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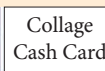
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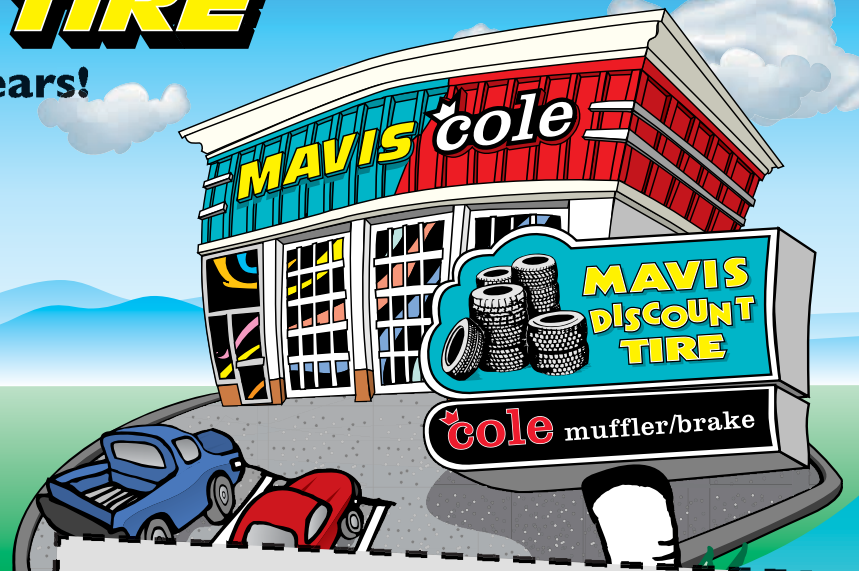
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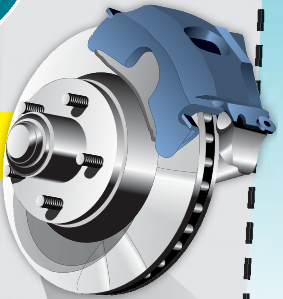
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Do you remember my aged-friend Annie I wrote about before? Annie was going for 90 and still alone. Every few

days I'd stop for a visit. I knew it would be a few days before I could come again. I still did not have a house key.

I rang the bell and Annie did not answer the door as usual. To get in I gave the back-screen door a hard pull. I stepped in and heard, "Help!" Where are you, Annie? In the bathtub was the answer. There was Annie, clothes and all, lying in the tub with her back against the faucet end. The next question was, "Does anything hurt bad?" The answer was, "No." How long have you been in there? Since early this morning. It was now early evening.

While I carefully picked her up and told her to put just a little pressure on her feet, I asked how she got in that position. She said, "I went to pull the shade down. It tore off and I lost my balance."

Now you see the connection with my story. I carefully picked her up and asked if she wanted to lie down on her bed which was close. The reply was, "No, I've laid down all day. I want to go to my chair." When I got her there I asked where her glasses were. Her answer was, "On the ledge of the bathtub back. I did not think I would need them today."

Soon Annie was limbered up so I was sure she could walk and take care of herself as she had done so many years. The darned old, worn out shade was replaced and my friend held out alone for several years.

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## Country Preacher

by Pastor Dan West

James is a book that is full of practical wisdom for living our lives, whether we are committed to living for the Lord or not. In **James 1:19** we read "...

let everyone be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger." Years ago when I was a teacher I would tell my students "we have two ears and one mouth, so we are sup-

posed to listen twice as much as we talk." Usually they didn't buy it but it would get my point across.

Another old saying that goes along with this is that "you don't learn anything when your mouth is open," alluding to the need to listen to others to learn from them. Have you ever been annoyed by someone who is describ-

ing a problem or issue that is bothering them and you have valuable information that would be helpful to them, but they won't stop talking long enough for them to listen to you tell them about it?

Another aspect of this involves our reaction when someone is disagreeing with us. When a person starts defending

himself before they have heard all of the other side, they often miss the point and only increase the anger and resistance of the other person. The best way to deal with disagreement is to think through it to make a well thought-out, unemotional response.

Anger doesn't accomplish anything; it's a phys-

ical, mental and emotional response to stimulus that we perceive to be contrary to our thoughts or expectations. When we get angry we are most likely to stop trying for a solution, and begin to defend ourself. So, the longer we can delay anger, the more time we have to accomplish a solution to our conundrum.

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As we celebrate the Rising of Jesus, this most Holy Season, let us not forget the price he paid for all of us. Our Heavenly Father sacrificed everything he held most dear to save us from our sins. As I reflect on our society today I believe Christ is saddened by what's become of us. He wants only the best for us and society has become a godless community. We have taken him out of everything. Our leaders are shameless, politicians haven't any integrity any longer and the government does whatever they want to line their own pockets instead of what is right for our country. This is man's inhumanity against man. There doesn't seem to be much value on human life at all. But, in all the chaos I believe there is still hope! Christ will come again! Are you ready?

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## 'Forever Taxable' Coalition opposes state land tax cap for Adirondacks and Catskills

ALBANY, NY — Members of New York State citizen advisory panels for the Adirondack and Catskill parks have joined forces to oppose a plan in Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Budget that would eliminate the state's obligation to pay local property taxes on three million acres of public Forest Preserve it owns.

Under the budget plan, the state's obligation to pay full taxes to towns, counties and school districts on "forever wild" state lands would be replaced by less-reliable payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs).

Local governments would lose their right to assess the value of state property within their borders. Instead, the state would impose a formula to determine how much it pays each year. The proposed formula would cap annual increases at 2 percent, or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

To oppose the measure, members of the NYS Forest Preserve Advisory Committee and Catskill Park Advisory Committee have created the "Forever Taxable" Coalition. Both groups advise state officials on management of the Forest Preserve. Both passed resolutions opposing the PILOT plan. The new coalition wants the state to keep paying its fair share of property taxes to the towns, counties and school districts that host "forever wild" public Forest Preserve.

Both the Adirondack and Catskill parks contain public and private land. The parks encompass parts of 15 counties, more than 100 towns and dozens of school districts. In both parks, the public Forest Preserve is protected by the state Constitution's "forever wild" clause, which prohibits logging and development.

The Adirondack and Catskill forest preserves protect the purity of most of the state major rivers, while attracting some 16 million annual visitors — a key element of the state's tourism industry.

State law has required the state government to pay local property taxes on those lands since 1886, so they wouldn't become a financial burden on rural taxpayers. In the Adirondack Park alone, those tax payments total more than \$70 million annually, yet account for only 0.007 percent of the state's \$168-billion spending plan.

