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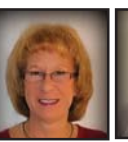
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IRS Services Guide - This guide provides an overview of the many IRS.gov tools available to taxpayers and tax professionals.

Interactive Tax Assistant - This tool provides answers to several tax law questions. It can help taxpayers determine if a type of income is taxable, if they are eligible to claim certain credits and if they can deduct certain expenses on their tax return. It also provides answers for general tax questions, such as determining filing status and who needs to file a tax return.

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Publication 5307, Tax Reform: Basics for Individuals and Families -

This publication provides information to help individual taxpayers understand how changes from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act affect them.

Publication 5318, Tax Reform: What's New for Your Business - This electronic publication covers many of the TCJA provisions that are important for small and medium-sized businesses, their owners and tax professionals.

Where's My Refund? - Those who have already filed can use this tool to track their tax refund. Taxpayers get personalized information based on the processing of their tax return. The tool provides an actual refund date after the IRS has approved a refund.

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How to control crabgrass before it appears

Homeowners who enjoy tending to their lawns know that grass is vulnerable to a host of problems, many of which appear at a time of year when lawn enthusiasts want to showcase the fruits of their lawn-and-garden labors.

Crabgrass is a common problem that appears in summer. According to Lowes, crabgrass plants produce thousands of seeds between midsummer and early fall. While the first frosts of late-fall or early winter kill the crabgrass plants, the seeds produced by the plants remain dormant throughout winter and then begin to grow as the ground temperature warms up with the spring and summer thaw. As a result, controlling germination, which is the development of a plant from a seed or spore after a period of dormancy, is the key to preventing crabgrass from becoming an unsightly blemish that can harm your lawn in summer.

A proactive approach to crabgrass can save homeowners the headaches of dealing with this unwanted guest taking over their grass. The following tips, courtesy of Lowes, can help homeowners reduce the likelihood of their lawns being overcome by crabgrass as summer hits full swing.

- Recognize that routine lawn maintenance may not be enough. Even lawns that receive sufficient TLC can fall victim to crabgrass. A proactive, crabgrass-specific approach to lawn maintenance is the most effective way to control the problem before it pops up.

- Apply a pre-emergent herbicide. Pre-emergent herbicides kill crabgrass seedlings as they germinate. While these herbicides are highly effective,

they must be applied at precisely the right time. The right time to apply them depends on weather patterns. For example, Lowes notes that homeowners who live in regions that might have experienced warmer than usual winters will probably need to apply the herbicides earlier than usual. While the manufacturer instructions should always be followed when applying herbicides, it's essential that homeowners take weather patterns into consideration as well.

- Wait until the ground temperature rises above 60°F. Applying herbicides when the ground temperature is below 60°F might render the products ineffective. Gauging soil temperature can be tricky, but Lowes advises monitoring shrubs and trees on the property. Once shrubs begin to bloom and trees bud, herbicide can be applied.

- Wait when treating newly seeded lawns. Pre-emergent herbicides might kill new grass seedlings, so homeowners with newly seeded lawns should wait until they have mowed their lawns three times before applying a herbicide.

- Emphasize uniform application. If a herbicide is not applied uniformly across the lawn, crabgrass can establish itself and ultimately spread to the rest of the lawn.

- Do not thatch or aerate after applying a herbicide. Thatching or aerating a lawn after applying a herbicide might break the product's chemical barrier, thereby rendering it ineffective.

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by Rachael Takacs

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delicious aromatic smells of simmering chili greeted guests throughout the museum yard. Upon entering the museum, cheer-

ful banter and lively music could be heard as guests sampled the wide varieties of chili and swayed to the music of the Jan

Cronkhite Trio. This group of musicians includes vocalist Laurie Stewart, pianist Ira Metzger and Jan Cronkhite on the saxo-

phone. Guests were also presented with the opportunity to tour the museum as well as purchase items in the gift shop.

