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March 9 – Spring Antiques & St. Patrick's Day Issue

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## **BUMPER STICKER OF THE ISSUE**

WHEN I WAS A KID...OH WAIT, I STILL DO THAT

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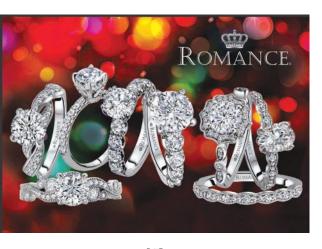


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## HEATSMART HELPS HOMEOWNERS UPGRADE HEATING & COOLING

INTER IS HERE – THE heating season is on. If your furnace, boiler, or water heater is coming to the end of its life, now is the time to consider replacing them with heat pumps. New Yorkers struggling with high heating fuel bills and uneven hot or cold spots are increasingly turning to heat pumps as a

clean, efficient alternative to furnaces, boilers, electric strip heaters, wood stoves, and air conditioners. Significant grants and rebates are now available to help make the switch.

Both National Grid and NYSEG now offer rebates through the NYS Clean Heat program for all income levels. Federal tax credits for geothermal heat pumps have been extended until 2023. New York State has expanded the grant amounts available to low-to-moderate income households to assist in improving insulation and upgrading to clean, efficient heating and cooling with heat pumps. Finally, HeatSmart CNY and other community campaigns help owners learn about these systems, connect with other heat pump homeowners, get alerts about new rebates, and access reliable installers.

But what is a heat pump? The most common type of heat pump is the air-source heat pump, which uses electricity to run a system that works like an air conditioner in the summer, but in the winter can reverse, pumping heat into your house even when temperatures are as low as -15°F! Today's cold climate heat pumps can reduce your energy use for heating by approximately 50% or more compared to oil and propane furnaces and baseboard heaters. High-efficiency heat pumps also dehumidify better than standard central air conditioners, resulting in less energy usage and more comfort in summer.

Air-source heat pumps have been used for many years in nearly all parts of the United States, and in recent years, technology has advanced and cold climate air source heat pumps are found everywhere, including Canada and Alaska! Air-source heat pumps are also available in a ductless version called a mini-split heat pump for homes without ducts.

Geothermal heat pumps achieve higher efficiencies by transferring heat between your house and the ground or a nearby water source. Although they cost more to install, geothermal heat pumps have very low operating costs because they take advantage of relatively constant ground or water temperatures.

Heat pumps offer many advantages over other systems, including lower running costs, less maintenance, greater control of your comfort, more convenience, better safety, long life spans, and lower carbon footprint. Many homes in the region are close to "net-zero" -producing as much energy as they use- by pairing geothermal heat pumps and solar.

To about learn more pumps, GetHeatSmart.org to find vour local community group. HeatSmart CNY, organized by the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board and Alliance for a Green Economy, hosts monthly Heat Pump 101 webinars. The next one is Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.; register at HeatSmartCNY.

Photo: The McClure family home in Preble, NY is heated and cooled with geothermal heat pumps. Their house was previously heated by an oilfired forced air furnace and had no air conditioning. By Lindsay Speer, HeatSmart CNY



## **DRYDEN WINE & SPIRITS**

*In case you missed this article from last month...* 

Talle Vasse is celebrating her 26th year as a Women Owned Business of Dryden Wine and Spirits! My name is Linda Bates, Operations Manager of Dryden Wine and Spirits and Valle has no idea I'm submitting this article!!! I work behind the scenes taking care of the employment needs, accounting, banking, vendor contact, covering in the store when the need arises! Valle certainly has had her share of health issues and cannot be at the store like she used to, however, she loves to hear about each and every one of her customers and how THEY are doing! I'm in awe with the number of customers who ask how she is doing! Adjectives that our customers use to describe Valle are beautiful, courteous, friendly, generous, gracious, hard working, honest, knowledgeable, resilient and the list could go on! Check out Valle's photo holding a tequila rifle from 2015!

Our wonderful staff are the real heroes that keep the store going! We have had different faces come and go as we all confront challenging times with the current state of things however we always strive to provide the best customer service!

Dryden Wine and Spirits offers a huge selection of foreign and domestic wines and spirits, as well as a large selection of New York State Wines and an expanding selection of New York State Spirits! We always provide free gift wrapping and a 15% case discount on wines which can be mixed and matched any way you would like including different sizes.

Dryden Wine and Spirits is located at 23 W. Main Street in Dryden; with parking on Main Street plus there is ample parking in the back with access to our rear entrance. What more can you ask for when you can pull your vehicle around to the rear and Dryden Wine and Spirits' staff will help you in loading your purchases.

Seasonal products as pictured on our "round top" and gift sets for the Holidays are making their way into the store but don't wait too long to purchase as these go quickly!

Dryden Wine and Spirits is open from 10:15am to 8:00pm Monday through Saturday, and from Noon to 6pm on Sunday.

Stop in or call Dryden Wine and Spirits at (607) 844-8135 with any questions you may have. Join Dryden Wine and Spirits in our celebration by letting us serve you!