"A PILOT could be decreased significantly over the course of time by the Governor's Division of the Budget and State Legislature, negatively impacting Adirondacks and Catskill local budgets and likely resulting in a loss of local services or a tax shift to other landowners in those districts," read the resolutions approved by both advisory committees.

In some Adirondack and Catskills park communities; the state owns more than half of all land and state tax payments account for more than half of all town or school district revenue. For example, the Adirondack Park Town of Arietta in Hamilton County is 90 percent Forest Preserve land. Nearby Long Lake and Wells are 76 percent Forest Preserve lands.

Members of the Forever Taxable Coalition represent a broad array of Forest Preserve stakeholders, including forest ecologists, foresters, conservation organizations, local government officials and recreational/sporting clubs.

If the Budget Division's PILOT proposal is adopted, increases in the assessed value of local government and school districts will not result in an increase in the PILOT because increases will be limited to 2 percent or the change in level of assessment, whichever is lower. Therefore, says the coalition, over time the tax burden will invariably be shifted to private lands.

Recent state land and easement purchases in both the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, such as the 160,000 acres of former Finch, Pruyn land in the Adirondacks, have increased state ownership of Forest Preserve and land conserved by conservation easement very significantly. Over the years, local governments have been able to support land acquisition and protection proposals in large part because of the certainty created

by the tax payments. This support is now seriously jeopardized by the DOB's capped PILOT proposal.

### Background

The New York State Forest Preserve in the Adirondacks and Catskills has been taxable for all purposes since 1886 (Real property Tax Law Section 532a) and by law (Real Property Tax Law Sections 542) must be valued as if privately owned.

The Report of the NYS Forest Commission to the Assembly in 1885, when the Forest Preserve was created, recognized that "the State lands in the Adirondacks are to be hereafter held and acquired, not for the especial benefit of the counties in which they lie, but to a much greater degree for the benefit of the whole State."

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## Local shelter starts program of obedience training for adoptable dogs

by Jessica Arsenault Rivenburg

MOHAWK, NY — As a no-kill animal shelter, those at the Herkimer County Humane Society must do everything in their power to see every dog and cat adopted — a task that isn't always easy with energetic, aggressive and ill-mannered canines.

Thanks to some out-of-the-box thinking by board member Jill McKenzie and Board President Dana Guidera, such high-strung dogs have a better chance of finding their "forever" home.

The Herkimer County Humane Society has partnered with K-9 Sports Unlimited in Whitesboro to put selected dogs through obedience training.

"The idea was based on our long-term dogs," McKenzie said. "Sometimes we're keeping dogs for multiple years. At the time, our longest resident dog had been here for two and half years. The longer a dog is in a kennel, the less adoptable they sometimes become. I kept thinking, 'How can we help them?'"

Having worked with K-9 Sports Unlimited before, McKenzie approached them with her idea. The trainers readily agreed. Shelter employees chauffeur dogs to the training facility for obedience sessions on Tuesdays, and pulling classes on Saturdays, McKenzie said.

And it has worked. Since starting the program, named "Diamond in the Ruff," in mid-January, 14 dogs have received training and six of those have been successfully adopted with another handful in the process of being adopted.

"It hasn't been that long, but it's really taken off," McKenzie said. "And that is in large part because of our staff. Sure Dana and I had the idea and set it up, but they're the ones who actually carry it out, you know, driving the dogs back and forth and working with them."

The shelter currently has five dogs enrolled in obedience training, where they learn to focus on their handler, obey commands and walk on a leash, she said, all things that make them more adoptable. A few of the especially high-strung canines also participate in pulling classes, where they burn off energy with a purpose.

"Shelter dogs are often in the 1- to 2-year range," McKenzie explained. "They're not cute puppies anymore, but not mature and mellowed yet either. They're like teenagers and can be very active and have behavior issues. If they didn't get a great start as far as training, they can be really hard to adopt out."

"The dogs love it," she continued. "They're happy. They're proud of themselves. And it tires them out mentally and physically. It's not a quick fix, but with proper handling, it works. So when they go to a home, they are successful there."



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# Poland club leads school effort to properly recycle plastic film, raise awareness

POLAND, NY — There are 316.75 fewer pounds of plastic film polluting the earth thanks to the Poland Central School District Kids Against Pollution, Poverty and Prejudice club.

To raise awareness of how to properly recycle plastic film, the student club, known as KAP, recently con-

ducted a contest to see which elementary grade level could collect the most plastic film. The contest was open to prekindergarten through sixth grade and the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES elementary special education classrooms located at Poland.

The KAP club will participate in the authority's contest again next school year, but wasn't able to this year, Leahy said.

"So we decided to hold our own," she said.

### The contest

Elementary school KAP members came up with the idea to have boxes outside the elementary library for collecting the plastic film for the contest, and they dealt with any complications with planning the contest, Leahy said.

"They had all the ideas and made this happen, so I'm really proud of them," she said. "They problem-solved and organized and made this happen."

Over the course of two very competitive weeks, Poland Central School District students, teachers and staff collected 316.75 pounds of plastic film — filling 35 very large garbage bags. High-school student Ashley Lynch stood on a scale with the collections from each class to determine the winners of the contest. Third grade won first place with 67 pounds and fourth grade was a close second with 61.25 pounds.

For winning the contest, third-graders received blue drawstring Poland Tornadoes bags that can be used repeatedly instead of using plastic bags.

The contest also ties in with elementary students' reading lessons about how one person can make a difference, Leahy said, noting to KAP members to "look at all that we did."

Poland custodial staff brought the collected plastic film to a location where it can be recycled.

### Why recycle

Members of KAP, which is open to students in grades 4-12, are passionate about properly recycling plastic film.



Some fourth and fifth-graders in Poland Central School District's Kids Against Pollution, Poverty and Prejudice club pose with plastic film collected at the school during a contest conducted by the club to help raise awareness of how to properly recycle plastic film. There were 316.75 pounds of plastic film collected at Poland during the contest.

Photos courtesy of Poland Central School

ducting a contest to see which elementary grade level could collect the most plastic film. The contest was open to prekindergarten through sixth grade and the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES elementary special education classrooms located at Poland.

The contest not only helps make the community a little greener, but it also allows all students an easy opportunity to participate, said Sally Leahy, a Poland special education teacher who is co-advisor of KAP with Poland English teacher Michael Gagnon.

"Everybody has plastic film and is able to be an active part of this contest," Leahy said.

Poland's KAP club first became involved in raising awareness about recycling plastic film by participating in the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority's contest in the fall of 2016.

Plastic film such as plastic grocery bags can't be recycled through curbside recycling programs, but it can be recycled by dropping it off at grocery stores and

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If plastic film isn't recycled, it would be in the environment for a long time, said fourth-grader Trent Hobin.

"It's going to take a long time for plastic film to disintegrate in landfills," he said.