Greeting guests was secretary of the Van Alstyne Homestead Society,

CLASH 7



(L - R) Chili contestants Mark Brody, principal of Canajoharie Elementary School Stacey Ward, and Chris Fatta with his daughter Gia eagerly await the final ballot count.
Photos by Rachael Takacs



(L - R) Members of the Van Alstyne Homestead Society Secretary Sue Beaver, Rita A. Pineyro, Robert VanAlstine, Karen VanAlstine, Fritz Traudt, Dr. Alfonso Pineyro and Fundraising Chairperson/Trustee Rita M. Pineyro.



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Sue Beaver. Beaver was managing the cash box and offering attendees the opportunity to participate in a 50/50 raffle. She was very enthusiastic about attendance, stating, "We're doing well! People are having fun and having some good chili on a cold day!"

Ten varieties of chili were awaiting the hungry visitors that day, as well as many other delightful fixings, drinks and sweet treats. These items were donated by members of the Van Alstyne Homestead Society. In addition, alcoholic beverages were vended by the Fort Rensselaer Men's Club. The assorted chilis were judged by the general public and were eligible to place in three different categories – most traditional, the John Buck fan favorite (dedicated to the former president of the Van Alstyne Homestead Society) and most original. Each category victor received a gift certificate for the Fort Plain Ayres House breakfast buffet. Winners included Dr. Alfonso Pineyro for most traditional chili, Chris Fatta as the fan favorite and Shirley Manzer for most original chili.

In attendance that day was the well-known Montgomery County Court Judge Felix Catena, a former member of the Van Alstyne Homestead Society. A frequenter at this event, Catena eagerly voiced his love for the occasion and the chili: "It's an absolutely wonderful event! I happen to personally love chili, and I don't know that I have a favorite here because they are all so fantastic!"

Also in attendance was the fundraising chairperson and Van Alstyne Homestead Society Trustee Rita Pineyro. She was pleased with the turnout and expressed her gratitude for all those who made the event a success. "Thank you to all who participated and volunteered their time to helping us make our seventh annual chili cook-off and our first fundraiser of the 2019 season such a success," she said. "The weather was perfect for a cup of spicy chili. Last year we had to postpone the chili cook-off due to a winter storm, so this year we opted to have it during

the first week of spring. It is a great way to kick things into gear for the spring season."

For more information on the Van Alstyne Homestead, its upcoming events and updates, see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VanAlstyneHomestead and on Twitter @VahsCanjo.



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"Beaver Believers" screening on April 18

"Beaver Believers," a new documentary, shows how people in several states are working with "nature's engineers" to solve our most important environmental problems. It will be screened at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 at the Little Falls Public Library.

"Beaver Believers" tells how five western scientists – and a hairdresser – are partnering with beavers to tackle climate change "one stick at a time." This showing at the Little Falls library (10 Waverly Pl., 315.823.1542) is the first in the area. All are welcome at the free event sponsored by the educational nonprofit Beavers: Wetlands & Wildlife (518.568.2077).

Seeking photographs for exhibit

FORT HUNTER, NY — Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site seeks photographs for their 2019 art exhibit, "The Passage of Time." New York State photographers who are interested in having their work in a competitive, juried exhibition are encouraged to read the show description and submit original work within the theme by the deadline of May 15, 2019.

Schoharie Crossing is hosting this third annual exhibition of talented artists. This year the focus is only on photography. Select jurors will accept works and award for their top choices. A people's choice award will also be presented after public voting during the exhibition which will run from July 6 to Sept. 1.

The Erie Canal historic site and NYS Park is a great place for recreation such as walking, cycling, kayaking, fishing, birdwatching, picnics, and more; providing memories & experiences for generations. The site supplies great views of nature as well and the historic canal structures are juxtaposed among the natural world of plants and animals along the Schoharie Creek and Mohawk River. The trails along old towpaths of the canal allow for a journey back in time. Flora and fauna thrive within the tranquility of the waterways, wetlands and open spaces of Schoharie Crossing, lending great inspiration for any artist.

