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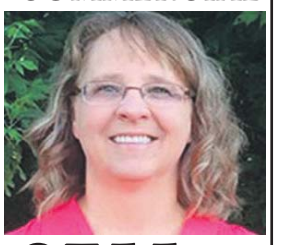

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Hodgin to speak to Assembly of Women

Megan Hodgin, formerly of Holland, MI, will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming Women's Assembly on Saturday, April 14, in Glen. "God is my engine, but where are my keys? Feeling God's peace when life is a struggle" is the theme of the event, which will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Glen Reformed Church.

Rev. Hodgin currently serves as senior pastor at the First Reformed Church of Scotia. She graduated of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa and Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI before serving the Reformed Church in America for two years and Fellowship Reformed Church of Holland for six years. Her passion for mission has led her to be involved in peacemaking efforts in Israel and Palestine, resettlement efforts, and the expansion of hunger prevention. Rev. Abby Norton-Levering, Ministries coordinator for the Regional Synod of Albany posted on the event's Facebook page, "Megan is a wonderful, inspirational speaker. You all are in for a big treat!"

Inspirational praise music will be led by Sarah Fisher of Saratoga Springs, who is renown at women's retreats both in the U.S. and abroad. She has lived in Tokyo, Japan and Zurich, Switzerland where she was involved in choirs and retreats in addition to many years in the U.S. as well. She says a special memory is participating in annual retreats in the Swiss Alps singing in choirs with women from around the world.

Janice Walz of Scotia will complete the afternoon as capnote speaker. A retired teacher, Janice is a commissioned conference deacon in the Hudson Mohawk Conference of the Lutheran Church presently preaching and leading worship in many small churches south of Albany. She is passionate about mission projects and traveling the world with her also retired teacher husband. She also shares her gift of a beautiful voice when she performs in local theater musicals.

The Women's Assembly is open to all women regardless of church affiliation or no affiliation. Preregistration is required and is open now and continues through April 5. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. and lunch is included. The church is located at 1526 State Highway 161 in the hamlet of Glen, four miles south of Fultonville. Request a brochure by calling 518.922.6624 or visit the public Facebook page.

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Butler presses for better funding for community colleges

Assemblyman Marc W. Butler (R, C, I, Ref - Newport) was appointed to the Joint Legislative Budget Subcommittee on Higher Education to partake in budget negotiations. The assemblyman again raised his concerns regarding funding for community colleges throughout the state. Butler proposed that the state adopt a more stable maintenance-funding plan similar to SUNY and CUNY colleges, which isn't dependent on enrollment numbers.

Assemblyman Marc W. Butler (R, C, I, Ref - Newport) urged for the inclusion of a more stable funding plan for community colleges in the budget.
Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Marc W. Butler

"We need to look at a more stable funding plan for our community colleges to ensure this affordable and accessible option for higher education is available to current and prospective students," said Butler, who is also the Ranking Republican on the Assembly Committee on Higher Education. "Community colleges like SUNY Herkimer and Fulton-Montgomery Community College provide a huge service and benefit to the communities and constituents I represent. It's time the state give community colleges the attention and support deserved."

Community College Base Aid is dependent on full-time student enrollment. The number has only experienced modest increases over the years. This funding, partly due to slower enrollment, is unable to help fully fund community colleges.

Additionally, New York's required one-third contribution to community college funding has historically been unmet. Currently, New York only provides 26 percent in funding. Compounding the funding struggles of community colleges are the limited resources counties are able to provide when faced by a tax cap, which is unable to keep in pace with the cost growth of many unfunded mandates dictated by the state. There is little left over to assist community colleges.

Butler is concerned that struggling community colleges will limit a potential student's options and access to affordable higher education. Democratic Assemblymember Deborah Glick did confirm the funding matter for community colleges is an ongoing discussion during these budget negotiations.

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• Decorate with all the colored eggs you and the kids have made (but don't leave out for more than 2 hours if you plan to eat them)

• Add whatever is blooming in your yard (or your neighbor's) – use different heights of vases

• Gather some baskets – small and medium work best as centerpieces

• White and pastel platters and crockery look freshest, so use those

• Use pastel or hot pink/lime/teal colored linens – mix and match solids and spring prints

• Add any ceramic bunnies or chickens you've collected over the years

• Make a stencil of a giant bunny's foot. Lay on floor and sprinkle inside with flour, making it look like a giant bunny came hopping in.

Get your craft on:

Eggshell place cards/vases: Make an inch size hole in top of egg; blow or shake out egg; scramble, cook and enjoy. Rinse out shell; let dry upside down. Using colored Sharpees, decorate shells with family names and other designs. Sit in egg cups or sherbet glasses, held upright with jelly beans. Fill with water and add some tiny flowers.

Real grass baskets/pots: Plant grass in a pot of soil or in a plastic liner in a basket (add some pebbles on the bottom for drainage); sprinkle on grass seed and keep moist. In 7 days you'll see some grass; in a month, you'll have a pot of lawn! Tuck in some colored eggs. Mow with scissors. For a quick grass basket, cut a piece from purchased sod; tuck into pot/basket; water – voila!

Pastel Deviled Eggs: After peeling the hard-boiled eggs, slice in half and remove the yolks (place yolks in zip-top plastic bag). In small cups, measure out enough water to cover egg white halves. Add a drop or two of liquid food coloring to each; stir with a tooth pick; slip in an egg white half. Let sit just until you like the color (pastel will take no time at all – deeper colors, a bit longer); remove with toothpick; dry on paper towels.

Easy Deviled Eggs: Squash yolks into a powder in a zip-top plastic bag then add all usual suspects for Deviled Eggs (mayo, mustard, hot sauce, relish, etc.); combine well. Before serving, smooth yolk mixture to one corner of bag; snip off corner; squeeze into waiting egg while halves. Garnish.

Perfect hard-boiled eggs (Two ways)

• Lay a single layer of eggs that are a week or two old in a saucepan; cover with an inch of water. Cover pan and bring to a boil. Immediately turn off heat and let eggs sit in hot water, off heat, for 15 min. Pour off hot water and let sit in ice water for 20 minutes. Eat or refrigerate; enjoy within one week.

