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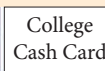
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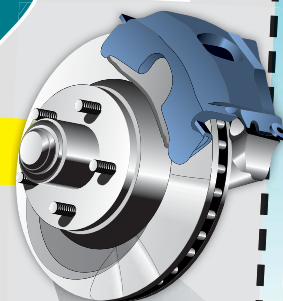
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MVR welcomed guest speakers from Catholic Charities Dispute Resolution Center

HERKIMER, NY — Mohawk Valley Rotary welcomed guest speakers Miranda Smith and Tim Pullyblank from Catholic Charities Dispute Resolution Center to their recent meeting. Pullyblank provided a detailed presentation on their services, which include mediation, restorative practices, a divorce mediation program and youth programs.

According to Smith "there is no set up fee for mediation; we suggest a donation of \$10 to allow us to be able to continue to offer this program in our rural area." The Dispute Resolution Center serves Chenango, Delaware, Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Otsego and Schoharie Counties. For more information, go to www.CharitiesCCDOS.org.

For more information on being a guest speaker at the Mohawk Valley Rotary Club contact: www.facebook.com/MohawkValleyRotaryDistrict7150.

Rotarians Elyse Enea Bellows (L-R), Cindy Bennett, Bonny Brownrigg, Dispute Resolution Center Directors Tim Pullyblank and Miranda Smith.

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cated and enlightened future generations, as well as served the poor and downtrodden. Along the route, spots significant to the women's suffrage movement will be pointed out.

The cost is \$45 which includes lunch, a souvenir booklet and historical narrative along the way. Visit the website www.womeninthemohawkvalley.com or call the Oneida County History Center at 315.735.3642 to sign up.

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trade tools, stories and techniques, and participate in the blacksmith competition and traditional Iron in the Hat raffle. Wrought iron gifts will be sold on site to support the local living history.

Other activities on Opening Weekend include live reenactments and demonstrations of baking, brewing, cooperage, weaving and more. Members of the Rural Felicity group will delight us with some

period tunes on Saturday, May 19. McCracken's 1st NY will encamp on site and provide glimpses of a recreated continental army unit on the March through the Valley.

Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase both days. Free parking is available at the Fort.

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The Mohawk Valley will 'March for Babies' in Utica on May 19

UTICA, NY — April showers has brought May flowers...and the annual March for Babies event in Utica. The Mohawk Valley March of Dimes will be joined by hundreds of families and community leaders on Saturday, May 19 to celebrate the organization's biggest fundraiser. This year, the location will be Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica.

Laura Powers of Strategic Financial Services is this year's March for Babies Chair and shared, "When I went into preterm labor on Christmas Day at nearly six months into my pregnancy, my world was suddenly filled with uncertainty and fear, but also love and hope. I soon learned about March of Dimes and the significance they have in the world of pregnancies and babies." Powers' twin sons were born on New Year's Day premature at only 26 1/2 weeks weighing just over two pounds each and spent more than two months in

Crouse NICU while they fought to survive. They are now happy, healthy 4-year olds who help their parents advocate for healthy pregnancies and babies by supporting the March of Dimes.

This year's Mohawk Valley Ambassador Family is the Suppa family. Only 28 weeks into Maria Suppa's pregnancy, her twin daughters were born, and they remained in Crouse NICU for eight weeks. Another unique part of her story is that her daughters were born two days apart from each other. The Suppa girls are the face of "Team Mary & Anna" and will be leading the 2018 March for Babies in Utica. Suppa explains, "The March of Dimes is a very important cause to my family and I know that without their work and achievements, my girls may not be here with me today."

Powers explained, "While the March of Dimes places a keen eye on reducing prematurity through education and

research, they are an organization for all babies. They were instrumental in eradicating polio in the 1970s, and more recently they have assisted with screening newborns for more than 20 serious but treatable conditions in all states." Powers added, "If you had a full-term pregnancy and healthy baby, March of Dimes has been a part of that journey."

Suppa echoed that sentiment and shared, "Every baby's life has been touched by March of Dimes' work — even the healthiest of babies."

The March for Babies is open to the public and all are welcomed to join an existing team or create their own (www.marchforbabies.org). Guests are encouraged to come early during the registration period to enjoy music, children's activities, a visit by the Utica Zoo mobile and a performance by Danceography. LiFT (Little Falls Theater) will also be at the event dressed as various characters and offering photo-ops with



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take fun event photos courtesy of Allie's Celfie Central.

