

THE FRANCESTOWN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Newsletter



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WINTERIZE

THE OCTOBER WHATZ' IT . . .

It has been pointed out to me that using this item was bit unfair as it is not related to our heritage. It is after all a Japanese Tool.



We did receive one guess that was pretty close – a reader sent an e-mail with only two words – “chalk line”. Since it is the Japanese equivalent of a chalk line we’ll give her full credit and one of our coveted life time passes to the museum is on the way to her. This is a **Sumisuto**.



Unlike our American chalk lines, this used ink instead of chalk. A small cotton wad was dampened with ink and placed in the cup on the front of the tool. The line on the wheel was pulled through the ink dampened cloth. It was traditionally made by the carpenter, carved and ornate. When building temples and other shrines, the master carpenter would visit the site on the first day of work and use the sumisuto to lay down an ink line on a major timber to initiate the project. He would then leave for the rest of the day to meditate and pray for the success of the job. At the end of the

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job the sumisuto used was often left to the temple or shrine.

Hard to visualize a job where the boss would give the lead carpenter the day off to pray for his line on a timber?

WINTER.

The stores have their Advent Calendars on display so it must be time to focus on the coming season. The Heritage Museum is seldom open in winter – only by special request. But if you find yourself with cabin fever some day and are looking to get out of the house why just call and we’ll give you a private tour. Remember your boots and warm clothes – after all, the museum is not heated and the path to the door is not always totally clear of snow. Witness the photo in the mast head above. Although kudos to the highway crew for keeping it accessible.

There is not a great deal required to prepare the exhibits for winter. Screens come down and windows go in, photos and cloth items are removed to a heated area and covers go over the vehicles. Oh yes, and every effort is made to ensure that the bat is locked out – the one that likes to get in and fly past the intrusion alarm motion detectors (usually about 2 AM) thus setting off the alarm and thoroughly annoying whatever police officer is on duty. Usually a State Trooper, 30 miles away in Nashua.

WERE YOU SMARTER THAN AN 8TH GRADER?

Wow, did we stir up a hornets nest with the 8th grade graduation test in last month’s school issue of the Heritage Museum Newsletter. Here are a few of the comments:

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NOVEMBER THEME CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This is a coded puzzle - there are no clues. The answer words in the diagram are represented by numbers. Each number represents a different letter of the alphabet and all of the letters of the alphabet are used. When you are sure of a letter put it in the **Code Key Chart** and cross it off in the **Alphabet Box**. A group of letters has been inserted to start you off (that entire word has a hyphen so this should also help with that entire word). The theme words are in the yellow blocks. The answer appears on page #7. WHAT'S THIS, YOU DO NOT CARE TO DO CODED CROSSWORDS? WELL, FOR YOU WE HAVE RECREATED THIS SAME CROSSWORD IN A FRENCH GRID FORM ON PAGE #3. This will allow you to solve the puzzle using definitions for clues, rather than coded letters. The answers to both puzzles will be found on Page #7

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CODE KEY CHART

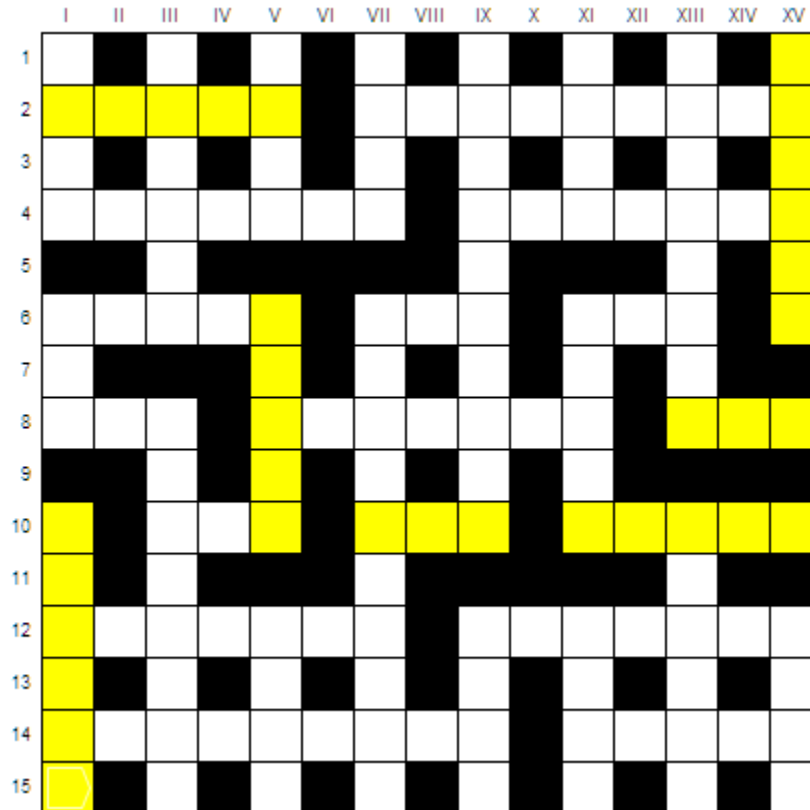
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ALPHABET