• Heat 1 inch water to a boil. Sit a vegetable steam in pan with eggs in it. Cover pan and lower heat to a simmer – let steam 10 – 12 minutes. Remove eggs, crack shells all over and let sit in ice water for 20 min. Peel right away; eat or refrigerate; enjoy within 3 days.

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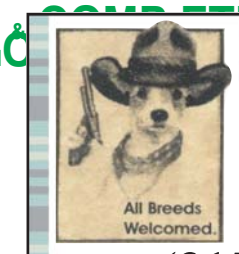

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Klutschkowski Exchange Student Memorial Fund created

In the fall of 2017, the Kuyahoora Valley Rotary Club lost a prestigious member, Manfred Klutschkowski (Klutsch). In his 30 years of membership, he honored the club and the community. During his time in the club he was instrumental in raising more than $50,000 to support club activities, which benefited the Kuyahoora Valley Community. Klutsch's focus as a member of the club was supporting the many children in the local area; as such, he started the Annual fishing derby for all grade school students in the Poland and West Canada Valley School Districts.

One of Klutsch's fund raising activities was redemption of bottles and cans for the club. The local community affectionately referred to Klutsch as the "can man". Through many donors of cans and bottles this effort returned thousands of dollars to the club. To continue Klutsch's legacy, anyone can direct the return value of returnable bottles and cans to the Kuyahoora Valley Rotary Club by stating that when dropping the returnable cans and bottles off at the Poland Redemption Center, 105 Cold Brook St., Poland, NY.

Upon Klutsch's passing, many members of the community donated funds in Klutsch's memory to the Kuyahoora Valley Rotary. Members of the Rotary Club have decided to use the $4,000-plus donated in Manfred Klutschkowski's memory to help fund the cost of outgoing Rotary Exchange students and name it the "Klutschkowski Exchange Student Memorial Fund". The fund will give $500 to each outgoing Exchange student to help defray their costs of $4,000 or more for a year of study in a foreign country.

Anyone can make a monetary contribution to this fund with a check to the Kuyahoora Rotary Club designating the Klutschkowski Exchange Student Memorial Fund on the check and mailing the check to PO Box 558, Newport, NY 13416.

The Kuyahoora Valley Rotary Club has created the "Klutschkowski Exchange Student Memorial Fund" in memory of Manfred Klutschkowski. Klutschkowski was a member of the Rotary Club for 30 years.

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3 tablespoon unsalted butter
1 medium onion
1/2 cup heavy cream
Kosher salt
Pepper
8 ounces cream cheese
3 ounces Parmesan
1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon fresh thyme
3 pounds russet potatoes, sliced thin or cut into chunks
Chopped fresh chives

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Butter a 3-quart shallow baking dish.

2. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until beginning to soften, about 5 minutes.

3. Add the milk, cream, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper and bring to a bare simmer. Add the cream cheese and cook, stirring, until melted, about 3 minutes; stir in 1/2 cup Parmesan. Remove from the heat and stir in the parsley and thyme.

4. Place the potatoes in the prepared baking dish and pour the milk mixture over the top. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan and cover tightly with nonstick foil.

5. Place the baking dish on a large rimmed baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake until the potatoes are tender and the top is golden brown, 50 to 60 minutes more. Let rest for 15 minutes, then sprinkle with chives before serving, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

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Country Preacher

by Pastor Dan West

Continuing on in the book of **James, in chapter 1 verse 22** we are told to "be doers of the word and not hearers only." We sometimes come across people, believers and unbelievers, who pride themselves in their Bible knowledge. They can quote scripture, they know the Ten Commandments, they know the beatitudes etc., etc. They think they are right where God wants them. But ask them what they have accomplished in ministry for the Lord, and they draw a blank. Ask them how many people they have led to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and they change the subject.

John 15:10 clearly tells us that it is those who keep God's commandments, who DO what He says who will abide in His love and who will have His joy (v. 11). It is not enough to simply know what God wants of us, we must do it, carry it out in order to please Him.

James 1:23 - 24 points out "if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man seeing himself in a mirror;" he sees what he needs, but goes away and neglects caring for his need. **Verse 25** continues, whoever looks in the Word of God and continues in it, not being a forgetful hearer, this person will be blessed.

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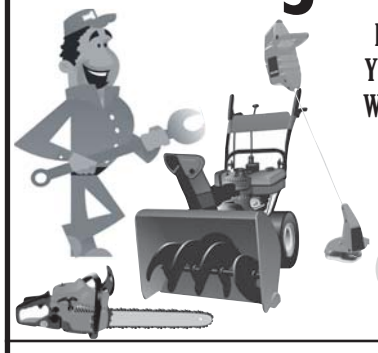

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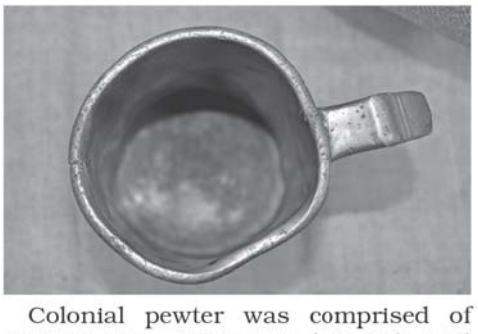
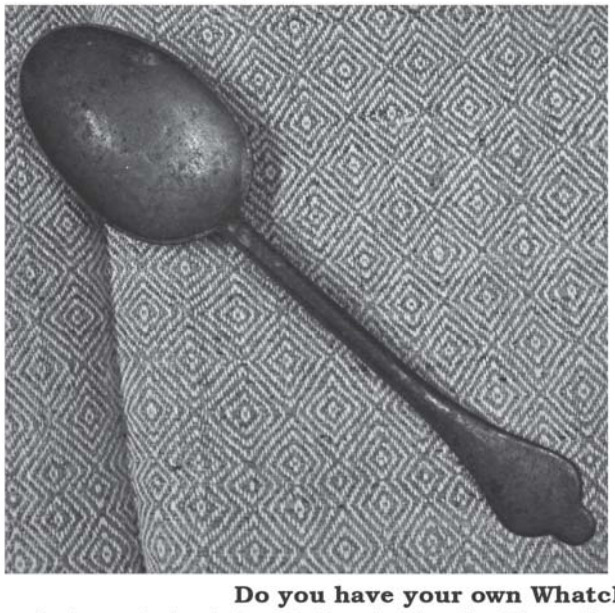


Colonial pewter was comprised of copper, zinc, antimony, bismuth and occasionally lead. But the phrase "colonial pewter" is misleading as colonialists were not allowed by the crown to create pewter. Instead, pewter products were imported from England and pewterers in the colonies were only allowed to repair or, occasionally, smelt and reform existing pewter. This Whatchamacallit is a pewter tankard and spoon, dating back to the 1800s.