Registration and event entertainment begins 10 a.m. at Mohawk Valley Community College located 1101 Sherman Drive in Utica. The 3-mile walk kicks off at 11 a.m. as lead by a Superhero Sprint. The Superhero Sprint will include children ages 1-10 running a sprint at the start of the walk and capes will be given to each registered superhero (while supplies last). For more information, visit www.marchforbabies.org. There is also a public Facebook event "Mohawk Valley March for Babies" available online.

Source: Laura Powers

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DOLGEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Anthony Bradseth 21 N. Helmer Ave. Church Phone 429-7381 Sunday Church Service Oppenheim @ 9:30 AM Dolgeville @ 11 AM	UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S PROTECTRESS 326 Moore Ave. Sunday Divine Liturgy 10 AM Holy Day Liturgy 9 AM Phone 866-1336	SAINT AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Bishop - Dan Herzog 78 2nd Street Phone: (315) 894-3775 Sunday School at 8:45 AM Adult Bible Study at 8:45 AM Holy Eucharist at 9:35 AM	HOLY SPIRIT POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Rafael Dadello 615 E. Gansevoort St. Phone 823-0793 Sunday Mass 11 AM	MOHAWK GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. Sally Heiligman 7 E. Main St. Phone 315-866-4782 or 315-520-4723 Holy Eucharist 10 AM	UNITED METHODIST Rev. Robert Lindsay Phone 845-8730 Sunday School 11 AM Morning Service 11 AM
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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Alphabet Man

Every child has to learn the alphabet before learning to read, so some toys for those under 5 years old have been "teaching toys." Blocks were the first. The oldest mention of alphabet blocks was in 1693 in England. But blocks with letters and pictures were not available for most families until 1820 when large numbers of sets were made in a factory. Well-to-do young girls educated in the 18th century learned the alphabet while sewing samplers. They had to be able to stitch identification on all the family linens when they married. Most toys were made to teach religion, like a carved wooden Noah's ark, or to teach a skill like cooking using a toy stove, pots and pans. Toy makers created a few teaching toys, cards with letters and cloth alphabet books.

A rare, famous teaching toy is the "Alphabet Man" or "Yankee Schoolmaster." The 10-inch-tall iron figure of a man had an arm that moved when a lever was pushed. The man blinked his eyes, raised his left arm and pointed to a hole high on his chest. A letter appeared and the student had to name it. The man is dressed like a schoolmaster and looks like a stern teacher. No one knows who made this complicated toy that was patented in 1884. Or why his right arm is held behind his back and his index finger is pointing to the side. Several of the men have

been sold in the past decade. The pictured toy with some missing paint sold at Bertoia Auctions in New Jersey for \$23,600.

Q: I have my mother's antique satin wedding dress from 1931. It's in perfect condition. I would like to know if it's worth anything or if anyone would want it.

A: Yes, there is interest in old wedding dresses and gowns. You could donate it to a local historical museum or an organization that will resell it for a charitable cause. You could sell it to a vintage clothing store. Or it could be turned into something else. Old wedding dresses can be used to make christening gowns or bride or princess outfits for small children who like to play dress-up. The fabric can be repurposed to make pillows or enclosed in a locket, frame or Christmas ornament. It also can be used to make scarves, decorate baby blankets, bassinet skirts or wedding or baby photograph albums.

Current Prices
• Record, Dick Todd, Rainbow Records, Red Apple Cheeks, Daddy's Little Boy, 78 RPM, 9 3/4 inches, \$15.

• Kewpie figurine, bride and groom huggers, bisque, c. 1920s, 3 1/2 inches, \$175.

• Decanter, Bohemian glass, paint, winged creatures, swags, faceted stopper, c. 1900, 10 inches, pair, \$365.

• Incense burner, sterling silver, double gourd, handles, birds, repousse design, tripod foot, c. 1890, 13 x 9 inches, \$950.

Tip: To remove white rings — usually made by damp glasses or hot cups of coffee — from wooden tabletops, rub the spot with a mixture of mayonnaise and toothpaste. Wipe, then polish.

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Whatchamacallits

This week's Whatchamacallit is a chisel. However, this differs from previous chisels — it was used for stone. The name of this chisel is the claw (or teeth) chisel.

There are many steps involved in carving stone. As most steps involve sub-steps, this will be as general as possible for simplicity.



The steps involved are planning, layout, roughing out, defining and finishing. The step which would use the claw chisel is defining. At this part of the process, the stone block or slab has taken its main shape but has many rough edges. The craftsman would hold the claw chisel at a 45° angle, gently tapping the end of the chisel with a mallet to refine the shapes and grooves of the stone.

