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Artist channels challenges, trauma into graffiti art displayed at Herkimer College

Artist Tony Thompson turns his difficult past into a brighter future through artwork to be displayed at Herkimer College's Cogar Gallery.

Growing up near Syracuse, Thompson's artistic outlook was heavily influenced by the abundance of graffiti and street art around him. After studying fine arts at Mohawk Valley Community College in 2006, he leaned into the unconventional art form and beat an even more unorthodox path by using found objects – discarded planks of wood, old window frames, cardboard from cereal boxes, etc. – as his canvases.

Shortly after deciding to become a full-time artist, Thompson suffered his first of three strokes. He eventually underwent brain surgery, leaving him with ongoing emotional trauma and physical disabilities.

However, he said he harnesses that pain into a positive force, channeling it into his artwork.

"They were both the most challenging and best thing to ever happen to me and my life," Thompson said. "All of my life experiences helped to create a unique style all my own, still heavily influenced by street art, minimalism and life events."

Thompson has since relocated to Utica. His latest exhibit, "Love to Give," will be on display in the Cogar Gallery from Dec. 2 - Jan. 31. An artist's reception will take place 5 - 7 p.m. on Dec. 9 in the gallery. The Cogar Gallery is open to the public free of charge Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. when the college is open. For more information, visit www.herkimer.edu/cogar.

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The Delaney Brothers return to Little Falls for bluegrass Christmas concert

LITTLE FALLS – The Bluegrass, Brews & BBQ Festival has announced the return of their 2019 festival headliner, the Delaney Brothers, for the first Bluegrass Christmas Concert in Little Falls on Dec. 14 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the historic 1914 Masonic Hall.

The Delaney Brothers, two-time SAMMY (Syracuse Area Music Award) winners and one of Central New York's oldest and best-loved bluegrass groups, was a huge hit at the September bluegrass festival.

According to Event Director David Warner, "We were thrilled when the Delaney Brothers agreed to a return performance at our inaugural Bluegrass Christmas concert."

"Performing for the music fans in Little Falls is always special. We can't wait to introduce them to some of our featured songs on our

new Christmas CD," stated Frances Piccininni, manager of the Delaney Brothers.

The Bluegrass Christmas Concert will take place at the former Masonic Hall at 5 Prospect St. in Little Falls. The hall is the castle-like structure overlooking Main Street with an intimate auditorium space limited to 100 guests. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at littlefallsbluegrassfestival.com/christmas-concert or \$20 at the door based on seating availability.

"The venue for the Christmas Concert couldn't be more perfect," added Warner. The Masonic Hall is an iconic building, known over the years as an events venue with extraordinary acoustics. Now a private residence, the hall will open its doors once again for the Dec. 14 concert.

"When Dave approached me with the idea of holding the Bluegrass Christmas Concert in the



The historic Masonic Hall in Little Falls will be the site of a special Bluegrass Christmas Concert by the Delaney Brothers on Dec. 14.

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Herkimer County SWCD celebrating 70 years of conservation

The Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held its 20th annual Cooperators' Dinner and celebrated its 70th year as a district on Nov. 4. Approximately 85 people attended the dinner, which featured award presentations as well as updates from the SWCD and Herkimer County Dairy Ambassador Natalie Fredericks.

Each year the Herkimer County SWCD recognizes a local landowner that has exhibited a sincere commitment to agricultural conservation principles by giving its Conservation Farmer of the Year Award. The SWCD staff and Board of Directors selected Timmerman Farms as the Conservation Farmer for 2019.

Timmerman Farms is owned and operated by Ron Timmerman Jr. with the help of his three daughters (Marina, Alexis and Sophie) and his girlfriend Tiffany. Ron purchased the farm from his parents in 1998 and began to grow the herd size. He currently operates 750 acres with over 600 acres tillable, and nearly 300 milking cows.

Conservation practices used on the farm include different crop rotations, cover cropping, strip cropping on over 100 acres, no-till for first year corn, grassed waterways and tile drainage on more than 80 acres. In 2011, Ron requested guidance and assistance with manure management. A nutrient management plan

was completed through working with NRCS, which led to a waste storage construction project.

The SWCD then wrote a grant for a concrete waste storage facility through the Agricultural Non-Point Source grant program. This application was funded because the farm is in a priority Agricultural Environmental Management planning unit. A concrete manure storage structure, multiple pumping plants, waste transfer and access roads were completed in early 201, allowing Ron to focus on utilizing the storage to optimize nutrient uptake of the crops and better timing

of winter spreading. The SWCD district staff oversaw construction and answered any questions throughout the project.

James F. Huxtable was a devoted and dedicated Herkimer County SWCD director for 25 years. This award is presented annually to individuals who have shown a sincere dedication to the advancement of the image, programs and personnel of the SWCD. Debra Michael possesses all the qualities this award represents: professionalism, dedication and commitment to the district.

Deb grew up in Newport on her family farm, and due to her love for farming and area farmers, she took a position working with ASCS, now known as the

Herkimer 5



Conservation Educator Award — Dan Welc (award recipient), Katie Whitcomb (District Technician).