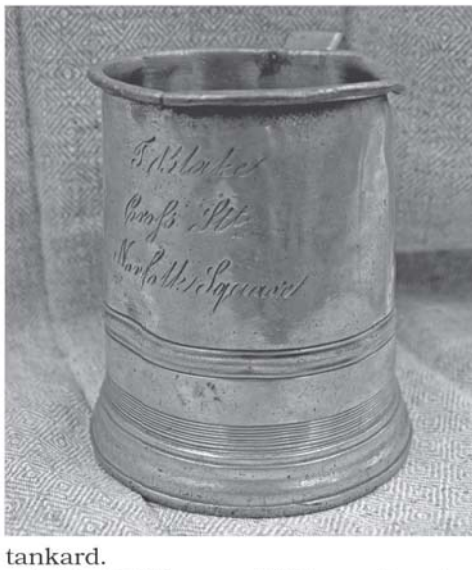
Pewter was considered a luxury item during that time period, although it was still cheaper than silver. The possession of such pewter items were a sign of class and respectability, as it was difficult to come by due to the King's proclamation. Working as a pewterer in the colonies was just as difficult, as they were under heavy restriction and the molds needed to reform the pewter were made of brass or bronze.



This particular tankard would have been made with about four molds — body, bottom, handle and thumbpiece. It is also most likely created of a pewter called Britannia, made of tin, copper and antimony. Britannia pewter was more durable and made more thinly.

The presence of the engraving indicates that the tankard was created in 1825. The engraving, although hard to completely decipher, reads, "T. Blake, Crofs ____, Norfolk Square." This engraving is most likely a maker's mark.

Pewter utensils were more easily accessible as they were smaller and required less work to create than the tankard.



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Hearts, shamrocks help build character education for Herkimer BOCES special education students

HERKIMER — Every time a Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Special Education student or teacher was "caught" showing kindness or being a good friend during February, a heart was added to a bulletin board in the hallway.

Because students successfully crossed the 200-heart plateau with a total of 213 hearts, they all received certificates, "kindness critter" stuffed animals and friendship bracelets during a presentation on March 5 by Herkimer BOCES Special Education Principal Brittany DerCola.

"The benefit is that students get exposure to things they would get in their home district and to character education," DerCola said.

DerCola, who became Special Education principal partway through this school year, wanted to integrate character education for Herkimer BOCES Special Education students, so she asked for volunteers, and a committee of teachers came up with themes for each month. February was the first month of the character education program.

For March, the character trait is responsibility, and shamrocks were added to the bulletin board for acts of responsibility. If more than 200 shamrocks are gathered, students will receive another certificate and prize.

"It's just a nice, little something," DerCola said. "We started small, and hopefully we can get to the point where we invite parents to the ceremony and make it bigger."

Students and teachers for each classroom also decorated their bulletin boards for a contest, and teacher Merisa Muhich's class won the bulletin board contest for February.

During the event honoring students for February, DerCola read the book "How Do Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends?" She also talked about friendship and kindness and called up all the students one at a time to receive their certificates, prizes and friendship bracelets.

"Everybody will get a friendship bracelet because we're all friends at Herkimer BOCES," she said.

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Calendar of events

Mar 31

Murder Mystery Dinner, Mar 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/, 302 Barringer Road, Ilion, NY 315.866.6413, herkimerhistory@yahoo.com

Apr 6

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, Apr 6, 4 - 7 p.m. Oppenheim Senior Center , 108 Tobacco Road, Oppenheim, NY Adults 13 and over $10. Children 5-12 $5. Under 5 free.

Apr 11

2nd Wednesday Night Dinners, Apr 11, 4 - 6 p.m. Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., Ilion, NY Tickets: Adults $10. Child Under 10 $5. Eat In Or Take Out. For more info contract the Church Office at 315.894.9041

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

PreK and Kindergarten registration at Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, Apr 12, 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@cvscsd.org .

Apr 15

Sunday Brunch, Apr. 15, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Morning Star Methodist Church , 4224 Acme Rd, Frankfort, NY Adult meal $7, child meal (under age 12) $4.

Apr 16

Navigating a Relationship with a Disability Workshop, Apr 16, 6 - 8 p.m. Little Falls High School Auditorium , 1 High School Road, Little Falls, NY Reservations are required by April 9 by registering online at www.archerkimer.org or calling Janet LaRock at 315.574.7780 or emailing jlarock@archerkimer.org

Apr 19

Spring Paint and Sip, Apr 19, 6 p.m. Easels on the Gogh with Jill Rae Vennera, 108 North Prospect Street, Herkimer, NY. The cost is $35 and reservations are requested in advance by calling the Historical Society at 315.866.6413.

Apr 21

Vendor Wanted, Apr 21 10 a.m. 4 p.m., East Herkimer Fire Station, Arts and Crafts. Sponsored by Ladies Aux. E. Herkimer VFD. Contact Barbara Noyes at 315.866.5879. Main Road, East Herkimer, NY 315.866.5879.

Apr 22

Chicken and biscuit dinner, Apr 22, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. VFW Post 8728 Wood Lane Schuyler, NY , Wood Lane, Schuyler, NY Adults $10. Takeouts available.,

Apr 24

Tractor Safety Certification, Apr 24-26, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Clinton Tractor, Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program for youth and adults 14 years of age and older. New York Pre-registration is required by April 9. You can register online at: https://tinyurl.com/ybezcwbl or by calling the Herkimer County 4-H Office at 315.866.7920. If you have any questions regarding this or other 4-H programs please call or email Jennifer Collins at jlr34@cornell.edu

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

Children with Disabilities Development Workshop, Apr 26 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Arc Herkimer's Training Center, 350 S. Washington Street, Herkimer, NY Registration for this "Development Delays vs. Developmental Disabilities" is required by registering online at www.archerkimer.org at upcoming events or by calling Janet LaRock at 315.574.7780 by Thursday, Apr 19.

