dunking and stirring. “Why don’t we, here at the philosophy counter, pick out a year we like and stick with it? Date every-

thing we do with that year. It might start a movement, you never know.”

Steve looked up from his coffee and twitched his voluminous mustache then twitched it again to make sure he got it right the first time.

“So Doc,” he said, “you’re saying we should just pick a year and live with it? Okay, so which year would you pick?”

“I think it would have more of an effect if it would be the same year for all of us here. My choice of year might not agree with yours, you know.”

“I was thinking of 19 and 87, myself,”

said Steve. “Won the team roping that year. Got it on my belt buckle.”

“There you go. You got the right idea, Pard. Herb, how about you?”

“Dog died. In ’87, I mean. Just woke up one morning and there she was, dead. I couldn’t do ’87.”

“Sorry, Herb. Dud?”

“Haven’t got to that year yet, Doc,” Dud said. “It’ll be the year I finish that darn book.” We all nodded.

“If that there favor-ite year comes in the bowels of the chicken yard, like it says in the Farmer’s Almanac, that’d be good,

doncha think?”

Doc nodded. “And which year would that be, Windy?”

“Ain’t sure. Don’t have no Farmer’s Almanac at the moment.”

“Let’s get some more coffee and give it some thought,” said Herb.

“I’ll second that,” said Steve.

“Can’t,” said Windy. “Ain’t been firsted yet.”

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Tips for traveling safely

Whether you’re planning to travel or not this weekend, safety should always come first. With that in mind, we share these winter driving safety tips from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

Winter Driving Safety

Driving safely in winter weather can be a challenge for even the most experienced driver. It’s easy to forget after

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Ready Yourself

Drive slowly. It’s harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered road.

Ready for an Emergency

Even if you and your vehicle are prepared, crashes happen. Vehicles break down.

Safe Driving: Rain, Sleet, Snow or Otherwise

Winter driving demands special care; safe driving is a year-round habit.

More Winter Driving Tips

There’s a lot that goes into preparing yourself and your vehicle for winter, so check out NHTSA’s Winter Driving Tips to ensure safe travels.

For the complete story, check out countryculture.co.

Donna’s Day: Creative Family Fun

by Donna Erickson

Just Heat & Serve Stuffed French Toast

Make a breakfast extra special with this stuffed French toast recipe featuring oranges and fresh pecans, which are abundant this time of year. The whole family can

participate in the preparation the night before, from beating eggs to spooning the cream cheese mixture into pockets in the French bread. When you wake up in the morning, just pop the dish in the oven, heat up the simple and mouth-

watering orange-pecan maple syrup topping, and enjoy leisurely family time around the table.

Easy Overnight Stuffed French Toast

1 8-ounce package low-fat or regular cream cheese, softened

3/4 cup chopped pecans

1/3 cup sugar

3 tbsp orange zest from a fresh orange

1 large loaf French bread (day-old bread with a softer crust works best)

6 eggs, beaten

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First, read through the steps and choose appropriate jobs for every family member. Let’s begin!

To assemble:

1. Blend the cream eese, 1/2 cup of the cans, sugar and 2 table-oons orange zest in a edium bowl.

2. An adult or older mild should cut the loaf

into about 10 to 12 1-inch slices. Then cut an opening in one crust side of each slice, two-thirds the way down, to form a pocket. Tuck a spoonful of the cream cheese mixture into each pocket and press to close. Arrange in two rows in a 9-inch-by-13-inch greased baking pan.

3. Combine the beaten eggs, milk and vanilla in a medium bowl. Pour over the bread, making sure it is soaked with egg mixture. Cover with aluminum foil and refrigerate overnight.

To bake and serve:

1. In the morning, pre-heat oven to 350° F.

2. Remove foil and bake for 45 minutes until lightly golden. Serve warm Pecan Maple Syrup (below) drizzled over individual servings.

Makes 5-6 two-slice servings.