James F. Huxtable Award - Deb Michael (L) (Award Recipient), Gerry Smithson (R) (SWCD Manager). Photos courtesy of Herkimer County SWCD

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Arc Herkimer Respite Facility gets new play set thanks to donation from Stewart's Shops

Arc Herkimer's William H. Privett Respite Facility in Little Falls has received a new children's outdoor play set thanks to a donation from Stewart's Holiday Match Program.

The Burwell Street respite home is a site where parents/guardians can leave their children over weekends, vacations and school breaks. While there, children are engaged by professionally-trained staff in multiple activities aimed at helping them grow. Before the donation, the facility lacked outdoor play equipment for the children.

Arc Herkimer applied for the Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Program this past year and received the money to purchase a play set complete with an accessible playhouse and slide, bench swing for children with limited mobility, two traditional swings, a rock wall, a trapeze bar and a hammock.

According to Arc Herkimer President and CEO Kevin Crosley, "The play set serves nearly 70 children with disabilities and allows them to grow mentally, physically and emotionally through the spontaneous and unstructured play the equipment makes possible. We cannot thank Stewart's Shops and the community's generosity enough."

Stewart's Shops Holiday Match Program runs from Thanksgiving until Christmas annually, and has given over \$28 million since its inception in 1986.

This is a model of the playset that has been purchased and will be put up in the spring at Arc Herkimer's William H. Privett Respite Facility in Little Falls.



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Conservation Farmer Award — Tyler Kelley (L) (District Technician) and Ron Timmerman (R) (award recipient).

Farm Service Agency. In 1987 Deb began working as the secretary with the Herkimer County SWCD, and was shortly after titled as the office manager as she took on so much more than financial administration. She retired after 31 years with the district, and in that time, she accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments.

In Deb's career with the district many programs were initiated: the District Newsletter, the Cooperators' Dinner, the Huxtable Award and multiple years of grant funding to properly organize and store all records. This includes the proper storage of numerous years of historical aerial photos, which are now being incorporated into our digital GIS system. Deb initiated the Herkimer County Farm and Home Safety Day in 2000. Annually, more than 600 children visit 17 safety-related stations, to learn about potential hazards at home and on the farm. The program means so much to her that even in retirement she has come back to volunteer at the event.

Every year the district recognizes a person who has demonstrated devotion in both their career and personal life to education in the subject of conservation with the Conservation Educator Award. The district presented this award to Dan Welc, the Private Lands, Urban, and Community Forester for the Herkimer and Oneida County DEC. Dan studied at SUNY Morrisville for an associate's in natural resource conservation, and ESF for a bachelor's in forest resources management.

Some of the duties of his position include working with landowners on forestry tax law programs, helping

the City of Utica and the City of Rome with any and all planting projects, working with Cooperative Forest Management and helping any landowners with any other urban forestry questions.

Dan has volunteered at educational events; as the poison ivy/poison oak instructor at Farm and Home Safety Day; and as the forestry instructor at the Envirothon. Dan volunteers for many different groups in the area, including the Youth Empowerment group in Ilion, the Poland Central School Science Fair, the Westmoreland School Seedling Program, Herkimer and Oneida County Conservation Field Day, Herkimer County Farming Your Future and more. Dan has also become a State Fire Instructor, which he attributes to all of the experience he's gained in teaching at so many educational events.

A special recognition award was presented to Bill Zaleski for his dedicated service as the Farm Bureau representative of the Board of Directors, and most recently as the chair of the board. Bill has been a director for 27 years and we want to thank him for his years of support, dedication and guidance.

SWCD manager Gerry Smithson concluded the evening by providing closing remarks which highlighted the achievements of the district during 2019 including numerous agricultural projects, drainage systems, streambank stabilization projects, educational events and earned income programs.

The Herkimer County SWCD congratulates all the award winners and sincerely thanks everyone who attended the dinner.

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Keep safety in mind when decorating for the holidays

Decorations help make the holiday season a magical time of year. Stores are awash in color and twinkling lights, and similar imagery is on display in private homes.

Designing holiday displays can be a great way for families to spend time together and kick off the celebration. In fact, according to Electrical Safety Foundation International, around 90% of Americans decorate their homes for the holidays.

When trimming the tree and decorating this holiday season, families must keep safety in mind. A little planning and some precautionary measures can ensure displays are enjoyed all season long. Travelers Insurance offers the following holiday decorating safety tips:

- Do not overload outlets. Plan displays according to the number and location of available outlets.
- Never exceed the maximum number of light strands that can be attached together.
- Use lights and products that have been tested for safety. Certification marks like UL, ETL and CSA are from nationally recognized laboratories.
- LED lights should be used whenever possible. Such lights consume less energy and run cooler than other bulbs.
- The ESFI says candles start almost 50% of all decoration fires. Minimize the risk by using candles only when they can be monitored. Artificial candles can be used in place of real candles.
- Check for freshness in live trees. A fresh tree will

last longer and is less of a fire hazard than an old tree.