Apr 26

Senior Health & Wellness Fair, Apr. 26 Herkimer College, Herkimer, NY. 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. or more information, please contact the Office of Community Relations and Fund Development at 315.866.3330 extension 2329.

NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to jkarkwren@leepub.com

Herkimer BOCES students inducted into National Technical Honor Society

HERKIMER – Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES welcomed 24 students as the 2018 inductees to the National Technical Honor Society on March 13 in the lobby at the Herkimer BOCES William E. Busacker Complex.

During the ceremony, keynotes speaker John Martin, the instructor of the Herkimer BOCES Building Construction program, told inductees that success breeds success. By making the Honor Society, the inductees have proven to themselves, their parents and their teachers they have what it takes to be successful with their college or careers.

"No matter the path you take, you now have experienced success," he said.

The 24 students inducted this school year are a 140 percent increase in the number of inductees from last school year. They represent eight of the 10 Herkimer BOCES component school districts and 10 of the 13 Career and Technical Education programs at Herkimer BOCES.

The National Technical Honor Society inductees participated in the ceremony by leading the "Pledge of Allegiance," reading about the goal and purpose of the National Technical Honor Society, lighting candles representing aspects of the Honor Society and introducing Martin for his speech.

Honor Society Advisor Kenneth Ille and Herkimer BOCES Board of Education President Daniel LaLonde welcomed guests at the beginning of the event, and the ceremony ended with students inducted by advisors.

Martin, who is also a graduate of Herkimer BOCES, assured students that their decision to attend BOCES was the beginning of building a solid foundation. Martin offered a variety of advice for students such as to have a positive attitude, work hard, be smart with their money and never give up.

He advised students to set goals, but to also realize that

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Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES students who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on March 13 pose on stage at the William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer.
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Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Building Construction instructor John Martin gives the keynote speech during a National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony.

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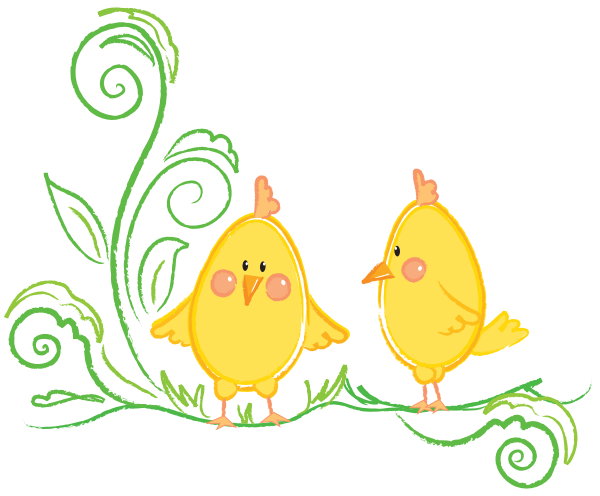

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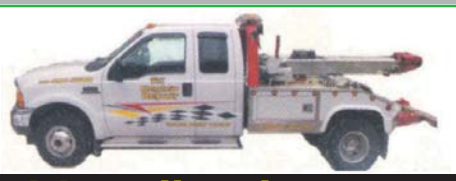

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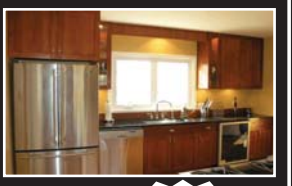
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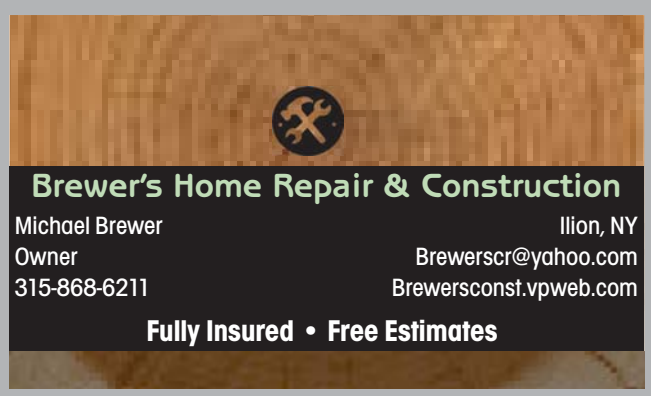

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Nationally, crash deaths among children ages 15 and under decreased by 8.6 percent in 2001, and the use of passenger safety restraints for children continues to increase for all age groups. Still, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motor vehicle crashes continue to be the leading cause of death for all children ages 6 through 15.

Unrestrained children are three times more likely to be injured than those who are restrained. In 2000, more than half of all children under 15 years old killed in car crashes were unrestrained. Children should be placed in a child safety seat, booster seat or seat belt every time they ride in a vehicle, Ms. Ward said. Under New York State law, children under age four must be in a federally-approved child safety seat when traveling in motor vehicles.

When properly installed and used, child safety seats reduce fatal injuries by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers (ages one to four) in passenger cars. Small children (ages two to five) who are placed in seat belts, rather than child safety seats or booster seats, are much more likely to be injured in a crash.

Parents and childcare providers should follow these child passenger safety recommendations:

• Use rear-facing infant seats from birth to at least two years.

• Use forward-facing child safety seats from age two to about age four and when the child weighs 20 to 40 pounds.

• Use forward-facing booster seats from about age four to at least age eight and when the child is less than 4 feet 9 inches tall.

• To use seat belts, a child should be at least eight years old or more than 4 feet 9 inches tall.

Always review the child safety seat's instruction manual, as some child safety seats will not work well with certain vehicle seats or seat belts. You may have to try several child safety seats to find the one that is most compatible with your vehicle.

Unfortunately, many parents believe that once their child reaches age four and has outgrown his or her forward-facing child safety seat, an adult seat belt offers adequate protection. But, using seat belts to secure small children can be dangerous. A seat belt designed for an adult can cut across a child's neck and the shoulder belt can ride up over the stomach, which could cause a serious or fatal injury in a crash. A booster seat positions the adult seat belt correctly and safely and offers the child greater comfort and visibility.