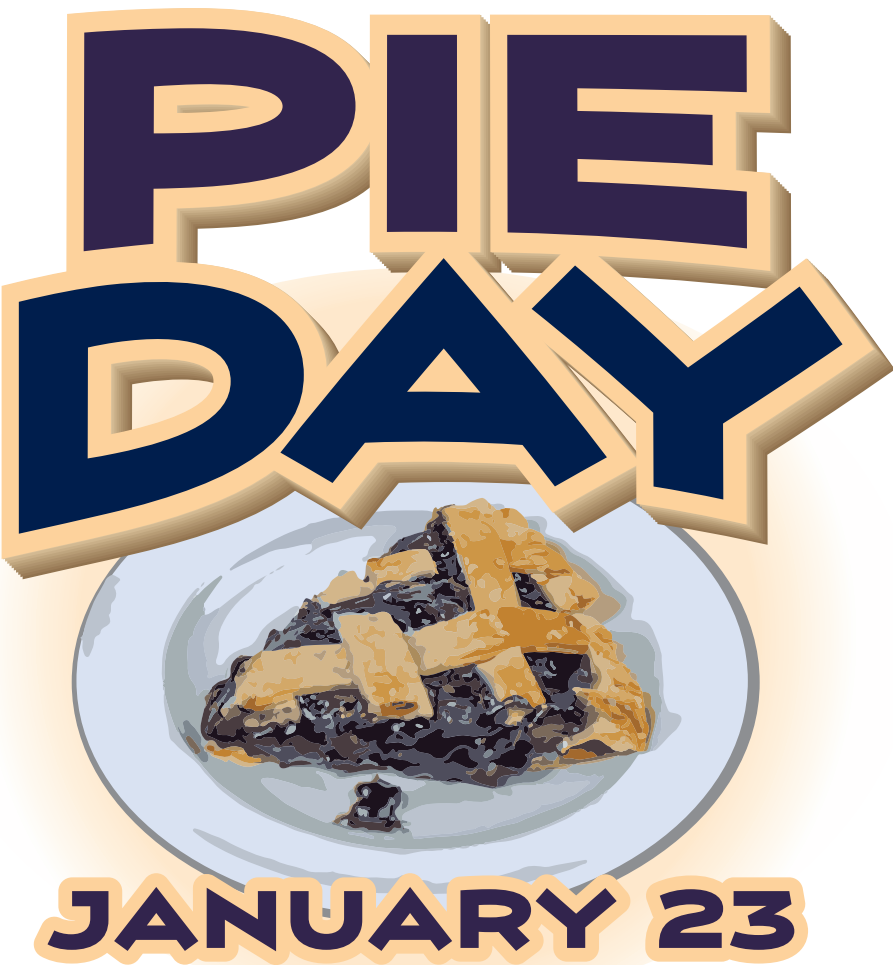
Pecan Maple Syrup

Over low heat, warm the desired amount of maple syrup with the remaining chopped pecans and orange zest.

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

AFRAID

1. After 2. Ardent
3. Layer; 4. Shrine
solution

EASTERN WORDS

4	2	1	8	6	9	5	3	7
9	8	5	7	2	3	6	1	4
6	7	3	4	5	1	8	9	2
2	9	8	6	3	7	4	5	1
1	3	6	9	4	5	7	2	8
7	5	4	2	1	8	6	9	3
5	4	2	3	8	6	1	7	9
3	6	9	1	7	4	2	8	5
8	1	7	5	9	2	3	4	6

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Mega Maze

Solution

S	E	E	R	I	R	I	S	R	A	F	
C	E	D	E	R	A	V	E	A	D	E	
A	L	A	I	F	U	D	G	E	B	A	R
P	U	F	F	S	C	O	M	E			
H	E	S	I	T	A	N	T	F	I	N	
C	I	A	P	R	I	S	M	U	M	A	
A	L	B	S	G	R	E	A	T	J	O	B
B	E	B	O	P	O	P	U	S			
A	I	M	S								
B	A	R	B	A	D	O	S				
E	R	A	C	O	R	D					
R	O	B	S	C	O	T					

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Country

CULTURE

THE LAND • THE FOOD • THE PEOPLE

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Steal from

4 Highlander

8 Streamlet

12 Historic period

13 String

14 Tom Joad, for one

15 Bridgetown's island

17 "It's — real!"

18 Intends

19 Tropical fruit

20 Jazz genre

22 Piece of work

24 Priests' garments

25 "Excellent work!"