- Place Christmas trees at least three feet away from all heat sources, including fireplaces and heaters.
 - Use decorations that are non-combustible or made from flame-resistant materials.
 - Pay attention to the age recommendations of decorations to see if they can be used in homes with young children. Some items, however common, are choking or strangulation hazards.
 - Avoid putting small, "mouth-sized" decorations near the ground or on lower limbs of trees, where young children can easily reach them.
 - Exercise caution when hanging decorations at high heights. Make sure the ladder is secured and have a spotter who can hold the ladder and pass items up safely.
 - Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
 - Exercise caution when decorating near power lines that extend to the house.
 - Keep hung stockings far away from open flames so they do not catch any errant embers.
- These are just a few suggestions for decorating a safely for the holiday season.

Calendar of events

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 cfeditor@leepub.com

December 1

St. Nicholas visits Fort Klock. Noon - 4 p.m. Enjoy cookies, hot cocoa and mulled cider with St. Nicholas. Free admission and free parking. For more information visit www.fortklockhistoric.org, call 518.568.7779, email fortklock@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Starts December 2

"Love to Give" Exhibition will be on display in the Cogar Gallery at Herkimer College from Dec. 2, 2019, through Jan. 31, 2020. An artist's reception will be held 5-7 p.m. Dec. 9 in the gallery. The Cogar Gallery is open to the public free of charge Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. when the College is open. For more information, visit www.herkimer.edu/cogar. Featuring the work of Artist Tony Thompson of Utica.

December 1

Valley Voices for Christ Cantata "The Love of God at Christmas" 6:30 p.m. Middleville United Methodist Church, Route 29, Middleville. Free will offering. Refreshments.

Central Valley CSD Foundation Bingo Event 2 p.m. at the Crowley-Barnum American Legion Post 25 in Mohawk. Admission is \$5 per person. Please purchase tickets in advance. Advance sale tickets are available at Cut It Up North and Wendy's Beauty Salon in Ilion, Paesano's Pizzeria and The Village Market in Mohawk, or by calling 315.894.3116.

December 2

Little Falls Community Blood Drive noon to 5 p.m. at the Little Falls Elks Lodge. To schedule an appointment download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

December 5

Support group meeting for people with chronic lung diseases 11 a.m. at Valley Residential Services, 161 Valley Drive, Herkimer NY. If you, or someone you know, is living with a chronic lung disease consider joining this support group.

If interested, call 607.547.3199, Pulmonary Lab at Bassett Medical Center, to RSVP.

December 6-7

Used Book & Jewelry Sale Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Mohawk Reformed Church, 20 South Otsego Street, Mohawk. Contact 315.866.4292 or office@mohawkreformedchurch.org. Donations accepted Dec. 3-5.

December 7

Holiday Craft and Vendor Event, including a bake sale and raffles. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 443 Henry St., Herkimer.

Christmas at the Fort Plain Museum. Includes a local author book fair, holiday cheer and much more. For more information, contact brianm248420@hotmail.com or call 518.774.5669.

December 8

Christmas Organ Program at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Falls, 2 p.m. With singer and instrumentalists. Free will offering.

Flood Relief Benefit 1-7 p.m. at Poland Vol. Firehouse #1, 216 Main St., Rt. 8, Cold Brook (between Poland & Cold Brook). To benefit the flood victims of Kuyahoor Valley. All proceeds will be donated to the Kuyahoor Valley Foundation. Benefit includes: Food, drinks, basket raffle, 50/50, music by the Swamp Drivers. Tickets sales: \$15 person - \$25 couple - \$30 family. Pre-sale tickets and information: 315.368.4599.

December 9

Free Autism Workshop on Sensory Processing Disorder 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Herkimer College's Hummel Amphitheater. Music, movement, and drama teacher Carol Stock Kranowitz will be presenting the workshop. Pre-register online at www.archerherkimer.org or by calling 315.574.7000.

December 12

Business After Hours at Foltsbrook 5-7 p.m. at Foltsbrook Center Nursing and Rehabilitation, 104 N Washington St., Herkimer. <https://tinyurl.com/yybgj4ld>

December 13

Annual Arts Legacy Exhibition Opening Reception 6-9 p.m., at the Reach Center, 205 W. Dominick Street, Rome. Free. The exhibition will be on view through the end of 2020. The annual Reach Center exhibition will highlight the 4 Elements Studio Arts Legacy Program, which preserves and showcases the historic and current works of local artists who have played important roles in shaping the Mohawk Valley arts community. For more information on 4 Elements Studio, please visit www.4elementsonline.com.