Never place a child safety seat or a child under age 12 in the front seat of a vehicle equipped with a passenger air bag. The impact of the inflated bag could cause serious or even fatal injuries to a child.

Ms. Ward offered the following tips to keep your child safe while he or she is traveling to and from school:

• When waiting for the school bus, your child should wait at the bus stop, and stand back five giant steps from the curb.

• Tell your child to avoid returning to the bus for any items left behind.

• Make sure your child never bends down near the bus.

• If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, he/she should make contact with the driver and wait for the signal that it is safe to cross in front of the bus. Your child should always look both ways before crossing the street.

• Behind the bus is the "danger zone". Tell your child to never go behind the bus where the driver can't see.

It is also important that children follow these "rules of the road" when they are bicycling:

• Wear a properly fitted, approved bicycle helmet at all times.

• Stay off busy streets.

• Come to a complete stop at intersections and check for traffic at all corners.

• Always ride with the flow of traffic and follow all traffic signs and signals.

• Don't do stunts or ride double.

• Make sure the bicycle is in good working order and has reflectors and a light for riding at night.

By following the above guidelines, parents and caregivers can ensure the safety of their children. For more information on child passenger safety, call the Ms. Ward at 315.867.1176.

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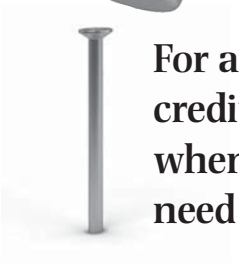

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77 students compete in 30th annual Poland Science Fair

POLAND — Poland students Katherine Muller in the junior level and Kirstyn Kasprzyk in the senior level recently won the Grand Championships at the 30th annual Poland Central School District Science Fair.

Students in grades 7-11 competed in the science fair on Thursday, March 1 — with junior-level awards going to grades 7-9 and senior-level awards going to grades 10-11. Some category award winners will have the opportunity to compete at the Utica College Regional Science Fair.

The Poland science department reviewed more than 200 projects and selected 77 student projects for the Science Fair. Community judges selected the winners of 82 awards and $3,475 in prizes.

Muller also won First Place in Physical Science and the Science Excellence Award. Kasprzyk also won First Place in Physical Science, the Achievement Award, Medical Award and Science Excellence Award.

For the junior level, the other first-place winners were:

• Ella Schmid won First Place in Math/Technology and also won the Kuyahoora Environmental Science Award and Vincent's Heating Math/Technology Award.

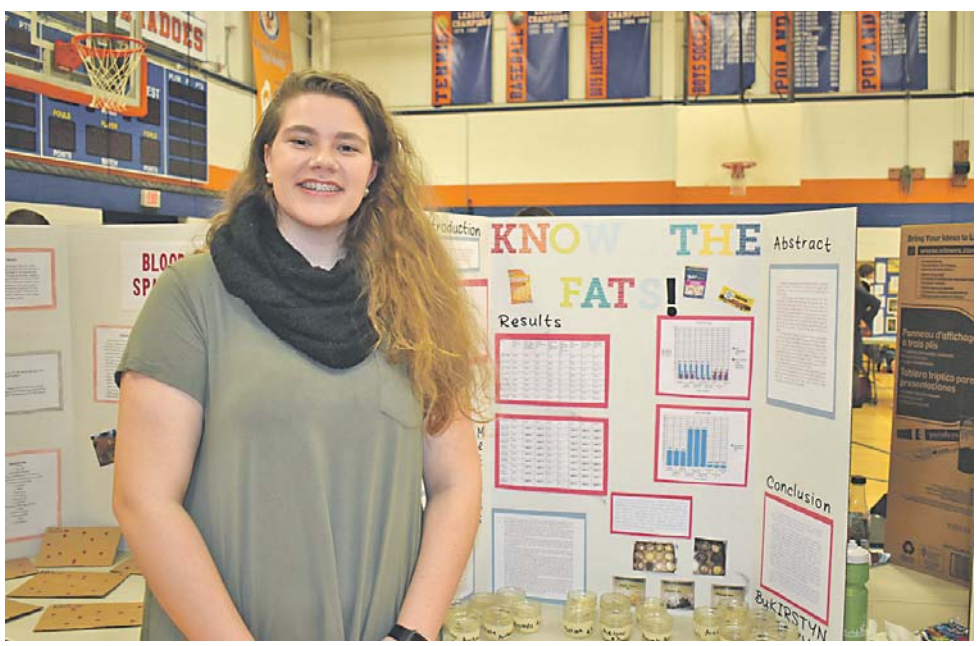
• Sara Borner won First Place in Natural Science and also won Excellence in Presentation.

For the senior level, the other first-place winners were:

• Pearl Gates won First Place in Natural Science and also won the Microbiology Award and Scientific Innovation Award.

• Savannah Neal won First Place in Math/Technology.

For photos of all the participants along with listings of the awards they won, visit www.polandcs.org .



Poland Central School District student Kirstyn Kasprzyk poses with her project, "Know the Fats!," during the 30th annual Poland Science Fair. In the senior level of the Science Fair, Kasprzyk won Grand Champion, First Place in Physical Science, the Achievement Award, Medical Award and Science Excellence Award.

Poland Central School District student Katherine Muller poses with her project, "Too Hot to Handle," during the 30th annual Poland Science Fair. In the junior level of the Science Fair, Muller won Grand Champion, First Place in Physical Science and the Science Excellence Award.

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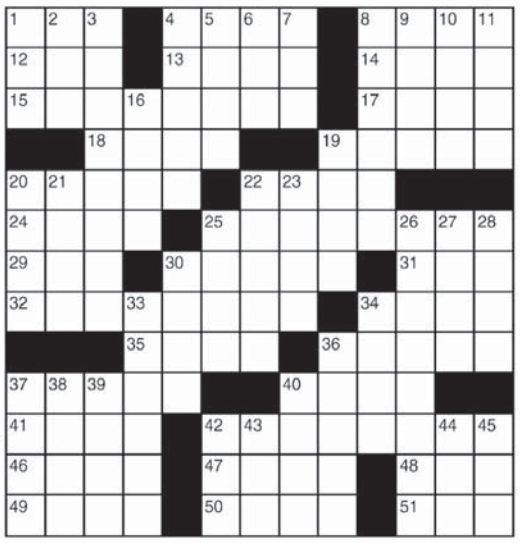