While discussing the recycling of plastic film, fourth-grader Amelia Guarasci started coming up with more ideas on the spot — including putting a box in the school cafeteria to collect plastic wrap, plastic zip-up bags and more and that every restaurant and store should have bins for plastic film.

"If you just throw it outside, then animals could

think it's food," she said. "And we don't want all of our animals going extinct from it."

Fourth-grader Grace McOwen, 10, said she doesn't want to let plastic film get into lakes and oceans where fish could try to eat it.

"Because they can get extinct," she said.

Fourth-grader Ariel Pope offered some advice.

"If you find plastic film on the ground, you should pick it up, so the wild animals don't get it," she said.

**Recycling/reusing**

Fourth-grader Jack Hoffman said he would have a question for anyone who doesn't properly recycle.

"I would say, 'What did the animals ever do to you?'" he said.

Jack brought up trash getting dumped in bodies of water and that seagulls could get caught in plastic drink holders and choke.

"I don't think that's very humane," he said.

The school contest motivated many students to participate in recycling, Jack said.

"I learned that a lot of the kids in this school are very competitive," he said.

Jack said it's important to collect plastic film "to keep it out of landfills" and that it can be used better than to be put in the garbage and never used again.

Fourth-grader Landon Rommel offered another alternative to throwing out plastic film in some cases.

"You can reuse the bags," he said.

Fourth-grader Colin Haver added that the benefit of recycling plastic film is that it's another way of keeping it in use instead of throwing it out.

"Because when you recycle it, it's reused," he said.

**Still recycling**

Fifth-grader Anthony Wilson said he thought Poland's contest was a good idea.

"I think every school should have some kind of plastic film contest," he said.

Fifth-grader Isabele Horan said she is looking forward to having Poland compete in the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority contest again next year.

"It gives more schools the idea to collect plastic film," she said.

After holding its own contest, Poland is prepared for next school year's Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority contest, Leahy said.

With this much collected in just two weeks in just elementary classrooms, it will be interesting to see how much plastic film is collected in the district with more time and involving higher grade levels, Leahy said, before playfully sending a warning to other schools in the contest.

"Watch out, Oneida and Herkimer counties, Poland



Poland Central School District third-graders won reusable bags for taking first place in a contest arranged by Poland's Kids Against Pollution, Poverty and Prejudice club to see which elementary grade level would collect the most plastic film for recycling. Third-graders won by collecting 67 pounds of plastic film. Pictured here is teacher John Allen's third-grade class.

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is going to be competitive," she said.

In the meantime, the KAP club continues to collect plastic film at Poland Central School District in bins outside the elementary library.

"Even though the contest is over, we can still collect plastic film, so it's recycled," Leahy said.

Herkimer County is reporting a case of a confirmed rabid animal in the township of Fairfield. A fox was sent to Wadsworth Laboratory and confirmed to be infected with the rabies virus. This fox attacked a resident going into his home.

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### Mar 27

**Understanding Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities**, Mar 27, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. Arc Herkimer., 350 S. Washington Street, Herkimer., NY, Registration at [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org),

### Mar 28

**Mock Vaccination Dispensing Drill**, Mar 28, 10 a.m - 12 p.m. Herkimer County Public Health, We are looking for volunteers to come to the drill as participants to receive a mock vaccination to test the department's ability in preparation for a real or suspected event. No vaccinations will actually be given. Please contact us if interested by March 26. Herkimer, NY, Contact Herkimer County Public Health at 315-867-1610 or email [dward@herkimercounty.org](mailto:dward@herkimercounty.org).

### Mar 29

**Rabies Clinic**, Mar 29 18, 5:30 - 7 p.m. 3730 State Rte. 168, Mohawk, NY, Please feel free to visit our website to view a complete listing of our rabies clinics and to pre-register by calling 315.867.1176,

### Mar 29

**Educational Lunch and Learn**, Mar 29 18, 12 p.m. Little Falls Hospital, conference room A, Speaker is Nicole Hebert, PT, DPT, at Little Falls Hospital, a part of the Bassett Healthcare Network. Little Falls, NY, RSVP to 315-823-5326.

### Mar 31

**Murder Mystery Dinner**, March 31, 5 p.m. Ilion Moose Lodge., "Secrets At The Suiter House" will be

the theme for a Murder Mystery Dinner to benefit the Herkimer County Historical Society. Chinese Auction. Dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20/person and can be purchased in advance at the Herkimer County Historical Society, Monday-Friday, 10-4. [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyhchs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyhchs/), 302 Barringer Road, Ilion, NY, 315.866.6413, [herkimerhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:herkimerhistory@yahoo.com)

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### Apr 12

**2018 Rabies Clinic**, Apr 12, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Ohio Community Rec. Center, 140 Nellis Rd, Town of Ohio, Ohio, NY, Pre-register by calling 315.867-1176.

### Apr 12

**PreK and Kindergarten registration** at Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, Apr 12 18, 6 p.m. Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School auditorium, Cherry Valley, NY, Please contact Ms. Sears for more information at 607.264.3257 ext. 507 or email at [bsears@cvcsd.org](mailto:bsears@cvcsd.org).

### Apr 16

**Navigating Relationships with a Disability**, Apr 16, 6 - 8 p.m. Little Falls High School Auditorium., 1 High School Road, Little Falls, NY, Registration at [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org).

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### Apr 25

**2018 Rabies Clinic**, Apr 25, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Dolgeville Fire Department, 20 S. Helmer Ave. Dolgeville, NY, Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

### Apr 26

**Senior Health & Wellness Fair**, Apr 26, Herkimer College., Speaker is Scott F. Scherer, Undersheriff, Herkimer County Sheriff's Office at 10:30 a.m. in the Sarkus/Busch Theater in the Robert McLaughlin College Center about Scams Against Seniors. Herkimer., NY, or more information, please contact the Office of Community Relations and Fund Development at 315.866.3330 extension 2329.

### Apr 26

**Developmental Delays versus Development Disabilities**, Apr 26, 10 a.m - 12 p.m. Arc Herkimer, 350 S. Washington Street., Herkimer, NY, Registration at [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org) or 315.574.7822 or [mfermin@archerkimer.org](mailto:mfermin@archerkimer.org).

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## The right to pay no more than the correct amount of tax – Taxpayer Bill of Rights #3

Taxpayers have the right to pay no more than the correct amount of tax they owe. This is one of 10 basic rights known collectively as the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. This tip is the third in a series outlining these rights.

Taxpayers have the right to pay only the amount of tax legally due. This includes interest and penalties. Additionally, taxpayers can expect to have the IRS apply all tax payments properly.