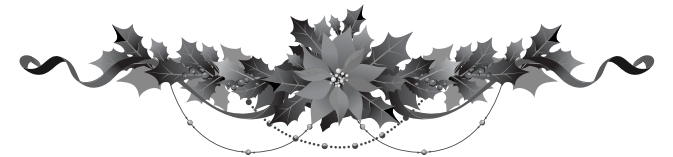
Ladies Night 7-10 p.m. at the Travelodge, Little Falls. Proceeds to benefit the Just Dance Studio Competition Team. Enjoy a night out with your friends and support our competition team and local Woman Business Owners. A great way to finish your Christmas shopping. Costs: Guests - \$20 per person. \$35 per vendor. Additional \$10 if having wine/food. Vendors contact Kim @ Kimmiejosoabo@gmail.com.

December 14

Candlelight Evening 2019 by the Farmers' Museum 3 - 7 p.m. The Farmers' Museum, 5775 Rt. 80, Cooperstown. Visit the Farmers' Museum for one of the region's best-loved holiday traditions. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Adults (13 - 64) \$12, seniors (65+) \$10.50, juniors (7 - 12) \$6. Children (6 and younger) and museum members are free.

Murder and Mayhem in Herkimer County author book signing 10 a.m.-noon at the Gift Shop, Eckler Building, 406 N. Main St., Herkimer. The book may be purchased for \$23.99. Contact Caryl Hopson or Susan R. Perkins at Herkimer County Historical Society at 315.866.6413 or herkimerhistory@yahoo.com or visit www.herkimercountyhistory.org

Holiday Concert 2 p.m. at St. Pauls Universalist Church, 565 Albany Street, Little Falls. The ABC Trio will be performing Christmas and classical favorites. Tickets are \$5, available at the Little Falls Community Co-op, Little Falls Veterinary Clinic and at the door. Proceeds benefit the Organ restoration fund.



Explaining wills and trusts

It's never too early for adults to think about estate planning. Estate planning is an important part of money management. While it's easy to think of estate planning as just a way to dictate how your assets are allocated after your death, estate planning also can protect people and their money should accidents or injury make them incapable of managing their finances on their own.

Some familiar terms may come up when people begin planning how they hope to transfer their assets. Two more common terms are wills and trusts. Understanding the distinctions between the two can help people as they begin estate planning.

What is a will?

The online financial resource Investopedia notes that wills are legally enforceable documents that dictate how people want their affairs handled and assets allocated in the wake of their deaths.

Wills should include a host of information, including who a person wants to assume guardianship of their minor-aged children should they pass away. This is especially important information to include in a will, as surviving relatives may have to go to court

to contest guardianship if parents do not dictate who they want to serve as guardians in their wills.

What is a trust?

A trust is a relationship in which another party is given authority to handle a person's assets for the benefit of that person's beneficiaries. When making a trust, a person will need to designate someone as a trustee, who will be tasked with distributing assets in accordance to the terms dictated in the trust.

There are many types of trusts, and working with an attorney who specializes in estate planning can help women and men determine which type of trust, if any, is best for them.

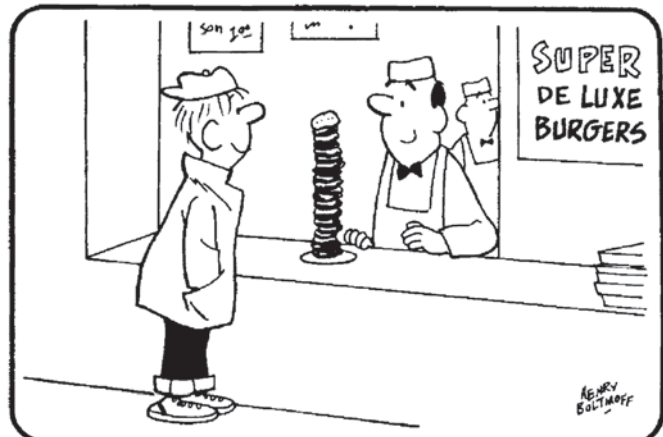
Is it better to have a will or a trust?

Both wills and trusts can be useful when estate planning. In fact, wills are often used to establish trusts, and many people have both a will and a trust.

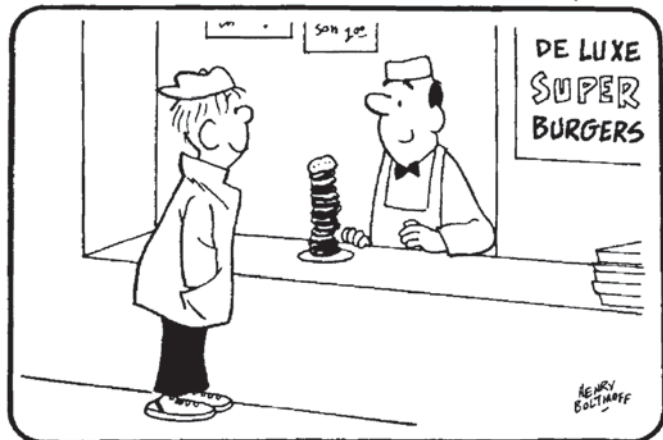
Estate planning is an important part of managing one's finances. A qualified attorney who specializes in estate planning can help people write their wills and, if necessary, establish trusts that can help surviving loved ones in the wake of their death.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Burger stack is shorter. 2. Man in background is missing. 3. Slacks have no cuffs. 4. Large sign is different. 5. Customer's nose is smaller. 6. Two small signs are reversed.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Netting
- 5 Personal question
- 8 Grouch
- 12 Liniment target
- 13 Chop
- 14 Firetruck need
- 15 Barbecue fuel
- 17 One side of the Urals
- 18 Glutton
- 19 Prune
- 20 Skill
- 21 Police officer
- 22 Has potential
- 23 Should, with "to"
- 26 Assault persistently
- 30 Entreaty
- 31 "Delish!"
- 32 Small wagon
- 33 Breastbone
- 35 "It's mine!"
- 36 Diving bird
- 37 Two, in Tijuana
- 38 Pamphlet
- 41 Raw rock
- 42 Pair of performers
- 45 Laugh-a-minute
- 46 Entrancing
- 48 Teen's woe
- 49 Ginormous
- 50 Eastern bigwig (Var.)
- 51 Equal