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29 Present
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31 Praise in verse
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34 Unaccompanied
35 Make one's way
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16 Bouncy melody
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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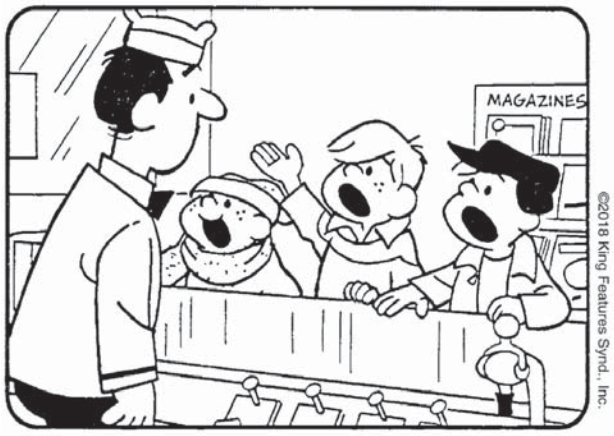

Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Scoop is missing. 3. Light is missing. 4. Headset is missing. 5. Straw holder is missing. 6. Rack is lower.

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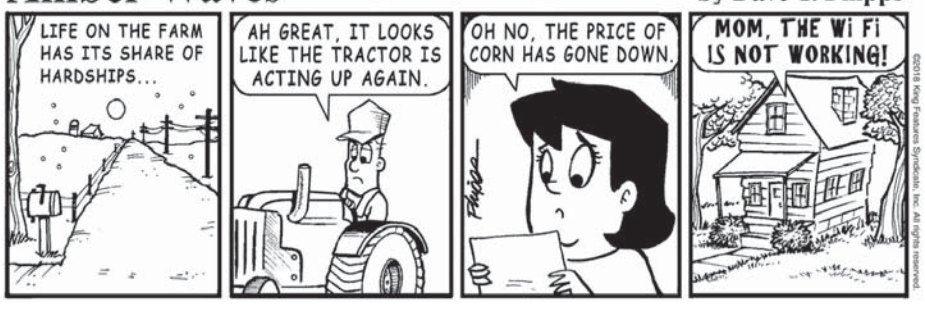

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LAFF-A-DAY

"Rattle the dog's dish, dear."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

Americanisms

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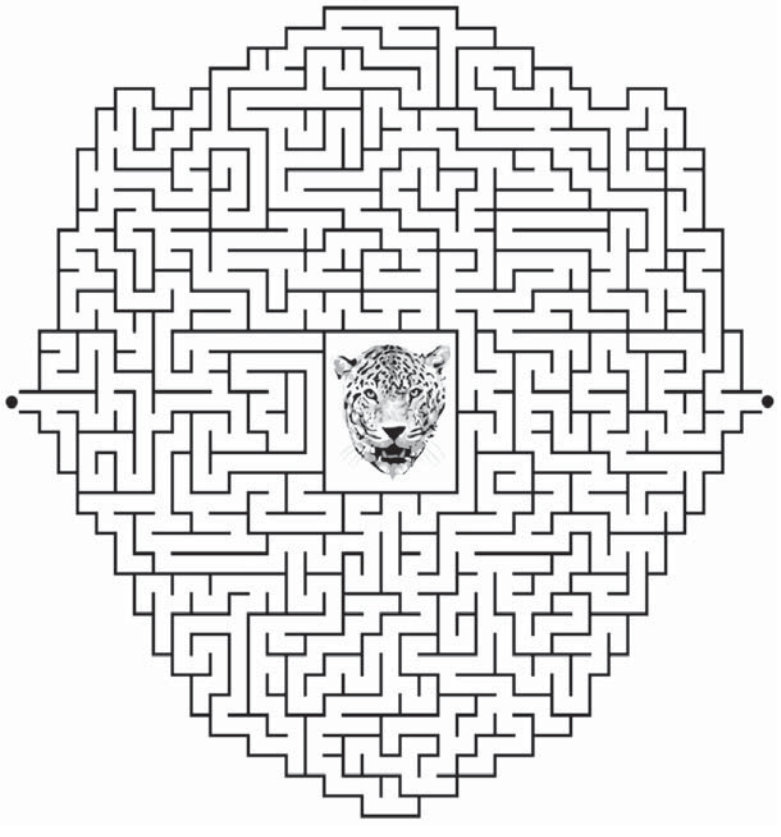

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT IS THE EASTER BUNNY'S FAVORITE SPORT?

BARNEY	___	YEARN	BLADES	___	DEALS
ADOLFO	___	FLOOD	SEATER	___	TREES
LESTER	___	RELET	LINERS	___	SIREN
SHAKER	___	SHARE	STOLEN	___	NOTES
TUREEN	___	TUNER			
ASTROS	___	SOARS			

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STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

There are 11 frogs, each on a different lily pad. No two distances between any pair of lily pads is the same. Each frog is going to jump to the nearest pad.

When this happens, will there be any pad that doesn't have a frog on it?

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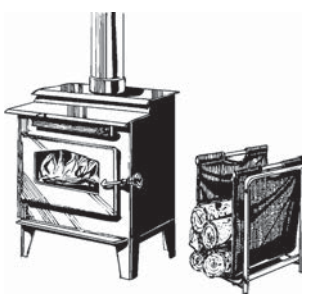

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by Matilda Charles

AARP: Join or Not?

It can be a bit of a shock for many of us when we reach the half-century mark and start getting the invitations to join AARP. We wonder what AARP stands for, and are a bit annoyed to learn that it stands for American Association of Retired Persons. Retiring at age 50? We'd love that, but barring a large trust fund, how many of us get to retire at that age?

If we do sign up and pay the annual $16 fee, we then get more mailings, many with stacks of discounts.

A show of hands, please. How many of us actually go through the stack of discount offers and immediately start using them at age 50? A poll of people down at the senior center says that age 60 is when we're more likely to actually flash the AARP card and ask for discounts. Once actual retirement arrives and budgets are tight, yes, then we want every extra benefit and saved dollar we can get. At the same time, many of those discounts are available just for asking at restaurants and other places we spend money.