Here are some things taxpayers should know about the right to pay no more than the correct amount:

- Taxpayers who overpaid their taxes can file for a refund. Taxpayers must file a claim for a credit or refund by the later of these two dates:

- Three years from the date they filed their original return.

- Two years from the date they paid the tax.

- Taxpayers who receive a letter from the IRS should review the information in it. The taxpayers who believe the information is incorrect should contact the office listed in the letter. The letter also provides a date by which the taxpayer should respond.

- The IRS may automatically correct math errors on a return. Taxpayers who disagree with the adjustment must request

that the IRS reverse the change. The taxpayer has 60 days to make this request from the time the IRS made the change, or otherwise the taxpayer will lose the right to dispute the adjustment in United States Tax Court before paying the tax.

- Taxpayers may request that the IRS remove any interest from their account caused by unreasonable IRS errors or delays. For example, this could happen if the IRS delays issuing a late notice because an IRS employee was out of the office, and interest accrues during that time.

- If a taxpayer believes

they do not owe all or part of their bill, they can submit an offer in compromise. This offer asks the IRS to accept less than the full amount owed. To do this, taxpayers use Form 656-L, Offer in Compromise.

Some taxpayers enter a payment plan to pay their taxes. This plan is an installment agreement. The IRS must send these taxpayers an annual statement that provides how much the taxpayer:

- Owes at the beginning of the year.

- Paid during the year.

- Still owes at the end of the year.

**Source: irs.gov**

Cars and trucks can benefit greatly from clean air filters. Many drivers are aware of the need to change the oil in their vehicles according to the intervals designated in their owners' manuals, but few may be aware of the many benefits of changing air filters. One such benefit pertains to fuel efficiency. The automotive website CarsDirect.com notes that studies have shown that changing clogged air filters can improve fuel efficiency by as much as 10 percent and save drivers as much as 15 cents per gallon of fuel. Clean air filters also can benefit the environment. When vehicle air filters are clogged,

air flow to the engine is reduced, adversely affecting vehicle emissions. Clean filters increase air flow to the engine, reducing vehicle emissions as a result. Clean air filters also can help drivers get more out of their vehicle investments. Designed to trap dirt and debris, clean air filters prolong engine life by preventing such particles from dam-

aging engine components. Drivers can check their owners' manuals for air filter replacement guidelines, but manufacturers generally advise drivers change their air filters every 12,000 to 15,000 miles. Such a repair is inexpensive but can go a long way toward ensuring vehicles operate as efficiently as possible.

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This week's Whatchamacallit has stumped us and we are asking for your input. The items depicted were submitted by a reader who believes they came from the area of Long Island, NY. They were buried until a metal detector located them. The items are metal and are about five inches in

length.

The standing guess is that these items were made as horse leg armor.

If you would like to contribute a guess or if you know what these Whatchamacallits are, contact Camden at 518.673.0144 or write to [cbarden@leepub.com](mailto:cbarden@leepub.com).



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## Arc Herkimer will host Special Care Planning Workshop

Area families, individuals with disabilities, and professionals are invited to attend "What Happens When...? A Special Care Planning Workshop," sponsored by the Arc Herkimer's Focus on Families Educational Series, on Wednesday, March 28.

The seminar will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the training center at 350 S. Washington Street in Herkimer, NY. Thanks to funding from Arc Herkimer, the infor-

mation session is free and open to the public. Reservations are required by Friday, March 23, by registering online at [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org) or calling Janet LaRock at 315.574.7780 or email [jarock@archerkimer.org](mailto:jarock@archerkimer.org).

William Van Evera, CLU, ChFC, ChSNC, a special care planner with The Albany Agency, LLC and a parent of a son with "special needs," will talk about the overall importance of financial planning. Topics of dis-

ussion will include: the special care planning process — what happens when; to plan or not — best case/worst case scenario; why a will is important; Supplemental Needs Trusts — how much will be needed; planning mistakes; Guardianship (long-term) — needed or not; and Letters of Intent — making it easier for the next caregiver. Van Evera will provide complimentary follow-up consultations after the workshop.

In 1992, Van Evera began working with families, who care for their children and young adults who have disabilities, to assist them with creating and implementing a life care plan for their loved ones. Today, this type of work encompasses 85 percent of his practice.

Visit [www.arc-herkimer.org](http://www.arc-herkimer.org) to learn more about upcoming workshops. For questions, contact Arc Herkimer Outreach Coordinator Mona Fermin-Fennell at 315.574.7822 or email [mfermin@archerkimer.org](mailto:mfermin@archerkimer.org).

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## Interest on home equity loans often still deductible under new law

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service recently advised taxpayers that in many cases they can continue to deduct interest paid on home equity loans.

Responding to many questions received from taxpayers and tax professionals, the IRS said that despite newly-enacted restrictions on home mortgages, taxpayers can often still deduct interest on a home equity loan, home equity line of credit (HELOC) or second mortgage, regardless of how the loan is labeled. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, enacted Dec. 22, suspends from 2018 until 2026 the deduction for interest paid on home equity loans and lines of credit, unless they are used to buy, build or substantially improve the taxpayer's home that secures the loan.

Under the new law, for example, interest on a home equity loan used to build an addition to an existing home is typically deductible, while interest on the same loan used to pay personal living

expenses, such as credit card debts, is not. As under prior law, the loan must be secured by the taxpayer's main home or second home (known as a qualified residence), not exceed the cost of the home and meet other requirements.

### New dollar limit on total qualified residence loan balance

For anyone considering taking out a mortgage, the new law imposes a lower dollar limit on mortgages qualifying for the home mortgage interest deduction. Beginning in 2018, taxpayers may only deduct interest on \$750,000 of qualified residence loans. The limit is \$375,000 for a married taxpayer filing a separate return. These are down from the prior limits of \$1 million, or \$500,000 for a married taxpayer filing a separate return. The limits apply to the combined amount of loans used to buy, build or substantially improve the taxpayer's main home and second home.

The following examples illustrate these points.

**Example 1:** In January 2018, a taxpayer takes out a \$500,000 mortgage to purchase a main home with a fair market value of \$800,000. In February 2018, the taxpayer takes out a \$250,000 home equity loan to put an addition on the main home. Both loans are secured by the main home and the total does not exceed the cost of the home. Because the total amount of both loans does not exceed \$750,000, all of the interest paid on the loans is deductible. However, if the taxpayer used the home equity loan proceeds for personal expenses, such as paying off student loans and credit cards, then the interest on the home equity loan would not be deductible.

**Example 2:** In January 2018, a taxpayer takes out a \$500,000 mortgage to purchase a main home. The loan is secured by the main home. In February 2018, the taxpayer takes out a \$250,000 loan to purchase a vacation home. The loan is secured by the vaca-

tion home. Because the total amount of both mortgages does not exceed \$750,000, all of the interest paid on both mortgages is deductible. However, if the taxpayer took out a \$250,000 home equity loan on the main home to purchase the vacation home, then the interest on the home equity loan would not be deductible.