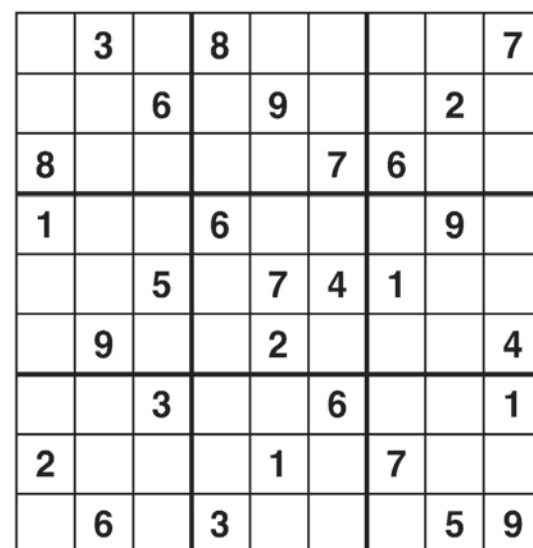
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- 1 Jet speed measure
- 2 Reverberate
- 3 Carpet type
- 4 The girl
- 5 Shout
- 6 Jalopy
- 7 It gives a hoot
- 8 Monstrous
- 9 Parks of civil rights fame
- 10 "Yeah, right"
- 11 Defeat
- 16 Coagulate
- 20 Rotating part
- 21 Role
- 22 Off-tattooed word
- 23 Chances, for short
- 24 Last (Abbr.)
- 25 "Gosh!"
- 26 Vagrant
- 27 Upper limb
- 28 Aries
- 29 Coloring agent
- 31 Opposite of 31-Across?
- 34 Eccentric
- 35 No stay-at-home
- 37 Hauls
- 38 Snare
- 39 Kind of pudding
- 40 Top-rated
- 41 Major U.S. river
- 42 FDR's on it
- 43 One
- 44 Shrek, for instance
- 46 Letterman's employer
- 47 Paper equivalent of a GPS?

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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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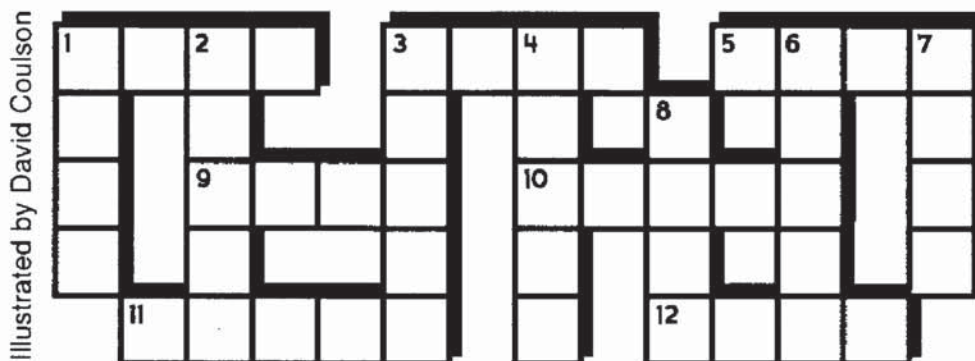
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DON'T GET SQUASHED trying to count all of the pumpkins in our picture. See if you can match our total.

Answer: We found 35 pumpkins.



SHORT-NAME AMERICAN CITIES!



Illustrated by David Coulson

Below are the names of 14 American cities that you will need to complete the puzzle above. Use the trial-and-error method.

4-letter words:

AMES
BEND
ELKO
LIMA
ROME
SWAN
WACO
WARD

5-letter words:

BLAIR
CULLY
NITRO
OMAHA
TAMPA
TYLER

IT'S LOG-ON TIME! See if you can compute the answer to this Alpha-Math puzzle. You must replace the letters on the computer screen with the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.