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# THE 1890 HOUSE MUSEUM WASSAIL AND THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

December 11 @ 12pm - 4pm 37 Tompkins Street in Cortland

Join us as our complimentary guest and enjoy our annual Wassail and the Sounds of Christmas at The 1890 House Museum. Experience homemade Wassail, baked goods, and your favorite Christmas songs in an authentic Victorian mansion. Built for late 19th-century inventor & industrialist Chester Wickwire, we invite you to explore the 1890 House Museum. This grand limestone mansion, built by successful industrialist Chester F. Wickwire, is a symbol of the grandeur of the Victorian and Gilded ages. The lavish interiors of the 30-room mansion feature parquet floors, jewel-like stainedglass windows, ornate decorative stenciling, and oak and cherry woodwork. All proceeds go to the preservation and restoration of the 1890 House Museum. The 1890 House is not for profit, registered charity 501 (c)(3) and is on the national list of historic sites. Street parking available in front of The Museum. Due to limited driveway space, the driveway is for Staff and Volunteer parking. the 1890 house.org (607) 756-



# CREATURE FEATURE KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS HOLIDAY

SANTA PAWS IS COMING TO town, so let's keep our pets safe throughout the holiday season and beyond!

One of the season's joys is celebrating with friends and family, but some pets may be overwhelmed by the hustle and bustle of visitors to your home and would benefit from a quiet room or their crate for security. Let your guests know you have pets ahead of time and discourage any table scrap "handouts."

Dangerous food for pets includes bones; chocolate; candy or gum, especially those containing a toxic sweetener called **Xylitol**; grapes and raisins; onions, garlic or chives; citrus and their pits; coffee beans/grounds; raw or undercooked meat, eggs or fish; and nuts. Keep trash safely secured.

Pets can suffer from frostbite and hypothermia just like us. PLEASE don't leave them outside in cold weather. Short-haired or elderly dogs (and senior horses, too) will stay cozier









in a sweater or coat for potty breaks. Remove ice balls and sidewalk salt residue from their paws.

As you deck the halls and trim the tree, don't allow pets to chew on pine needles, tinsel, tree lights or holiday plants like holly and poinsettias; as well, they shouldn't drink water from the tree stand, which may contain harmful chemicals. Firestarter logs contain paraffin and sawdust, both irritating to the GI tract, so keep these products out of reach. Pets can also knock over lit candles, spilling hot wax and potentially starting a house fire.

Visit the Humane Society of the United States at humanesociety.org for more pet safety tips. Wishing you and your fur babies a very Ho-ho-happy Holiday Season!

Article & Photo by Margie Manthey





## PETS A PLENTY

Pets a Plenty opened in 1989. Hard to believe it's been that long. So we thank all our loyal customers that have helped us all these years. The pandemic has been difficult at times. It has been hard getting birds, but they are showing up again.

We have parakeets and society finches, soon we will have canaries. Cockatiels go quick. If you are interested let us know and we will put you on a waiting list.

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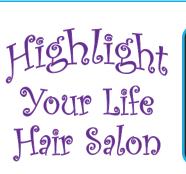
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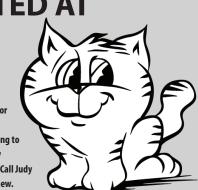
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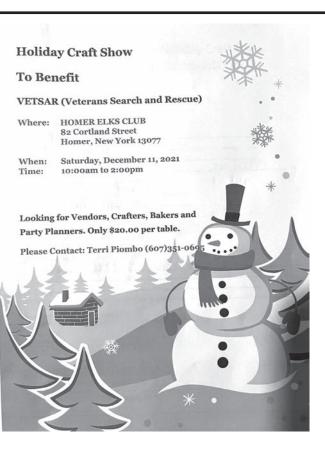
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Feed some type of cricket food. There are many varieties available. Most are a gel, which is their food and water.

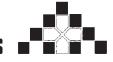
You can also throw a potato in for them to eat and for moisture but there isn't a lot of nutrition in a potato, so still feed some type of cricket food. Crickets like dry dog food and dry cat food. There are a lot of nutrients in that food so feeding that to your crickets is a good thing.

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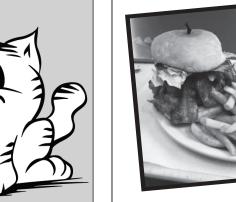
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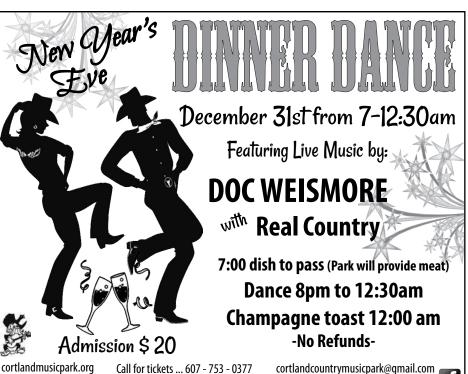
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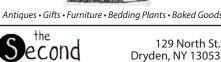
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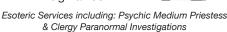
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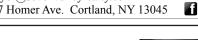


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santa • chimney • snowman • fireplace • frosty • angels • cookies • presents • holly tree • lights • cupid • rudolph • sleigh • reindeer • wreath • snowflakes • snowman elves • christmas • decorations • merry • music • carols • gingerbread • ornament mistletoe • noel • stocking • caroling • yuletide • nutcracker • chimney • jolly

## SUDOKU

It's easy to play Sudoku! Simply fill every column, row and 3.3 box so they contain every number between 1 and 9. Don't go too fast! The game is easy to play but difficult to master!

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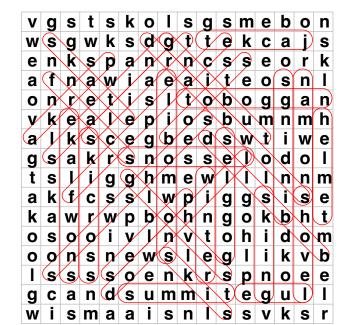
## SUDOKU

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

## THIS ISSUE'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Gold, frankincense (aromatic resin used in incense and perfumes) & oils
- 2. A wreath is a symbol of love and eternal life
- 3. Elves
- 4. Love & laughter

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