**Example 3:** In January 2018, a taxpayer takes out a \$500,000 mortgage to purchase a main home. The loan is secured by the main home. In February 2018, the taxpayer takes out a \$500,000 loan to purchase a vacation home. The loan is secured by the vacation home. Because the total amount of both mortgages exceeds \$750,000, not all of the interest paid on the mortgages is deductible. A percentage of the total interest paid is deductible (see Publication 936).

For more information about the new tax law, visit the Tax Reform page on IRS.gov.

Source: [irs.gov](http://irs.gov)

## Remove pet stains and odors

Pet owners sometimes must contend with stains and odors. Some of these stains may be normal, while others might result from accidents.

Individuals may experience a trial-and-error period as new pets become acclimated to litter boxes or grow accustomed to relieving themselves outdoors. Pet owners must remain patient as young animals learn where and where not to relieve themselves.

Pets that are already trained may also suffer accidents as they grow older. PetMD said that urinary and fecal incontinence can afflict dogs of any age, but is most often experienced by middle-aged or senior dogs. Cats, too, can experience incontinence, which is most common in older cats and large cats, as age and size can make it challenging for cats to reach the litter box in time.

Accidents can be troubling, as they often result in stains and smells. Treating these issues to prevent damage to flooring and deter pets from thinking a particular area of the rug is their personal bathroom requires patience and trial and error.

Upon discovering an accident, pet owners should blot up as much of the liquid as possible. The carpet cleaning experts at Chem-Dry advise putting a few drops of dish detergent and a little water on the area to absorb as

much moisture as possible.

To treat old stains, sprinkle baking soda on the affected areas and allow it to sit overnight. Then spray the areas with white vinegar and let the two substances bubble to clean the area. Baking soda and vinegar can be an effective, homemade cleaning mixture if accidents are a frequent occurrence.

Pet owners also can purchase commercially

produced enzymatic cleaners. Enzymes are proteins that help spark natural chemical reactions at the molecular level, and the enzymes in pet carpet care products attach themselves to the molecules that make up the urine and bacteria that feed on it (producing the foul odors) serving as a catalyst for their breakdown.

Stains from feces may take some more effort. Try to remove as much as

possible without pushing the stain further into the carpet fibers. Use a stain removal product to help lift out the stain. This may take a few applications.

Pet owners also may

want to invest in carpet cleaners if accidents continue throughout training periods.

If urine has seeped into the floorboards or padding under the carpeting, carpeting may

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## The Easter Bunny's Eggs in a Basket

3 cloves garlic, minced  
2 Tablespoons parsley, minced  
Pinch salt  
Pinch pepper  
2 Tablespoons olive oil  
1 sourdough baguette, approximately 24" long  
6 large eggs

Preheat oven to 400°. Mix garlic, parsley, salt and pepper with olive oil in a small saucepan and sauté on medium heat until garlic is slightly browned. Remove from heat and set aside.

Place baguette on a sheet of foil and roll up the sides to hold the bread in place. Use a small serrated knife to cut six holes in top of baguette, spacing evenly apart with enough depth and width to hold one egg. Be careful not to cut through the bottom of the bread. Press down on the bread in the hole to make room

for the egg and olive oil mixture (or pinch out some if bread is too tough to press down). Spoon olive oil mixture into each hole. Crack one egg into each hole.

Cover baguette gently with one large piece of foil, creating a "tent" and bake for 5 minutes. Open the tent and cook until egg white is set, but yolk is soft and runny\* about 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and gently remove foil. Cool slightly and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Slice baguette in spaces between the eggs and serve immediately.

Serves 6

\*Those with compromised immune systems, the elderly, pregnant women and children should consume fully cooked eggs.

Source: Virginia Egg Council, 540.345.3958, eggsg8@rev.net, www.virginiaeggcouncil.org

## Coconut Bunny Tails

This is the perfect thing to serve for your Easter brunch. Just add some baked ham, a bowl of cut up fruit, and a platter of colored, hard boiled eggs, and you have a colorful and delicious meal. The 'tails' are actually coconut flavored scones, that look just like a bunny's tail.

Cooking spray  
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tsp. baking powder



Coconut Bunny Tails make a great addition to your Easter brunch.

1/2 tsp. salt  
3/4 cup butter (12 T. or 1 1/2 sticks)  
4 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 tsp. almond flavoring  
1 tsp. coconut flavoring  
1/2 cup milk  
1 cup flaked coconut (sweetened or unsweetened)\*  
Topping:  
1/4 cup milk  
1 tsp. coconut flavoring  
2+ cups powdered sugar (add more if needed to make a thick glaze)

3 cups shredded coconut\* (may be tinted with food coloring)

Line two baking sheets with parchment and spray. Preheat oven to 425°.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the first five ingredients, using a pastry blender or two knives (criss-cross fashion) to cut in the butter to resemble coarse crumbs.

Blend eggs and liquids in a bowl or cup, then add to dry ingredients. Stir in coconut and mix until everything clings together.

Place dough on a floured surface, and lightly knead until it all sticks together.



Pat into a rectangle, and cut this into 24 equal portions. Roll each into a ball and place on prepared pans.

Bake for 10 - 12 minutes or until light golden. Cool on racks. Ice and coat with coconut.

Topping:

Whisk the milk, flavoring and powdered sugar together in a medium bowl, adding more sugar, if needed, to make a thick paste).

Dip or spread icing on tops of baked 'tails', then dip in coconut.

Serve with jam, if desired.

\*Some people don't like the texture of coconut, so in that case, substitute the coconut in the scones with cut up dried fruit and simply ice them, eliminating the coconut on top.

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# Central Valley inducts new members to school hall of fame

by **Jessica Arsenault Rivenburg**

ILION — In a celebration of community and the accomplishments of its members, friends, family and district members gathered to honor the 2018 inductees to the Central Valley Hall of Fame March 10.

Saturday's luncheon served as the second induction ceremony since the Hall of Fame's creation in 2017.

"The performance, conduct and achievement all honorees have exhibited has brought credence and pride to what we now call Central Valley," said

he's being inducted. I'm proud to be his son," said Tom Seymour of his father Burton T. Seymour, inducted for his humanitarian and community service achievement. In 1963, Seymour, a firefighter, lost his life battling a fire at the Iliion High School.

"He gave everything in service of his community," Tom Seymour continued. "But this is not a sad day, it's a happy day. It brought us all together to honor him. And we're very appreciative of the firemen, past and present, who came today."