One Answer: D=9, O=2, T=4, C=6, M=3, S=1, I=5, E=7, A=3, N=6, R=2, Y=9, L=1, G=8, H=4, K=5, J=6, P=7, Q=8, V=9, W=1, X=2, Z=3, F=4, G=5, I=6, L=7, M=8, N=9, O=1, P=2, Q=3, R=4, S=5, T=6, U=7, V=8, W=9, X=1, Y=2, Z=3.

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words that are divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from the word in the left column to a word in the right column.



Answers: 1. Outages. 2. Planking. 3. Rapport. 4. Scantest. 5. Thinnest. 6. Warrant.

Answers: (Across) 1. Waco. 3. Bend. 5. Rome. 9. Lima. 10. Tampa. 11. Tyler. 12. Swan. (Down) 1. Ward. 2. Cully. 3. Blair. 4. Nitro. 8. Ames. 6. Omaha. 7. Elko.

Arc Herkimer names new recruitment specialist

Arc Herkimer has named Ashley Jones the agency's new recruitment specialist. She has

a bachelor's degree in Communication Arts, as well as in Early Childhood/Childhood Education, from Utica College.

Jones has been with the agency for eight years and has held many different positions along the way. She started as a direct support professional in 2011 and was most recently working as an assistant supports and services director until her promotion.

Jones took over as recruitment specialist in November and has hit the ground running. Arc Herkimer's Vice President of Human Resources Sarah Feola said, "Ashley is an amazing addition to our team and we cannot wait to see where she takes our recruitment efforts from here."



Ashley Jones, Recruitment Specialist, Arc Herkimer.
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4:30PM ~ Santa will be at the Canajoharie Post Office on West Main Street to accept the letters from your children. Letters will be replied to! Sponsored by the Canajoharie Women's Club.

6:00PM ~ Join the Canajoharie Elementary Choir under the direction of Carlie Leogrande for a Sing around the Christmas Tree with Santa at the Village Green, corner Church and Little Mohawk Streets (near the dummy light).



After the Sing Along the Canajoharie Library/Arkell Museum will host Santa for visits with the children and the Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce will provide hot cocoa and homemade cookies to families.

St. John's St. Marks Lutheran Church will sponsor their Chili and Hot Dog Supper featuring Loretta's meat sauce! Also they will have the SERRV Fair Trade Sale. JYP-Junior Youth Program of Canajoharie will offer face painting at the church as well!

The Canajoharie Youth Center will be hosting a basket raffle and vendor tables. Contact the youth center at 518-378-2235 for more information.

Cornerstone Baptist Church will be at the Art Box with balloon animals, kid's crafts and free hot cocoa!

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Raffle to benefit the Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce for a giant Momma and Baby Bear will be hosted by Lee's Christmas Corner, 24 Church St. They will also be offering tastings of their gourmet food line.

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Many local shops will be open late and will have unadvertised in-store specials, activities and refreshments. The town will be alive with the magic of Christmas and there will be so much to see and do with your entire family! Keep an eye on Facebook for any last minute information or more details!

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Arc Herkimer receives new kiln for pottery room thanks to grant from Utica National Group Foundation

Arc Herkimer has received a new kiln to use in the agency's pottery

room thanks to a grant from the Utica National Group Foundation.

Various groups and programs frequently use the pottery room at the

agency's recreation center on North Main Street in Herkimer.

Habilitation groups work in the pottery room for hands-on learning and interactive skill building through instruction during countless activities. Additionally, crafting pottery provides people a great opportunity to work on motor skills as well as enhance their own creativity.

People enjoy making the pottery to sell at businesses around the local community and different conferences throughout the state. These funds go right back into the pottery program to purchase more supplies.

The new kiln allows Arc Herkimer to enhance services by offering more classes for the people they support. By doing this, it assists in enriching their lives with opportunities of growth and creativity for years to come.



Here is a collection of some of the recent pottery projects that individuals have been working on at the Arc Herkimer pottery room. Photo courtesy of Arc Herkimer

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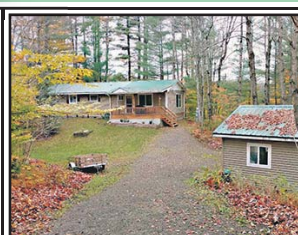
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According to a recent study by LendEDU, 32% of 875 people surveyed preferred to use cash over cards for everyday purchases. Cash can be a smart choice for many purchases, including holiday spending. Here are six reasons why cash can be king once more.

1. Limits spending in a tangible way: A key benefit of using cash is that it presents a visual cue that spending should cease. If a shopper has set a \$200 limit for holiday gifts, when that \$200 in cash is gone, it's a surefire reminder that it is time to step away from the register and leave the store. It can be hard to view

spending in real time when using credit or debit.

2. Bills are accepted everywhere. Unlike some credit cards, merchants will not turn away cash. This is especially helpful when shopping at small businesses or pop-up markets that are popular during the holidays. Local artisans or other niche vendors may only take cash as well.

3. Prevent second-guess impulse buys: Parting with hard-earned cash directly can be a great motivator to keep that \$20 in your pocket instead of using it for a scratch-off lotto ticket or mall food court snack. Watching cash supplies dwindle may prevent shoppers from making unwise purchases.