All teeth of the chisel would need to be touching the stone or else the crafter would risk damaging their chisel or bruising the stone.

After using the claw chisel, a flat chisel would be used to erase the teeth marks from the stone. This would be the end to the defining process before finishing.

The chisels featured look to be made of iron and have carvings in the handles, most likely the name of the owner.

er of the chisel. The mallet is made of strong wood, possibly oak, but is not the usual mallet used for stone work. The preferred mallet would be made of copper, have a copper head or be made completely out of some other metal to prevent the chisel from damaging the mallet.



Do you have your own Whatchamacallit?

Send a photo and short description to cbarnden@leepub.com or call Camden at 518-673-0144

Steet Ponte Auto Group lead sponsor for 16th Annual Magic of Herkimer Event

HERKIMER, NY — Lisa M. Betrus, president of Valley Health Services and Valley Residential Services, is thrilled to announce Steet Ponte Auto Group as the Celebration Sponsor at the 16th annual Magic of Herkimer event at Herkimer College on Thursday, June 7.

We could not thrive without the support of dedicated community members and organizations and we are truly grateful for Steet Ponte Auto Group as this year's Celebration Sponsor. The Magic of Herkimer is one of the events that help us to support our program objectives, including cardiac rehabilitation and palliative care. Valley Health Services realizes it is a community initiative and appreciate all the sponsors who collabo-

rate with us to achieve our mission.

In addition to honoring an outstanding community member or organization, The Magic of Herkimer event from 5 to 8 p.m. at Herkimer College's Thomas McLaughlin Center, features specialty hors d'oeuvres donated by Herkimer County restaurants complemented by wine and ale, as well as musical entertainment by Smooth Jazz Productions and a Chinese auction. VHS will honor The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc., at this year's Magic of Herkimer event.

An opportunity to honor The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc., is available by placing a personal message in the dedication book

that each guest of the event will receive. For more information about the event or placing your personal message in the dedication book, contact the Community Relations and Fund Development department at VHS at 315.866.3330 extension 2329.

Please join us at this momentous event and help us to honor The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties, Inc. We look forward to seeing you on June 7 — the event provides the perfect atmosphere to relax, mingle and meet new friends.

Arc Herkimer to host basketball competitions at June Community Celebration

As part of a 2018 Community Celebration, Arc Herkimer is hosting Basketball Three-Point and Free Throw Competitions on Saturday, June 16 starting at 11 a.m. at the Boenheim-Basloe Basketball Courts at Arc Park, 420 E. German Street in Herkimer.

The basketball competitions are part of the non-profit's Community Celebration, which will feature fun for the entire family and will include a 5K run, children's run, bands, dunking booth, chicken BBQ, concession stand, magician, face painting and more.

Individuals can participate in either the Basketball Three-Point or Free Throw Competitions or both. The event is free and open to the public and includes three age groups: 18 and older; ages 12 through 17; and under 12. Males and females will compete in the same group. A championship trophy will be awarded for each age group. Ties will be decided by subsequent round(s) until a winner is determined. Participants can bring their own basketballs or use balls provided.

Arc Park provides recreational opportunities for people of all abilities. The

park serves individuals and families in a 9-county region. The park features age-appropriate playground areas: ages 23 months and under; 2 to 5 years; and 5 to 12 years. Additionally, there is a baseball field, basketball court and fitness trail that includes five exercise stations, a concession stand, family pavilion and bandstand.

Questions can be directed to Frank Reid at 315.574.7347 or freid@archerkimer.org.

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Herkimer County for the Aging host Third Annual Intergenerational Clean Up

by Daniel Baldwin

The main purpose for Herkimer County Office for the Aging, according to the organization's director Kathy Fox, is to provide services to older adults who are living

wanted to do this twice a year, but the organization had issues getting volunteers.

"We don't do anymore volunteer events besides this one every year because it is hard to get vol-

(Herkimer County Office for the Aging) undertaking," Rich Asaro, Newport resident, and one of the volunteers said. "The elderly can use some help once in a while, and if I can give them three

hours of my time, I think it is a pretty small sacrifice."

Ilion resident Terry Wheeler was another volunteer for this clean up

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Herkimer County for the Aging Members and many volunteers gathered at the East Herkimer Fire Station to get ready for a long day's work of raking leaves.

alone in their homes, so that they are able to be independent and stay in their houses.

One of those services includes raking up leaves, pinecones and small branches and moving them all the way up to the street curb. Fox, other members of this organization, and some volunteers did that sort of work on May 5 in the Third Annual Intergenerational Clean Up.