After being presented

Fame serve to honor the community and point out that even those from a small town can accomplish great things, said Superintendent Jeremy Rich.

"It's about sharing in their accomplishments and showing future generations that they can grow up and go on to do great things," he said. "Show them that people from right here in their home town, a small town, already have."

"It's a real honor and reflection upon him, but also on the structure and values that he learned here in Iliion that saw him into the navy," said Mary

Erin Blair, who attended home for the first time in ly nice."



David Appleton talks about why he nominated inductee Donald Brien.

Photos by Jessica Arsenault Rivenburg



The Central Valley Hall of Fame inducted six new members March 10. Each received a trophy and will have a plaque hung at the high school.

School Board President Kelly Rowland in her opening remarks. "We can only hope that each of these successes will inspire our future graduates to serve and perform in the capacity that they have."

This year's class of inductees included Donald J. Brien, Betty L. Couchman, Douglas A. Grose, Steven M. Roginski, Burton T. Seymour and Roland James Yardley.

"I'm pretty proud that

with the globe award for Burton T. Seymour, the Seymour family then presented the award to the Iliion Fire Department, where the globe will be displayed. At the conclusion of the luncheon, district faculty surprised the family by presenting them with an honorary diploma for Seymour, who never graduated high school.

More than honoring the individuals themselves, the ceremony and Hall of

the luncheon to see her cousin, Roland Yardley inducted. "The Valley is a great place. People say it's not, but it really is. People used to ask me why I came back. I came back for (my kids) Jerry and Erin, so they could grow up in a close community and get a good foundation. And it's great that we're stepping back now and saying we're proud of you and honoring your roots."

Honoree Douglas Grose, a Mohawk native and 1968 graduate of Jarvis High School, said he felt both proud and surprised at his induction, which brought him

many years. "I feel honored. It's great," he said. "I wasn't even aware there was a Hall of Fame. It's interesting to be back and see how things have changed, and how they've stayed the same, for the first time in probably 30 years."

Grose now lives in Connecticut. "It's interesting too, to see how the two schools (Mohawk and Iliion) have evolved and joined together to survive," he continued. "I think what they're doing here is real-

Hall of Fame inductees are chosen by a committee made up of school and community representatives, who make their selections from a list of people nominated by friends and family. The purpose is to honor alumni of Iliion, Mohawk, and Central Valley schools who have excelled in their careers, athletics and community service. Nomination requirements and forms are available on the district website [www.cvall-eycsd.org](http://www.cvall-eycsd.org) or from the district office.

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# 10-year anniversary of the HALO Chinese Auction

by Daniel Baldwin

The Helping Animals Live Organization (HALO) hosted its 10th annual Chinese Auction at the Herkimer VFW on March 11.

This auction is known to be the organization's biggest money-raising event each year, according to Debbie Estey, one of the board members for HALO. Estey said that the organization raised \$12,000 in last year's auction.

HALO is a non-profit organization that rescues stray cats and dogs and takes care of them in their shelter in Little Falls. The organization's staff does not put the dogs and cats in cages and let them walk around the house.

HALO's purpose of hosting this Chinese auction is still the same as all the previous years, which is to raise enough money to feed and take care of the animals at their shelter.

The organization could not keep this shelter up and running or host this Chinese auction for 10-straight years without the help from the community.

"Every year it gets bigger and better," Estey said. "We get the largest amount of donations for this event, and the community really comes through. We have hundreds of prizes. It is a big group effort."

Many businesses throughout the Mohawk Valley attend this event, for one year or more, to make generous money and food donations for HALO and become a vendor.

"We really believe in helping animals," Mike Synenki, the owner of Homestyle Specialty Foods in Little Falls, said. "We're more than glad to give back to the community and HALO. It's an excellent organization and well organized, and we're here every year to sup-

port them."

The DJs for the Mohawk Valley's country music radio station Bug Country provided musical entertainment at this fundraiser. Brittany Lee, one of the DJs at Bug Country, said that the station's staff has done a lot for HALO these past years. Not only do they help the organization out with their fundraisers, but they also try to find homes for the dogs and cats that are living at the shelter.

"Bug Country is extremely community oriented," Lee said. "We like to do community outreach and volunteer. We try to get involved (in local fundraisers) as much as we can. HALO is a great organization, and we took HALO to our arms and tried to get community support behind the organization. We help with placement for people looking for homes for their cats and dogs. We don't take them in, but we can help place them with new homes."

Lee also said that she was amazed by both HALO and her radio station's efforts in keeping this Chinese auction up and running for 10-years.

"We (Bug Country and HALO) started out with a very small Chinese auction and made \$1,500, but now we make thousands upon thousands of dollars in just three hours. Not only is this our biggest fundraiser of the year, but it's a huge community event and it brings the community together."

HALO has new fundraisers in store this year. HALO will host an indoor flea market at the Mohawk American Legion on May 5. The organization will also do golf tournaments and craft shows later in the year. The group will even host its next big fundraiser, the HALO Hoedown, at the Herkimer VFW this September.



Bug Country DJ Brittany Lee (L) and the rest of the radio station's staff provided musical entertainment at this auction.



Many neat and unique items were on display during the auction.



Debbie Estey (R) and other HALO board members showed their support during the 10th annual HALO Chinese Auction.

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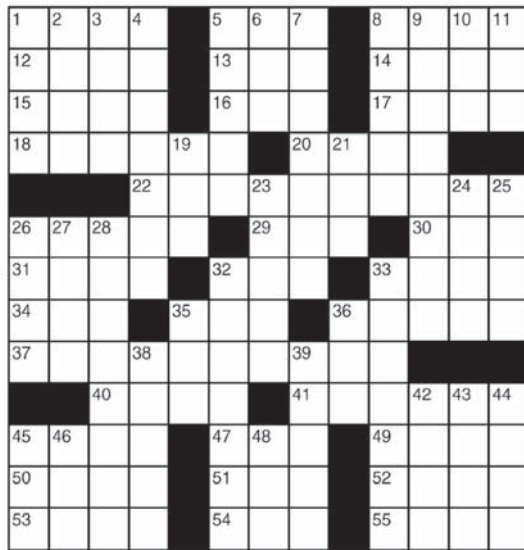
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Whatever's left
- 5 Fix a skirt
- 8 Ollie's pal
- 12 Sore
- 13 "All the Things You —"
- 14 Stylish
- 15 Item on stage
- 16 Moving vehicle
- 17 Shakespeare villain
- 18 Elvis' Mississippi birthplace
- 20 Feathery cluster
- 22 Gave up
- 26 Censor's sound
- 29 Tic-tac-toe win
- 30 Scoffer's laugh
- 31 Libretto
- 32 Play on words
- 33 Mexican money
- 34 French article
- 35 Moonshine container
- 36 Petruccio's Kate, e.g.
- 37 Western capital
- 40 Freeway access
- 41 Attractive person