4. Cash facilitates tipping. Cash is often best for tipping servers and delivery personnel. According to Kim Palmer, a credit card guru at NerdWallet, a popular financial advice site, recipients of tips prefer cash because they get it immediately. A tip on a card may only be parceled out at the end of the week.

5. Losing cash doesn't affect credit. Although many people say carrying cash is riskier than sticking to credit, the financial expert Dave Ramsey says differently. While parting with lost cash can be a blow, the risk of identity theft, and sorting through canceling credit and debit cards when they go missing, can be an even bigger threat.

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Strategies to meet year-end deadlines

The ability to meet deadlines is important in people's personal and professional lives. But many people procrastinate to an extent that has adverse effects on their lives.

Joseph Ferrari, a professor of psychology at DePaul University in Chicago and author of "Still Procrastinating: The No Regret Guide to Getting It Done," advises that around 20% of adults in the U.S. are chronic procrastinators. The Association for Psychological Sciences notes that people who procrastinate have higher levels of stress.

Each year, individuals set key goals for themselves. As the end of the year approaches, the pressure is on for people to complete their tasks, especially if their deadline was to finish tasks by year's end. With such a firm date looming, consider these tactics to become better at mastering deadlines.

- Jot down all of your tasks. Jot down everything you need to or want to get done in the near future. This could be everything from learning a foreign language to picking up your child from the afterschool program. Putting it on paper helps you to better prioritize, organize and strategize.

- Categorize the list. Move tasks into key categories: scheduled, deferred or delegated. Delegated tasks are those that will be handed off to someone else. Scheduled tasks are those that you handle by a date noted on your list. Deferred tasks can wait, but will be reorganized and addressed after the scheduled tasks are completed.

- Break down projects. Dividing projects into multiple steps allows you to handle them more efficiently. Think about the bigger picture and then figure out the steps necessary to complete the project. Meeting smaller goals will help you feel confident about reaching the larger goal of the completed project.

- Stay organized. Use a planner or a calendar (whether it's digital or a hard version) to keep on top



Getting the job done takes dedication, attention to detail and sometimes a little help along the way.

of all broken-down steps. Harvard Business Review says scheduling when and where each task will be performed will increase the chances of getting it done.

- Ask for help. If you find you are falling behind your

schedule, reach out for assistance. A friendly face can provide the inspiration necessary to rally and redouble efforts, and two hands are always more effective than one.

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Easy Herbed Stuffing

Dress up this basic stuffing with chestnuts, apples, cherries ... the list goes on.

- 1 small loaf country-style bread (about 1 lb), cut into ½-inch pieces (about 10 cups)
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 large carrots, cut into ¼-inch pieces
- 2 stalks celery, cut into ¼-inch pieces
- 3 cups lower-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 2 tsp fresh thyme leaves
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- Kosher salt
- Pepper

1. Heat oven to 375° F. Grease 3-quart casserole dish. Place bread on rimmed baking sheet and toast until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes; transfer to large

bowl.

2. Meanwhile, heat oil in 12-inch skillet on medium. Add onions, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until very tender and beginning to turn golden, 6 to 8 minutes

3. Add carrots and celery, and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 6 to 7 minutes. Add broth and heat to a boil. Stir in parsley and thyme.

4. Transfer vegetable mixture to bowl with bread; toss to combine. Fold in beaten eggs. Transfer to prepared baking dish, cover with foil and bake 10 minutes. Remove foil and bake until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 10 servings.

- Each serving: About 200 calories, 6g total fat (1g saturated), 505mg sodium, 29g carb., 2g fiber, 7g protein.

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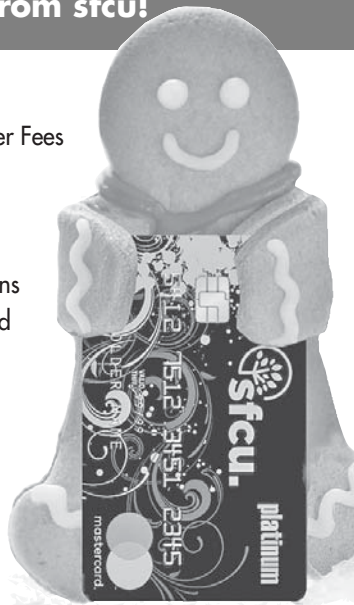
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Poland Spanish students create *ofrenda* displays based on Dia de los Muertos



This ofrenda dedicated to Poland Central School District Spanish student Jerry Almas won the First Place and Kids Choice awards. Spanish II students Jerry Almas, Gavin Kraucuinias, Seth Walther, Quintin Weigand and Jackson Vail created this ofrenda.

Poland Central School District high school Spanish students recently competed in groups to each create *ofrendas* to honor a famous person of Hispanic heritage for the Mexican Day of the Dead holiday, Dia de los Muertos.