"We came up with this idea because we knew older adults were having difficulty raking their leaves, picking up sticks and doing that spring clean up that they just couldn't do on their own," Fox said, "and a lot of them have a lot of pride in their homes. They still want their homes to look good, so this was something that just came out of visiting old adults."

Fox said that she and the rest of the group

unteers," Fox said. "So this is our biggest one, but we do a lot of different activities throughout the year to help older adults."

Fox fortunately said that she was able to get a good number of helpers for this year's clean up.

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and has been raking up leaves for years.

"It's hard for the elderly to go out and do this work," Wheeler said. "They just need help. Some can't afford to have it done, and that's why we're here. I've been raking for years, so I'm used

to it. I just rake for everybody in my church or for anybody that needs help."

Members of the CSEA Local 822 Union also helped Kathy Fox in this spring cleanup.

"We often come out and support our community in different ways," CSEA Local 822 President Beth

Hall said, "and this is just one more event that we've chosen to support. I think it's a wonderful thing that they're (Herkimer County for the Aging) doing, and we're glad to support their efforts."

Fox could not thank her staff enough for getting these sorts of volunteers

for this clean up and other events.

"It does take a lot of time," Fox said, "and I have great people in my office who help me out to put this all together.

They've been really helping me out to make this cleanup happen today. I'm so thankful for everybody I work with. They're great people."

Fox said that the group

is always looking for volunteers who are willing to do whatever they can to help the elderly. The organization also has more

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voluntary activities in store, which includes Meals on Wheels and some in-home service programs.

"We're always looking for people to assist older adults," Fox said, "and even if we're not doing an activity, people should look around in the community. Maybe they have an older adult that lives next to them. Maybe they need their leaves raked. Go ask that older adult. I think it's really about getting the community involved and helping the people not just on this day, but every other day that they might need assistance to be able to stay in their home because that is where people truly want to be."



There were many volunteers for the Third Annual Intergenerational Clean Up on May 5. The volunteers spent their time raking up leaves, pinecones, and small branches and moving them all the way up to the street curb for older residents in the community.

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by Terry Berkson

Twenty-three year old Billy Nacmias used to weigh 280 pounds. Barricaded in his room with his eyes glued to a computer he ate obsessively. His temper tantrums would often result in a house turned upside down. On several occasions his parents had to call for help to restrain him. Billy is a victim of autism which in his earlier years left him shy, incommunicative and reclusive. But, an incident occurred in a now defunct New York City high school where a teacher physically abused Billy resulting in a severe change in his disposition. The once quiet boy grew into a violent giant who became a danger to himself as well as

the people around him.

Due to the outcome of a court case resulting from the abusive incident at school, and in way of reparations, the city offered to foot the bill for Billy to reside at The Center for Discovery, a 1,000-acre facility located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. The center, staffed by doctors, nurses, councilors and instructors, is well equipped to meet the needs of the handicapped who reside there.

Beginning a new life, Billy roomed with four other boys while learning to care for farm animals which resulted in a tremendous increase in his physical activity. He eventually specialized in chickens and egg production. Put on a healthy diet

Chicken soup for autism

consisting of organic foods, many of them grown on the center's grounds, Billy, within a year lost more than 100 pounds.

On a visit to see how his son was doing, father Jack was moved to tears when he saw Billy gently and skillfully carrying several chickens he was transferring to a different area. When done with the chore Billy greeted his parents with open arms. "His disposition has done a 'one-80'," said his mother Jane.

As time passed Billy had learned enough to teach newcomers how to care for chickens and clean, grade, candle and pack eggs. He also worked with horses and sheep.

Time passed rapidly and Billy was nearing 21 years of age, which would make him no longer eligible to reside at the center. He had become so adept at his farming skills and teaching them to others that his leaving would be a loss for the center as well as for the on-the-job skilled farmer. He had been there for more than two years. He was slated to go to an adult oriented facility. Councilors wanted him to stay at the center to continue teaching the skills he had learned to newcomers.

Fortunately, a program opened up giving Billy a job and a permanent home at the center. No doubt the change was due to Billy's valued efforts and the realization that "farm therapy" is also good for handicapped adults. He has now been there for about five years.

On other fronts Billy is a team leader when out on nature hikes. To his parents' delight, he has taken an interest in acting and has starred as Scrooge in an on-the-grounds production of "A Christmas Carol." He also had the lead role in "Guys and Dolls" and is now in rehearsal for the role of Lazar Wolf in "Fiddler on the Roof."