- 45 "Zounds!"
- 47 Mauna —
- 49 Church section
- 50 VHS alternative
- 51 Mischievous tyke
- 52 Enrages
- 53 Keg contents
- 54 Greek consonants
- 55 Opening day?
- DOWN**
- 1 Engrossed
- 2 Beige
- 3 Buy stuff
- 4 Prepare for printing
- 5 Devastation
- 6 Historic period
- 7 Bring up
- 8 Bradbury genre
- 9 Margaret —
- 10 Bailout recipient in 2009
- 11 Sgt., e.g.
- 19 Track circuit
- 21 Venusian vessel?
- 23 Cheek enhancer
- 24 Facility
- 25 Arab boat
- 26 A/C measures
- 27 Musical
- 28 Denounce
- 32 Jack-o'-lantern
- 33 Southwestern city
- 35 Bread spread
- 36 Pigpen
- 38 "M\*A\*S\*H" role
- 39 Types of tides
- 42 MacDonald's place
- 43 Eye layer
- 44 Not as much
- 45 "Chicago" lyricist Fred
- 46 "Golly!"
- 48 Ostrich's cousin

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## LAFF-A-DAY



"You really embarrassed me when you started to pass your hat!"

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3			5	7				
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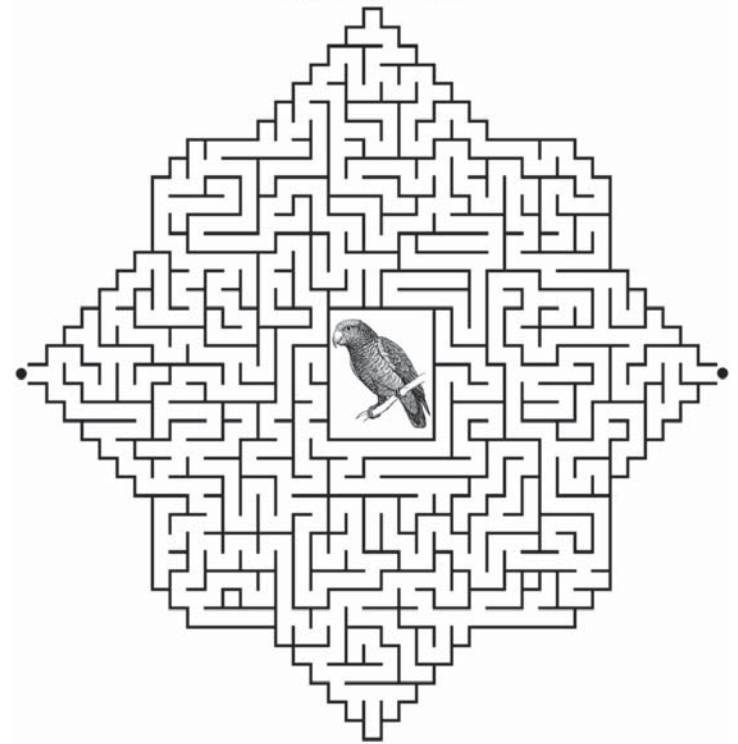
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## Mega Maze

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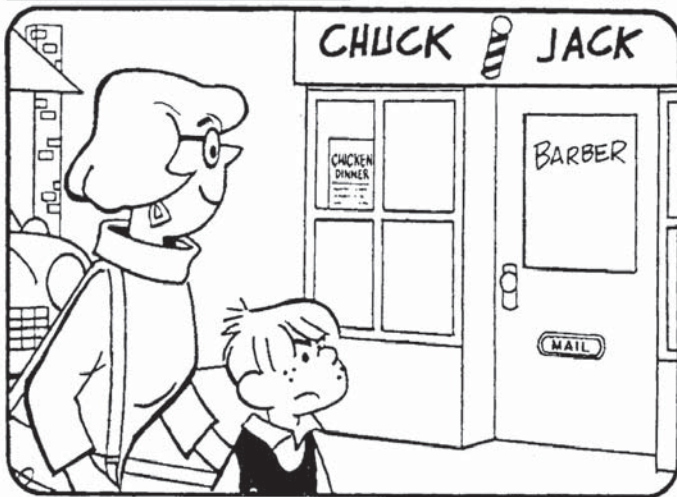
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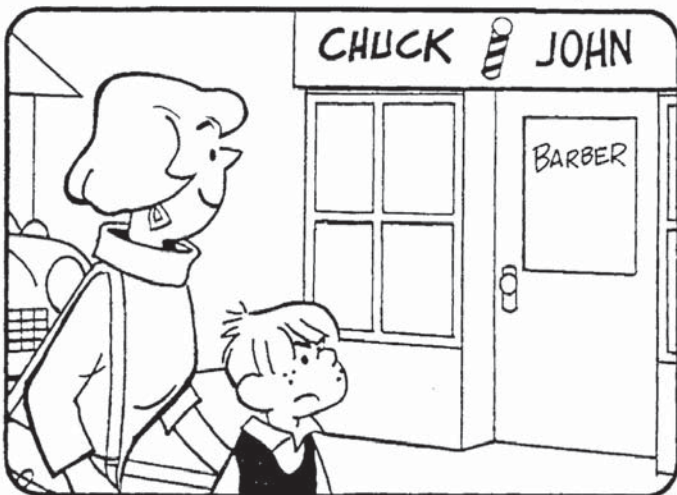


## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Chimney is missing. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is shorter. 4. Poster is different. 5. Name is missing. 6. Mail slot is missing.

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Bottles
- Dog
- Gun barrel
- Suit
- Cat
- Drums
- Hair
- Sweaters
- Chimney
- Fingernails
- Pastry
- Teeth
- Dishes
- Floors
- Shoes

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## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### RIDDLE SEARCH - AT A JEWELRY STORE

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What kind of jewelry does the Easter Bunny wear?**

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AMBER	E	E	C	A	L	K	C	E	N	O
BEADS	A	Y	N	U	E	R	B	B	T	S
BRACELET	R	E	B	D	E	M	E	R	D	A
DIAMOND	L	N	A	U	A	C	R	A	I	P
EARRING	S	J	A	R	R	N	E	C	A	P
JADE	T	R	O	T	R	B	T	E	M	H
LAPIS	O	L	A	P	I	S	W	L	O	I
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SAPPHIRE										
STONE										

Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Donna's Day: Creative family fun

by **Donna Erickson**  
**Give Easter eggs a  
spongeware look**

Easter soon will be here, with eggs of all colors and designs to brighten our homes. We like to try a variety of egg-decorating techniques, from the easy commercial dyes in a tablet to experimenting with natural dyes that we concoct with onion skins, tea and berries.