Students learned about “la ofrenda” during their studies of Mexican culture. *Ofrenda* means offering, but *ofrendas* are altars that Mexican people create each year for Dia de los Muertos dedicated to loved ones who have passed away.

“They believe this is a respectful way to pay homage to those that have passed,” Poland Spanish teacher Hilary Gibbons said. “It’s definitely a more positive sense of death. The memories never die, and they keep them alive with the *ofrendas*. It’s a celebration of life and of death.”

High school students in Spanish II, Spanish III and College Now Spanish created projects for the competition, and judging was conducted on Nov. 6. Judging was based on a variety of factors in three categories: creativity, authenticity and the thoroughness of the dedication to a famous person of Hispanic heritage who is dead or alive.

The following groups of students won prizes in the competition and received a variety of small prizes:

- **First Place and Kids Choice:** Spanish II stu-

dents Jerry Almas, Gavin Kraucuinias, Seth Walther, Quintin Weigand and Jackson Vail. This *ofrenda* was dedicated to one of the students in the group, Jerry Almas, who considers himself famous, Gibbons joked.

- **Second Place:** College Now Spanish students Sara Borner, Kayden Lamphere, Jessica Batson and Rackelle Wright. This *ofrenda* was dedicated to Selena Gomez.

- **Third Place:** Spanish III students Brianna Comstock, Trista Houghtaling, Alicia Perryman and Jamie Pritchard. This *ofrenda* was dedicated to Camila Cabello.


Gibbons said she is always looking for new ways to present topics to students in an interesting way, so she tried the *ofrenda* competition this year and definitely plans to continue doing it in the future because students seemed to have fun, relish the competition and take something away from it.

The College Now Spanish students who won second place said they had fun with the project. “It was interesting, to say the least,” Lamphere said.

One challenge was doing the research on the person and then figuring out how to use that information physically on the *ofrenda* display, Lamphere said.

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The group members got into the competition and were confident about their project, Batson said. "We felt solid," she said.

The students said they learned a lot about ofrendas through the project.

"We just found out it was important to honor certain people and their branches as far as family goes," Lamphere said.

"Just to honor your loved ones and to honor

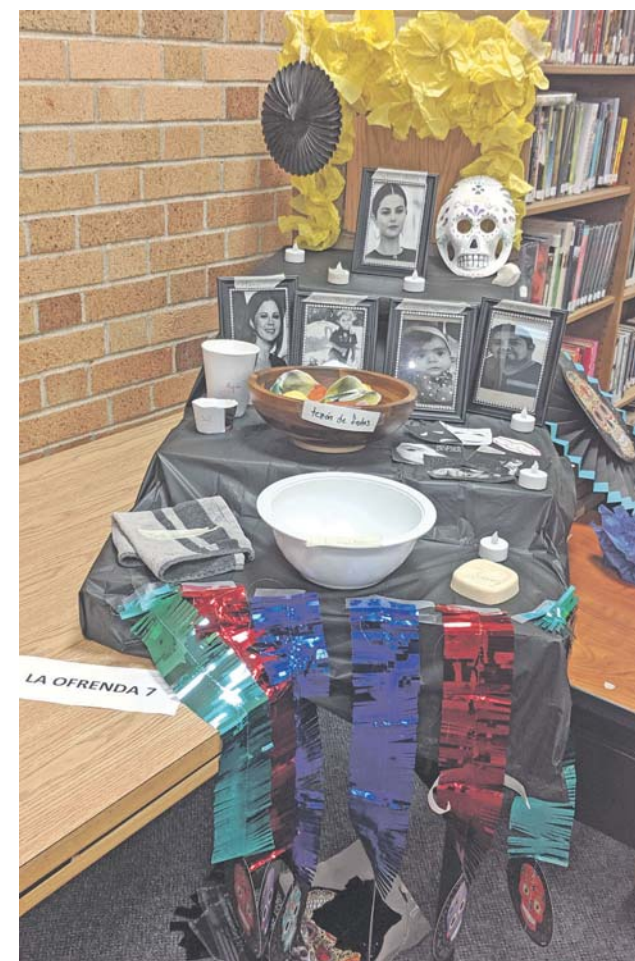
your past," Borner added.

Wright said she agreed with comments Gibbons made about the way Day of the Dead creates a different view of death in Mexican culture.



This ofrenda dedicated to Camila Cabel-lo won the Third Place award in a recent competition among Poland high school Spanish students. Spanish III students Bri-anna Comstock, Trista Houghtaling, Alicia Perryman and Jamie Pritchard created this ofrenda. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

"I think it's a positive thing – more of a celebration of death," she said. "And we all did our own part in the project, so we worked together well."



This ofrenda dedicated to Selena Gomez won the Second Place award. College Now Spanish students Sara Borner, Kayden Lamphere, Jessica Batson and Rackelle Wright created this ofrenda.

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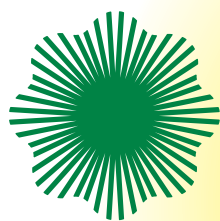
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