No longer alone and barricaded in his room, Billy calls his parents every day after early morning farm chores. He recently made a seven-day visit home for Easter in Breezy Point, NY. When asked if he would like to extend his stay Billy shook his head and said apologetically,

"Thanks Mom and Dad, but I got to get back to my chickens."



Billy pulls a wagon when he became active on the farm and was well on the way to losing 100 pounds.

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Billy poses in his element — with chickens.

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Recycling coffee wastes and other May gardening tips

by **Leonard Perry, UVM Horticulturist and Charlie Nardozi, Garden Consultant**

Recycling coffee wastes, waiting to move spring-flowering bulbs and getting rid of tent caterpillars in fruit trees are some of the gardening activities for this month.

Coffee grounds contain some major nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) as well as some micronutrients, so put them to work in your garden. Allow them to dry and then spread them around the base of plants. Lettuce, especially, seems to benefit, and the grounds may benefit acid-loving plants since the grounds are slightly acidic. Coffee grounds also will deter slugs. Slit coffee filters and place them around the base of hosta stems, or scatter the coffee grounds, if slugs are a problem.

If you want to move some spring-blooming bulbs to another spot, or thin thick clumps of daffodils, wait until the foliage has turned yellow later in summer, then carefully dig them up and

let them dry in a shady spot for a few days. Store the bulbs in a cool, dry place for the summer until it's time to plant them in fall.

If you haven't planted containers yet, consider adding a water-absorbing product (sold as this in garden stores) to the soil first. You only need a small amount (follow label directions), with the result being that you'll need to water less often as plants grow. This kind of addition is especially useful in hanging baskets that tend to dry out quickly, especially those lined with coir (coconut husk fiber), and in pots made of fiber or clay.

Check apple, cherry and other fruit trees for nests of tent caterpillars. Blast low-lying nests with water to destroy them, or knock them to the

ground and destroy them. A spray of BtK (make sure to get the "K" version) will kill emerging caterpillars but, being a natural bacterium, is not toxic to beneficial insects, birds or humans.

Hummingbirds arrive back in our area usually in late April in southern locations, early May in the north. After their incredibly long journey northward, they're ready for food. Hang a hummingbird feeder or two this time of the year, and either use hummingbird food you can buy (a powder to mix with water), or make your own.

To make your own food for "hummers", add two cups of sugar to a quart of water, heat to dissolve, then allow to cool before placing out. Don't use any other additives such as food coloring. Refriger-

ate what you don't use, and replace the feeder food every few days. If your feeder hangs from a pole, and ants find it, put Vaseline on a section of the pole to deter the ants.

Each year in the recent past, new annual flowers were displayed at the Burlington Waterfront Park and rated by Dr. Perry (pss.uvm.edu/ppp/aaswp.html), so you can find out which grow best in our

North Country summers. Some of the top flowers in recent years included Toucan Red canna, Bandana Pink lantana and Bicolor Pink Stream alyssum. Several petunias rated highly Supertunia Picasso in Purple, Vista Bubblegum and Vista Fuchsia. There were several excellent foliage annuals grown for their colorful leaves. Among these were Black Stockings fountain grass (this one can

reach 7 feet high with roots that break pots), Sweet Caroline Bewitched Green with Envy sweet potato, Peter Wonder coleus, Royal Hawaiian Black Coral and Maui Gold elephant ears and Quicksilver artemisia.

Among the many other gardening activities for this month are watching for ticks, pruning off lilac blooms when finished and dividing perennials if they're overgrown.