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

NOVEMBER THEME CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The theme words come from this month's newsletter. The blocks on the grid for the theme words are in yellow. This is a French grid crossword. There are no numbers in the cubes but rather along the margins. Therefore any one line or column can have multiple words in it. For example Line 1 has no open adjoining spaces so there are no words going across in line 1. Line 2 has 5 adjoining open spaces and also has another 9 adjoining open spaces. This line has two words and in looking at the clues you see there are 2 clues for 2 across. The same procedure would be used for the Down words. For example, Column I has 4 adjoining spaces, another 3 adjoining spaces and another 6 adjoining open spaces. So the column has three words and in looking at the clues you see that there are 3 clues for I Down. All clues for theme words are in capital letters. The solution is on page seven.



ACROSS

2. ICE FORM

Absence of oxygen

4. Needing oil

More dense

6. Be free of

Title before man's name

Egg cells

8. Forward most sail

Tramp

HARVESTED IN WINTER

10. Relating to us

MUSEUM SCOURGE

Log shelter

12. Old dry cleaning fluid

Courtroom enclosure

14. Powerful presenter

Larger violin

DOWN

I. Wading bird

Sovereignty in India

WE PREPARE FOR IT

III. Cheerful

Tube for blowing glass

V. Soup vegetable

CALLS FOR ASPIRIN

Factual

VII. Indistinct

Placard

IX. Gentleman's gentleman

Evidence weighers

XI. Spoken exam

Eye nerve

Ramble

XIII. Largest UAE member

Illegitimate child

XV. ICE MARKING DEVICE

Image of skeleton

**FRANCESTOWN HAS ALWAYS HAD HAUNTED LAKE
SO WHY NOT A HAUNTED COMMON
THE SCARECROWS HAVE RETURNED**

This competition was sponsored by the Francestown Recreation Department.



Folks were able to vote and select their favorite. The winner by a landslide was "Frammie the Francestown Witch". All other votes were pretty evenly split amongst all the others



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- “and as far as that eighth grade test---
WOW!”

- “you can now add me to the "Embarrassed"
column of readers”

- “I’m not admitting but I’m not winning any
prizes”

- “Whoa....Quite the exam!”

- “I failed miserably”

- “I feel wicked stoopid . . . I think I was able
to answer one question and now I don't even
remember which one it was”

- “I think I got zero on the exam. Well I do
know what a diphthong is”

- “Flunked the 8th grade test. Bummed out
knowing I have to repeat that grade”

- “I certainly embarrassed myself”.

BUT THERE IS ALWAYS ONE

- “Actually, I felt pretty good as I read through
the questions”.



ICE SCORING TOOL

Since we started out talking about
winterization, it brings to mind another
recent donation to the museum. Those who
did well on the 8th grade school test will no
doubt recall that the February 2019
Newsletter dealt with the local ice harvests.



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Well, the Heritage Museum now has a horse
drawn ice scorer such as the one in the
picture.



When engaged in a large cutting of ice they
use a scorer such as this to mark out lines on
the ice which the workers would follow when
cutting free the ice blocks.



The blocks would then be stored in the ice
houses.



AND NOW YOU KNOW -

There was an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch,
London, which used to have a gallows
adjacent to it.