29 Espionage org.

30 Spectrum creator

31 Ms. Thurman

32 Wavering

34 Twain hero

35 Sharp tooth

36 Clearheaded

37 Cream-filled pastries

40 Arrive

41 Jai —

42 Chocolatey frozen treat

46 Give up

47 Carry on

48 Citrus drink

49 Crystal gazer

50 Eye part

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14

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20 21 22 23

24 25 26 27 28

29 30 31

32 33 34

35 36

37 38 39 40

41 42 43 44 45

46 47 48

49 50 51

51 U.K. fliers

Schreiber

33 Not as certain

11 Sultry Horne

34 Seethe

16 Life stories

36 Theater boxes

1 Civil War soldier

19 Site of Apra Harbor

37 Campaign-funding gps.

2 Man-mouse link

20 "Coffee Cantata" composer

38 Fonda's bee-keeper role

3 Whom Pilate pardoned

21 Writer Wiesel

39 Lose color

4 Rascal

22 Rubber gas-ket

40 406, in Roman numerals

5 Atlantic

23 Nuisance

42 Calendar abbr.

6 Granada gold

25 Mom's mom

7 QB stats

26 Place to get a fruit smoothie

43 Eg. and Syr., once

8 Hearty

27 Hotel chain

44 Oklahoma city

9 Furniture brand

28 Combo

45 Ump

10 Actor

30 School orgs.

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MAGIC MAZE • EASTERN WORDS

U D A E X U R P M J G D A X V

S Q N K N I T S A E D I M F D

E A S T W O O D D A R X V T Q

O M J H S F B I C A E Y W T U

R N O R E A S T E R T P T S N

L J H F A T E D S B S S S O Z

X V T R S Q O H M A A K A M I

H F D A T B Z Y T E E W E T V

T R E Q M O N L Y U L R R S K

E I T S A E B I H F O D B A C

A Z X W N V D R A W T S A E F

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A LEAVENING AGENT

- Abreast
- Eastman
- Eastwood
- Nor'easter
- Beast
- Eastmost
- Feast
- Oleaster
- Beastie
- Eastside
- Least
- Southeast
- Breastbone
- Eastward
- Mideast

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		7	5			3		
	6				4		8	
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		4	2					3
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	2			6			3	

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

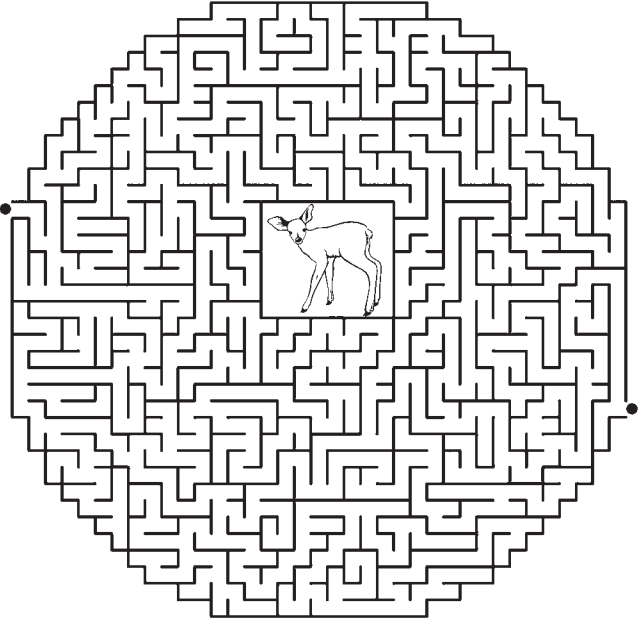
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Mega Maze

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Happy
New
Year
!

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Later

TERAF

Fervent

RANTED

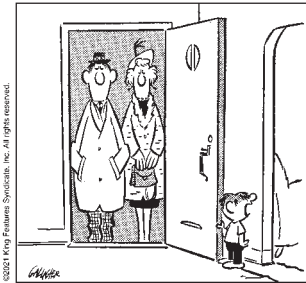
Blanket

EARLY

Temple

SHINER

TODAY'S WORD



"It's the ones you were
it would be."

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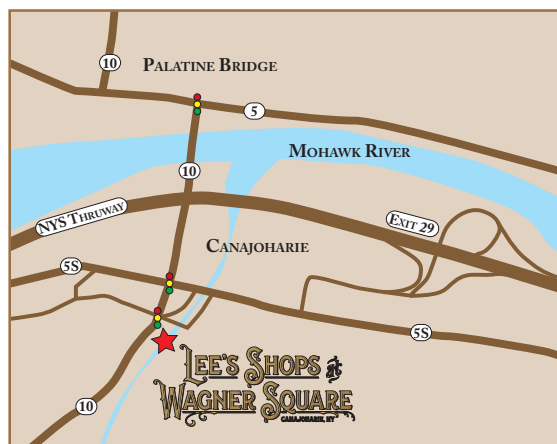
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