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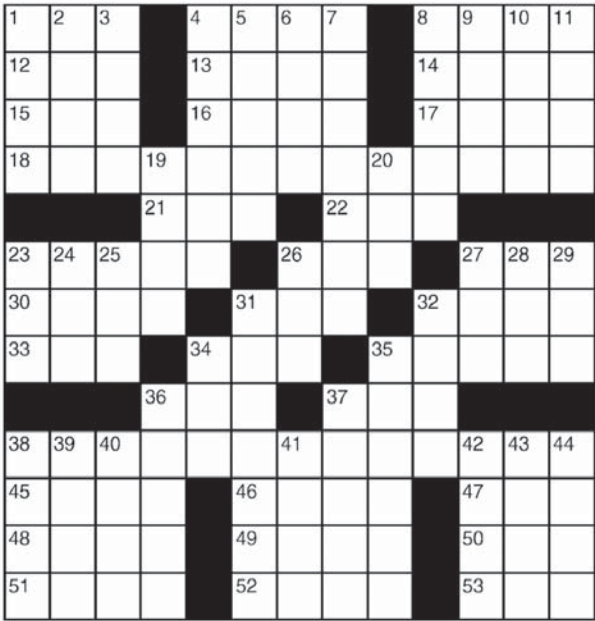
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- 23 Bocce equip-ment
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- 8 Suitable
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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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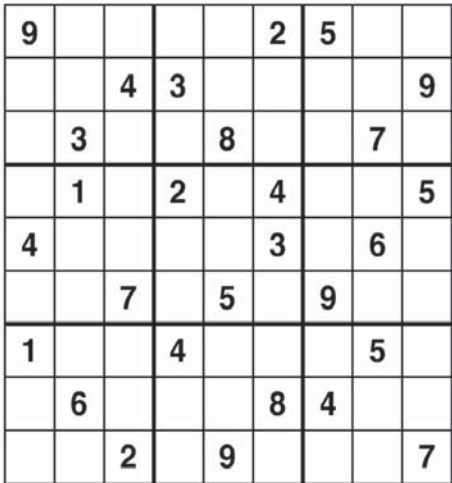
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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.

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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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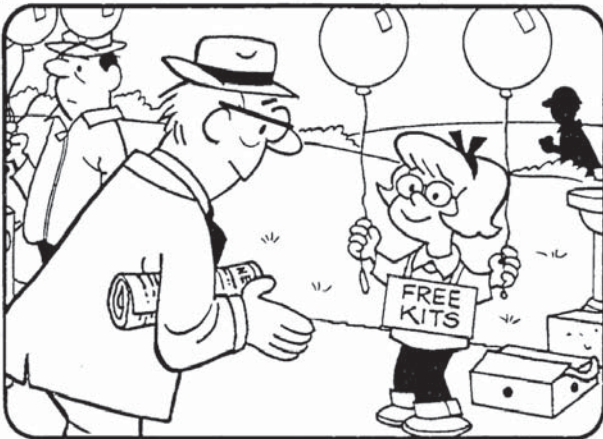
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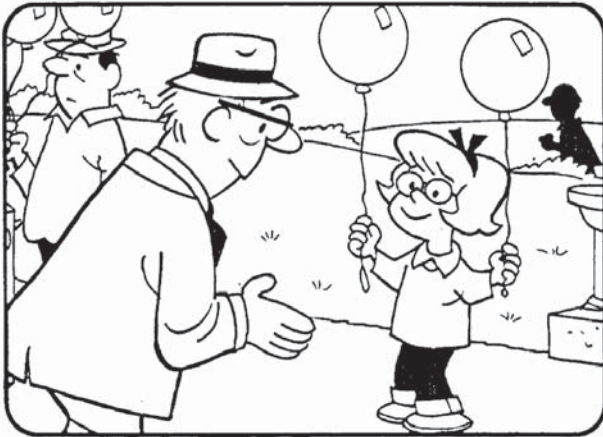
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HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

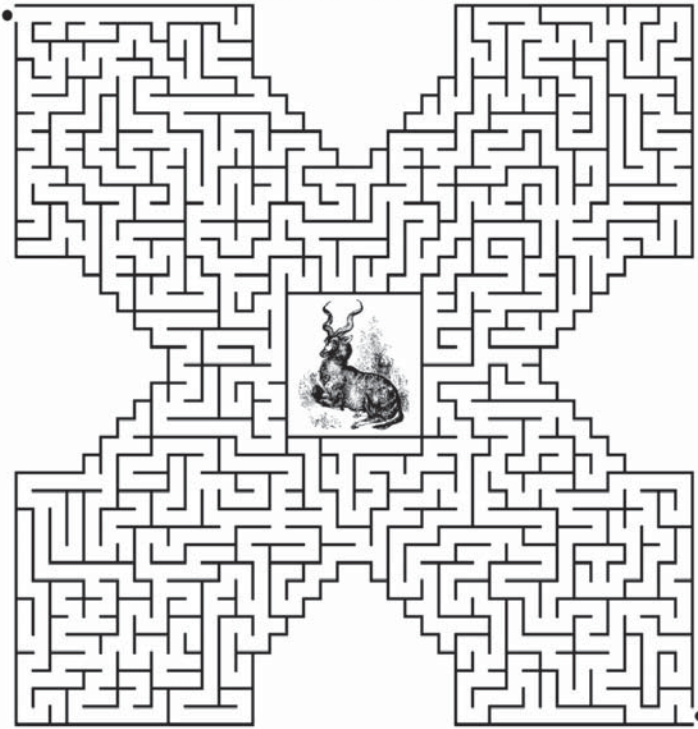


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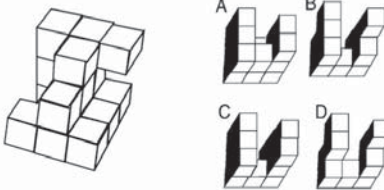
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STICKELERS [sic] by Terry Stickels

If the stack of cubes below was originally 3 x 3 x 3, which one of the following figures is the missing piece from the broken stack of cubes?