Having said all this, is AARP worth joining? The answer is yes. While we often can get discounts on our own, we can't do all the lobbying in Washington, D.C. to help protect out interests. We can't access all the political offices it can, keeping our issues front and center. The AARP is, first and foremost, an advocacy group.

If you've tossed the latest mailings you've received about joining AARP and have changed your mind, here's the number: 1.888.687.2277. Or if you're still not sure, check the website aarp.org and see if anything of interest catches your eye.

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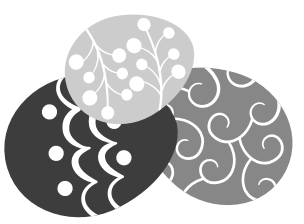

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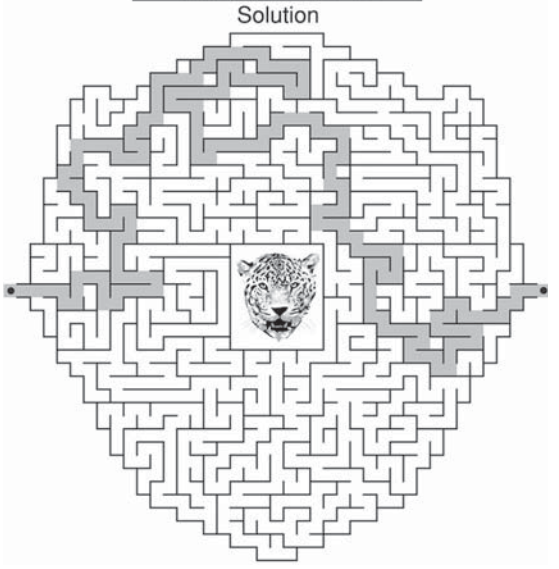

Stickelers Answer

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Arc Herkimer to host Navigating a Relationship with a Disability Workshop

As a leader in Central New York in bringing renowned experts to area professionals, individuals with disabilities, and families and caregivers, Arc Herkimer will present the workshop, "Navigating a Relationship with a Disability," on Monday, April 16.

Alix Generous, a mental health activist, speaker and writer with Asperger syndrome, will present an introduction to terminology surrounding relationships. She will talk about understanding the social dynamics of different types of relationships, recognizing and establishing proper boundaries, assisting individuals to advocate for themselves in relationships, and learning habits that help or hurt relationships. She will host a question and answer session at the end of her presentation.

Navigating a Relationship will be held at the Little Falls High School Auditorium, 1 High School Road, Little Falls, NY, from 6 to 8 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Reservations are required by Monday, April 9, by registering online at www.archerkimer.org or calling Janet LaRock at 315.574.7780 or emailing jlarock@archerkimer.org.

Generous stresses the importance of building accepting environments for all kinds of minds. Her TED talk: "My Inner Life..." has received over 1.6 million views. Her works have been featured on NPR, Bloomberg Businessweek, TEDx, and the Sydney Opera House. Through high impact media, comedy and clinical expertise, Generous advocates on a wide range of issues concerning mental and developmental disabilities. As a mental health advocate, she consults with families, companies and academic institutions and points them toward resources and values that improve the status of individuals with disabilities.

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Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Rest in Peace, Riley

Dear Paw's Corner: I wanted to write and tell you about "Riley," a little dog we fostered. He came to us after being rescued from a terrible living situation, and he had spent a long time getting medical treatment at the local shelter before being cleared to stay with a family.

Riley was emaciated when he was rescued. He was missing one eye from an attack by another dog. As a mixed-breed toy terrier, he had specific health needs that weren't met, and by the time he reached the shelter had severe kidney disease and diminished neurological function.

The vet told us that we would likely be his last family. Because his heart and kidneys were damaged, along with other issues, he was not expected to live more than six months. Knowing this, we were determined to make his final days as comfortable and loved as possible. We have another rescue, a fierce little mutt named "Zu-Zu," who became Riley's little sister and protector, cuddling next to him in his doggie bed.

Despite the abuse he suffered, Riley was an incredibly loving dog. Under our care and with Zu-Zu at his side, his health improved. He lived with us for just over two years before finally passing away last week.

We were thrilled to foster Riley and just wanted the world to know about him. Please tell your readers, if they have the means, to consider fostering rescued pets to prepare them for eventual adoption. — Tracey L., Gloucester, MA

DEAR TRACEY: Riley indeed sounds like a wonderful dog, and I'm glad he found his way to you. Thank you for sharing his story.

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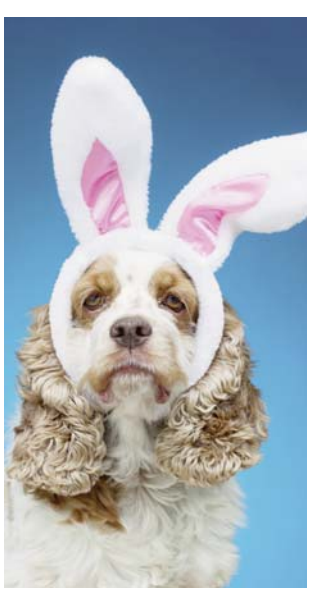

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Don't be duped by sneaky scammers this tax filing season

New York State tracks schemes affecting taxpayers and preparers

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection alerted taxpayers and tax professionals to scammers who aim to steal sensitive information and hard-earned refunds.

"We've made tremendous strides in our ability to uncover and deter tax fraud even as it continues to proliferate," said Acting Tax Commissioner Nonie Manion. "Scammers continually adjust their tactics to circumvent the defenses in place, though, so we must all remain vigilant."

"Unfortunately, nefarious actors seek to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals during the annual tax filing process—especially in the wake of significant data breaches," said New York Secretary of State Rossana Rosado. "However, by taking action to protect and educate themselves, taxpayers will be able to spot a scam a mile away and protect their identities and refunds."

Stay on top of emerging scams

In the wake of recent personal information breaches, including the massive Equifax breach where hundreds of millions of identities were exposed, New York State has taken specific action to prevent the fraudulent use of taxpayers' personal information by nefarious preparers to file bogus refund claims.

By integrating predictive analytics into its processing, auditing, and collections systems, the Tax Department is better able to flag these refund claims and other suspicious tax filings for greater scrutiny. Teams dedicated to uncovering tax fraud and identity-theft schemes bolster this effort.