Many of the artistic memories live on in egg cartons stored away in the "Easter" box. They last because we blow out the contents of raw eggs and clean them before we decorate. Like ornaments on a Christmas tree, the kid-decorated eggs come out annually. Full of memories, they're lovely hanging from blossoming spring branches.

This year's decorating technique is inspired by enduring spongeware pottery, popular in our country for centuries. The speckled look is super-easy to create, and it's fun for the whole fam-

ily to do together. Color the eggs first in soft colors if you wish, or keep them natural, and then just dab, dab, dab a cheerful palette of non-toxic paints here and there with a sponge.

Here's the stuff you'll need:

- several eggs, blown (see below) or hard-boiled
- non-toxic acrylic paint in favorite colors
- recycled plastic lids or paper plates, one for each color
- pieces of sponge, one for each color
- spring-type clothespins or clips for sponge handles
- egg cups
- newspaper

Here's the fun:

1. Working on a newspaper-covered surface, place an egg in an egg cup. Clip a sponge piece to a clothespin, and squeeze a puddle of paint onto a lid or plate.

2. Dip the sponge lightly in paint. Dab onto a piece of newspaper a few times, then lightly dab all



Artistic Easter memories can live on when blown-out eggs are used.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

3	8	9	4	5	6	7	2	1
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**Puzzles4Kids**

Answer

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Riddle Answer:  
Fourteen carrot gold.

**THINGS WE BRUSH**

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**Mega Maze**

Solution

**King Crossword**

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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# Herkimer BOCES students, staff pay tribute to Florida school shooting victims, promote positive school culture

HERKIMER — For the majority of 17 minutes, the steady hum of the heating system served as the only background noise as Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES students remembered the 17 victims of the school shooting in Parkland, FL.

During the event on Wednesday, March 14, at the Herkimer BOCES William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer, Herkimer BOCES Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Laurie Hedges read the names and ages of each of the Florida victims along with descriptive words about the person such as “student,” “teacher,” “son,” “daughter,” “artist” and “friend.”

As Hedges read each name, a picture of the victim was displayed on a large screen along with a quote about the person, and there was a minute-long moment of silence for each person.

Hedges thanked the Herkimer BOCES students for attending and being a part of a moment of student empowerment across the country and encouraged them to do whatever they can to prevent anything like this from ever happening again.

“I can’t think of another lesson more important than civil duty and liberty,” she said, following the event. “I’m proud of my students and staff for everything they did and will do on behalf of our school and nation.”

A national student movement that involved walkouts at some schools took place in response to the school shooting in Parkland, FL, that left 17 people dead. Herkimer BOCES had events for BOCES students and staff from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, at both the WEB Complex in Herkimer and the Remington Educational Complex in Iliion.

The Herkimer BOCES events were based on a “Walk Up, Not Out” initiative that some schools across the nation went with to focus on remembering the victims and on how students can be part of promoting a positive school culture where all students feel welcome. The “Walk Up” part of it comes from the idea of students approaching other students who are alone or might need someone to talk to.

Hedges suggested that Herkimer BOCES hold the events to give students and staff a place to participate in the moment in a controlled environment. Many other schools in the Herkimer BOCES region also had indoor events in a group space or with students lining the hallways, she said.

At the Remington Educational Complex, about 35 students and a dozen staff members attended the event in the cafeteria, Pathways Academy Principal

Christopher Grethel said. A three-minute video clip with pictures of the victims set to music was played, and there was a moment of silence, he said.

Students and staff then each received 17 Post-It notes to write positive messages on and give to each

Students also had an opportunity to share their thoughts, and Herkimer BOCES Information Technology Academy senior Dennis Lotoski, 17, of Central Valley, said he thinks sometimes people don’t fully grasp the impact of a tragedy such as the Parkland,



Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Assistant Principal of Technical Education Sally McCann-Kramas speaks to Herkimer BOCES students during an event on Wednesday, March 14, at the William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer to remember the victims of the Parkland, FL, school shooting and promote a positive school culture. Photo courtesy of Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES

other, Grethel said, and he is compiling the messages. The event went over well with the students, he said.

At the WEB Complex, Herkimer BOCES Assistant Principal of Technical Education Sally McCann-Kramas also spoke to students. She advised students to say something if they hear something of concern, and she ensured students that staff members will take those concerns seriously and do everything they can to protect students.

“Who knew you guys would ever have to go to school and hear the words ‘active shooter?’” she said. “But it’s real.”

FL, school shooting.

Lotoski, who later added that he pictures what he would do if an active shooter situation arose in every classroom he enters, said the Florida victims likely had so many plans for their lives that were all taken away in an instant. He also imagined some of them might have just had simpler plans for that day — such as going home after school to play Xbox or finish up a project they had been working on, he said.

“When this stuff happens, these are people’s whole lives gone in a flash,” he said.

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- Keep valuables hidden. Don't leave purchases, cell phones, money (even loose change), expensive sunglasses or electronics within sight in the vehicle.

- Exercise caution with spare keys. Do not hide a spare key under the vehicle or in an obvious spot. Car thieves are wise to these tactics. Also, if you've lent a spare key to someone, ask for it back promptly.

- Invest in a car alarm. Car alarms can deter thieves because they draw attention to the vehicle. Car alarms that also prevent the vehicle from being started or driven away (kill switch) can be helpful.

- Use various locks. Manufacturers make steering wheel locks and brake locks that render cars undrivable unless they are removed.

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- Don't leave it running. According to the safety re-

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June 13 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00 pm	<b>Ilion-Frankfort VFW Pavilion</b> 4274 Acme Rd. Frankfort
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August 30 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 5:30 – 7:00 pm	<b>Salisbury Fire Department</b> 2549 St. Rt. 29 Salisbury Center
September 6 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 5:30 – 7:00 pm	<b>Cedarville Fire Department</b> 960 St. Rt. 51, Cedarville
October 4 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 5:30 – 7:00 pm	<b>Little Falls Town Garage</b> 478 Flint Ave. Ext. Little Falls
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Saturday 10:00am – 12:00 pm	<b>East Herkimer Fire Department</b> 193 Main Rd. East Herkimer

\* Pre-Register By Calling (315) 867-1176

## Volunteers needed

Herkimer County Public Health will be having a mass "mock vaccination dispensing drill" on March 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to come to the drill as participants to receive a mock vaccination to test the department's ability in preparation for a real or suspected event. No vaccinations will actually be given. Please contact us if interested by March 26.

You may contact Herkimer County Public Health to volunteer or ask any questions at 315-867-1610 or email [dward@herkimercounty.org](mailto:dward@herkimercounty.org).

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