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Herkimer BOCES VP-TECH students gain business experience by designing, selling shirts

HERKIMER — If you see someone wearing a VP-TECH shirt, know that a lot of learning and hard work went into it.

Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School students in VP-TECH business teacher Andrew Carpenter's ninth-grade work readiness class recently designed and then sold T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts and hooded sweat-shirts to benefit the class.

"The students were involved with every aspect of the project, as it was meant to simulate a business work environment," Carpenter said. "There was a retail team, a design team, a business administration team and a marketing team."

Project-based learning, real-world work situations and using technology were big parts of this project and are areas of focus at VP-TECH in general. VP-TECH is in its third year of operation. VP-TECH students start in ninth grade and spend four to six years in the program — leaving with a Regents diploma, an associate degree in quality assurance from Herkimer College, a certification in advanced manufacturing and connections with local businesses.

The marketing team put together flyers to distribute to VP-TECH students announcing the sale of the shirts. The retail team put together an order form that students submitted their orders using. The business administration team created an Excel sales spreadsheet to centrally track orders and revenue coming through. The design team was primarily responsible with coming up with the design of the shirts.

Students had free range for how they wanted to design the shirts. They could draw them free hand or put them together using applications on the computer of their choice. Pieces of each group's design were incorporated into the final product. Local company A&P Master Images put together a proof based on the student input that the students then approved for printing.

The class also decided on a fair price to charge that would cover costs and allow the class to make a profit.

When the order came in, students separated the clothing by shirt type and then by size. Then they fulfilled orders by reviewing order forms and assembling the shirts in their packaging. Two students assembled each order, and then another two students quality-checked the order to ensure that the correct item was being placed in the bag. A packing slip was included with each order and signed by each student that was involved with the quality check and assembly of the order.

"The assembly process allowed students to gain a little perspective on what quality assurance is and why it is so critical," Carpenter said. "Through that experience, the students quickly realized that had we not quality checked the work before sending the product out the door, we would have actually had a few mistakes that were found through the quality-checking process."

Students sold almost \$600 of clothing to students and faculty, and the class profited by more than \$100 that will be used for future class enrichment activities. Plans are already in the works to explore other items the class could sell to raise more money and generate further learning experiences.

"In the end, this was an excellent hands-on project that allowed students to put into practice 21st century skills that are transferable to any field that a student may wish to pursue," Carpenter said. "They had to practice teamwork, and the project was meant to simulate running your own business."



Some Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School students and teachers pose in class wearing VP-TECH clothing designed and sold by students in VP-TECH business teacher Andrew Carpenter's ninth-grade work readiness class.

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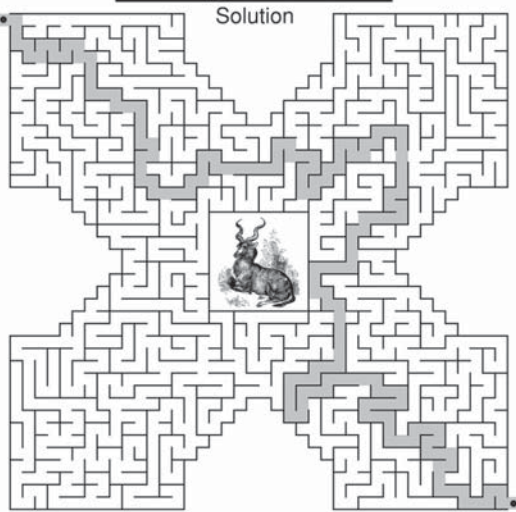
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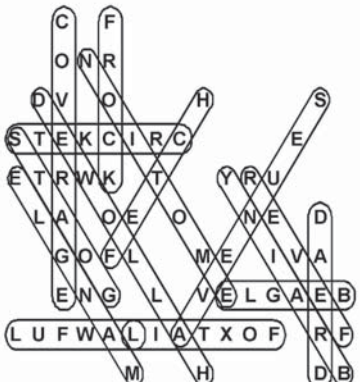
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Sticklers Answer