Since 2003, the Tax Department has used its evolving Case Identification and Selection System to pull questionable tax returns and fraudulent refund claims from the processing flow. The system uses predictive analytics to determine when to process a refund request and when to set it aside for further review.

However, as technology continues to advance, cyber thieves and scammers turn to more sophisticated methods in their attempts to steal personal information and defraud hardworking New Yorkers. That's why the Tax Department and Division of Consumer Protection track such schemes around the country to prepare for the use of these or similar tactics in New York and take steps to educate the public.

In one new scheme, a fraudster uses stolen information to file a return and claim a refund, which is deposited into the victim's actual bank account. This is followed by a call to the taxpayer from the scam artist posing as an official from a debt-collection agency. The scammer says the money was deposited in error, must be returned, and instructs the victim on how to forward the money.

Protect against fraud

The Tax Department and the IRS will never make threats over the phone and will never request personal or financial information by email.

"If you receive a phone call or email from someone about your tax return, a refund, or a possible debt you may owe, and aren't sure if it's legitimate, call us," Manion said. "We'll be able to verify the call or email."

Tax professionals are required to protect their clients' personal information by only providing it to trusted sources, such as the IRS and the Tax Department. In addition, they must securely shred documents that contain private data before discarding.

For more about tax professional standards, please visit our Professional responsibility webpage.

Report it

If you've been contacted by a scammer posing as an IRS agent, visit the IRS identity theft victim assistance webpage.

If you've been contacted by a con artist claiming to be from the New York State Tax Department, visit the Tax Department's Report fraud, scams, and identity theft webpage.

If you suspect a return preparer filed or altered a return without your consent, report it to the NYS Office of Taxpayer Rights Advocate at 518.530.HELP (option #2) or file a tax preparer complaint online.

Additional taxpayer actions

Take precautions to protect your refund and prevent identity theft with the following tips:

• File promptly. Prompt filing can limit an identity thief's ability to claim a fraudulent tax refund using stolen information.

• Beware of scam artists fraudulently posing as tax preparers. Scammers will often attempt to take advantage of those who might not otherwise have to file tax returns, such as the elderly or low-income households.

• Work only with paid tax preparers you have researched thoroughly and trust. Avoid preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers, as well as those who base their fee on a percentage of your refund.

• Make sure your tax preparer is willing to sign your return and provide their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). The preparer must also provide you with a copy of the return.

• Look over your return carefully. You are responsible for what's on it. Similarly, if you hire a paid preparer, never sign a blank return.

For more information regarding scam prevention and consumer education, please contact the Division of Consumer Protection Helpline at 518.474.8583 or 800.697.1220.

Good Housekeeping

Yogurt-Marinated Leg of Lamb

This Easter favorite serves 12 and takes less than an hour to prepare.

2 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon ground coriander

1 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)

1/4 teaspoon ground allspice

2 cup plain nonfat or low-fat yogurt

1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

4 teaspoon minced garlic

1 teaspoon salt

1 5- to 6-pound leg of lamb, boned, butterflied and trimmed of visible fat

1. Put cumin, coriander, red pepper and allspice in a small saucepan. Stir over low heat 1 to 2 minutes until fragrant (take care not to burn spices.) Scrape into a medium-size bowl and stir in remaining marinade ingredients until blended.

2. Put lamb in a large zipper-type food-storage bag. Add marinade, seal bag and turn to coat meat. Refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight. Remove lamb from refrigerator 1 hour before cooking.

3. Heat broiler and broiler-pan or grill. Remove lamb from marinade. Discard marinade. Grill or broil lamb 15 minutes per side for medium-rare, 20 minutes per side for well-done.

4. Let stand 5 minutes, then slice thin across the grain.

TIP: Ask your butcher to bone and butterfly the lamb and remove as much fat as possible. This cut is great for a crowd because thin ends will be crisp and well done, while the thicker parts will be pink and juicy.

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Factors that impact auto insurance premiums

Auto insurance rates vary from person to person, even though it may seem like the offerings are the same. But no two drivers are the same, and certain factors may be affecting drivers' auto insurance premiums without the motorists even realizing it.

Automotive insurance provider State Farm says most insurance companies consider several factors when calculating the cost of car insurance. Recognizing which situations can increase or lower costs can help drivers get the best rates and coverage needed. Although it can be tempting to reduce the price of insurance by choosing lower amounts of coverage, there are other ways to make insurance more affordable.

• Move. Insurers typically look at where a person lives when calculating rates. Those people who live in highly populated, urban areas likely will have higher premiums than others who live in more rural towns. That's because greater population density often translates into more people on the road — and a greater chance for insurance claims due to fender benders or theft. By moving, a person may be able to cut rates.

• Gender and age are factors. One can't step into a time machine, but it's helpful to know that growing a little older can lower insurance premiums. The financial advice source Money Crashers say that young men usually incur higher rates than young women because statistically men get into more accidents. However, as a person moves into his or her senior years, the roles reverse. Older women may see higher rates than men the same age.

• Keep make and model in mind. The type of vehicle driven can affect insurance premiums. Certain insurance carriers will increase premiums on vehicles that are more susceptible to damage. Flashy sports cars or those that do not score as highly on vehicle safety ratings calculated by industry experts may result in high premiums. Vehicles that are desirable to car thieves also may cost more to insure. Researching vehicles prior to purchase and checking the rates for those cars or trucks with insurance companies can help keep costs low.

• Commuters may pay more. Individuals who use a car for business or frequent commuting may pay more than people who drive less because statistically there is a greater risk for an accident, says State Farm. Reducing commute times can lower premiums.

• Tie the knot. Insure.com says married couples have been found to be less of a risk to insurance providers statistically than those who are single. A study by the National Institutes of Health found that single drivers were twice as likely to be in an auto accident as married drivers. Combining policies also can help married people save.

• Follow the rules of the road. Drivers who have moving violations, drink and drive or engage in otherwise risky behavior behind the wheel may see their rates soar.

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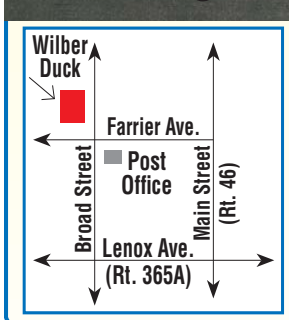

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