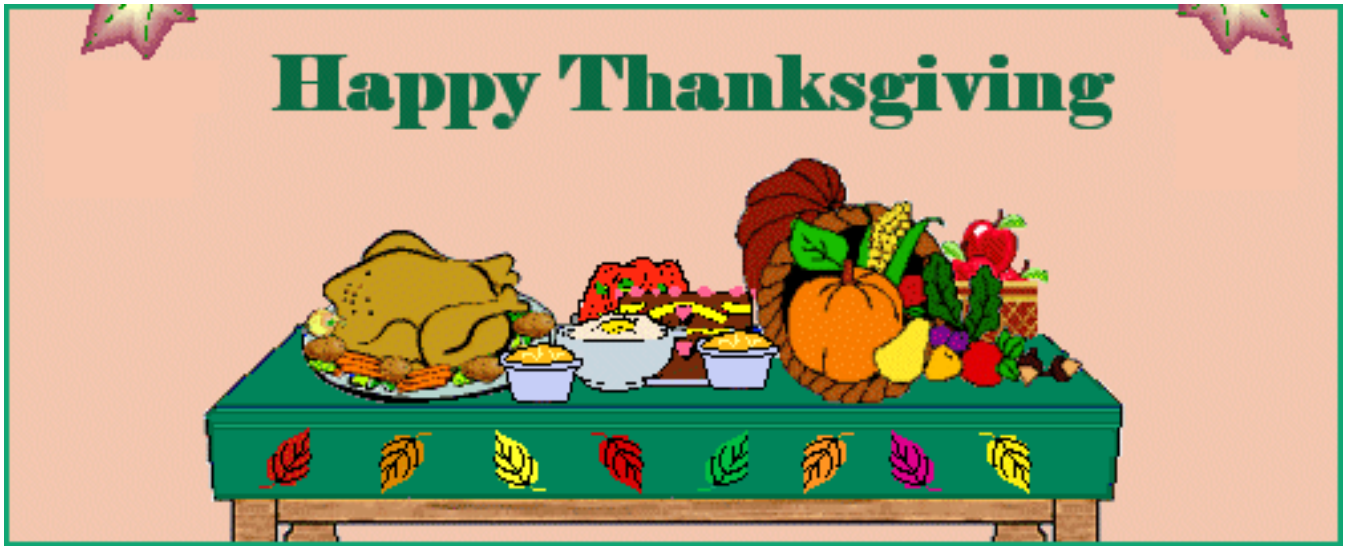
Prisoners were taken to the gallows to be
hanged.

The horse-drawn dray carting the prisoner
was accompanied by an armed guard who
would stop the dray outside the pub and ask
the prisoner if he would like one last drink.

If he said **YES**, it was referred to as **ONE
FOR THE ROAD**.

If he said **NO**, that prisoner was referred to as
being **ON THE WAGON**.

This just shows you are never too old to learn.



GOBBLE TIL YOU WOBBLE



NOVEMBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

THIS IS THE SOLUTION TO THE
FRENCH GRID CROSSWORD
VERSION

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV
1	I	J	O	H	M	O	A	S							
2	B	L	O	C	K		A	N	A	E	R	O	B	I	C
3	I	C	R	Z		N	A	U	O						
4	S	Q	U	E	A	K	Y		S	O	L	I	D	E	R
5			N				E			H					
6	R	I	D	O	F		S	I	R		O	V	A		R
7	A			E		I	V		P		B				
8	J	I	B		V	A	G	R	A	N	T		I	C	E
9		L		E		N	N		I						
10	W		O	U	R		B	A	T		C	A	B	I	N
11	I		W			O									Y
12	N	A	P	H	T	H	A		J	U	R	Y	B	O	X
13	T		I		R		R		U		O		L		R
14	E	X	P	O	U	N	D	E	R		V	I	O	L	A
15	R		E		E		S		Y		E		W		Y

The only difference between these two is this version was solved by matching the word to the definition

NOVEMBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

THIS IS THE SOLUTION TO THE
CODED CROSSWORD
VERSION

1	I	J	O	H	M	O	A	S										
14	B	16	21	3	6	K		9	A	1	9	16	24	21	14	11	3	
11	I		3	C		24	R		20	Z		1	N	9	A	28	21	O
22	8	25	15	9	5	K		23		22	21	18	11	6	15	24		
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24	R		15	E		15		22	S		23	Y	15	E	19	W		23

The only difference between these two is this version was solved by matching the letters to a code number

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SEE YOU NEXT HALLOWEEN