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Deadline has been extended to June 1. For questions email friendshipcraftfestival@yahoo.com. For an application and festival details go to www.rschurchofchristuniting.com.



by Sam Mazzotta Find Creative Ways to Help Pets in Need

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'd like to help make life better for animals, but I'm not able to volunteer at a local shelter because my job and family take up too much time. I don't have a lot of extra cash to give away, either. Is there anything else I can do? — Sarah in Wheeling, WV

DEAR SARAH: Few of us can really dedicate the time or money we'd like to give to improve animal welfare. All we can do sometimes is look for an opportunity that fits what we are able to give. More and

Paw's Corner

more individuals and businesses are coming up with creative ways for their community to help pets and their owners.

For example, a store in Fort Gratiot, MI, converted a walk-in cigar humidor to a pantry for donated pet food and treats, encouraging members of the community to donate to it with the goal of helping elderly residents feed their pets.

A program begun by the Humane Society of the United States, called Pets for Life, helps animal-care and social-welfare advocates start community outreach programs that can put needy pet owners in touch

with agencies or charities that can help their pets get food, medical care or other assistance.

And of course, there was the community-driven assistance given to pets and rescue organizations on the Gulf Coast in the wake of two terrible hurricanes in 2017, which enabled the rescue of stranded and lost pets, and the rehoming of adoptable pets to shelters in other areas of the U.S.

So keep an ear to the ground and an eye open for the chance to help where and when you can.

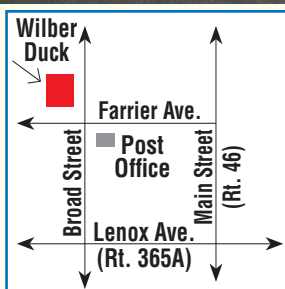
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Graduation day can be an exciting and nerve-wracking experience. Steeped in tradition, graduation signifies the end of the line for academia for many students.

Knowing what to expect during the commencement ceremony and being prepared can help tame nerves and ensure the day moves along as smoothly as possible.

Get clothing set

Choose your attire several days before the graduation ceremony. Try on the clothing that will be worn beneath the graduation gown along with the gown to ensure everything fits well. Collared shirts look classic beneath the gown for both female and male graduates. However, schools may have their own dress requirements that should be followed. Iron or have the dry clean-

ers press all items so they are crisp and free of wrinkles.

It's a good idea to wear flat shoes for the commencement ceremony. Whether traversing the football field or the school auditorium, flat, comfortable shoes will be easy to walk in and help graduates avoid slipping or tripping.

Fuel up

Depending on the size of the graduating class, commencement ceremonies can take a few hours. Make sure to eat a hearty breakfast and be well-hydrated prior to leaving the house. If possible, bring along a small bottle of water. Outdoor ceremonies or those in stuffy auditoriums can mean contending with sun and warmth. Sipping water can prevent overheating.



Graduation is full of tradition. Planning for the day can tame nerves and make it an enjoyable experience.

Leave travel time

Much of the community will be en route to the graduation, making for congested roads and difficult parking situations. Do not add to nerves by rushing around. Give yourself an extra half hour or so to arrive at the destination and get settled. Suggest an early departure for guests as well, as the parking lot or on-street parking will fill up quickly.

Expect limited tickets

Many schools have space restrictions and can only accommodate a predetermined number of attendees. Tickets may be

limited to a specific number per graduate. Extend a courtesy to those who cannot be invited by explaining the ticket policy. Find a way to honor loved ones in another way, such as during a toast at an after-party or with personalized photo gifts.

Practice ceremony etiquette

The school will set the tone for the commencement ceremony. Formal schools may have a more buttoned-up atmosphere, while other schools embrace livelier traditions. Heed the direction of faculty, as there will be plenty of time to let loose after the ceremony.

Make sure that you give

all graduates the respect they deserve by turning off cell phones. In addition, remain seated until the ceremony is over and allow each graduate to get individualized recognition and take photos without feeling rushed.

Wear academic dress properly

Graduation caps are worn flat on the head, parallel to the floor and with the front point centered on the forehead. The gown should be free of jewelry and flowers. Some schools will adorn caps and gowns with academic regalia, while others will not. Reserve your graduation party as a chance to personalize if you so desire.

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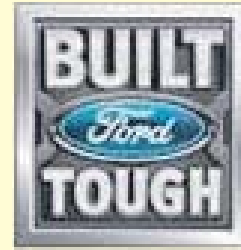


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