The Erie Canal's vital importance is highlighted by the classic arches of the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct and the impressive lock

chambers that still exist at locations throughout Schoharie Crossing. Views of the Mohawk and Schoharie Valleys can also be taken in as you explore this landscape.

Schoharie Crossing encompasses over 200 acres and spans over three miles in length. From the western end of the site at the Aqueduct boat launch, across the Schoharie Creek and east to Yankee Hill Lock and the Putman Canal Store. The site contains portions of the original 1820's Erie Canal as well as features two sets of double locks from the Enlarged Era Canal and is adjacent to the Erie Canal of today; the Mohawk River. Lock E12 at Tribes Hill on the river is situated close to the site and provides access to witnessing the newest century old canal of today.

All along the site there is ample opportunity to explore your artistic skills, from photography, painting, and even sketches. Discover more on the Schoharie Crossing Facebook page or on the Friends of Schoharie Crossing Instagram and Twitter.

Submissions can be made online by following this link: <https://goo.gl/63y6Vx>. The exhibit's opening celebration will take place during the Schoharie Crossing Canal Days festivities, on July 6, and artwork will be displayed inside the Enders House until Sept. 1. For more information on how to enter, please visit the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site page of the New York State Parks website, nysparks.com, call Schoharie Crossing at 518.829.7516, email

SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov or find us on Facebook.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 individual state parks, historic sites, golf courses, boat launches and recreational trails, which are visited by 71 million people annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518.474.0456 or visit www.nysparks.com, connect on Facebook, or follow on Twitter.



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Canal Clean Sweep volunteers sought

FORT HUNTER – Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is participating in the 14th Annual Canal Clean Sweep and is hosting volunteers that would like to lend a hand. Each year members of local and state organizations along with other volunteers from the community assist in some “spring cleaning” along the Erie Canal corridor. The event is sponsored by

the New York State Canal Corporation and Parks & Trails New York. This year Schoharie Crossing will be conducting a trail project at Yankee Hill Lock on Saturday, April 27 starting at 8 a.m. Work scheduled for the day will be on a new connector trail from Yankee Hill Lock on Queen Anne Road to South Amsterdam. The Friends of

Schoharie Crossing have agreed to adopt a trail that will run along the south bank of the Mohawk River. Proper footwear and clothes for the weather are required. Bring your work gloves, hands saws, non-powered tree trimmers and/or clippers. Free Clean Sweep T-shirts will be available until they run out. Lunch will be provided to those that volun-

teer until noon. We ask that anyone interested in participating register online with Parks & Trails New York at www.ptny.org by April 25. There will be an additional date for trail work on I Love My Park Day, May 4. Last year the event along the canal system saw over 200 community organizations that held over 100 events with over

3,500 volunteers pitching in. This is a fantastic way to show your pride in the canal system, New York State Parks and local history. The meet-up location is located at 553 Queen Anne Rd., Amsterdam. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact David at SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov or 518.829.7516.

Paw’s Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Is that special diet killing your dog?

Dear Paw’s Corner: The trend in pet owners feeding their dogs grain-free diet may have had some unintended consequences. There’s an epidemic of DCM (dilated cardiomyopathy) in dogs across the U.S., one that in many cases may be caused by a deficiency in taurine. The Food and Drug Administration and several veterinary organizations are working to increase the public’s knowledge about the problem. Please let your readers know about this issue so that they can make sure what they’re feeding their dogs contains the right

nutrients to keep their dogs healthy. – Liz D., via email
Dear Liz: Thank you for raising awareness about this issue. As dedicated owners search for the best diets to feed their dogs, they are increasingly feeding them “exotic” diets (kangaroo meat and chickpeas, cited in a 2018 Tufts report) or buying dog foods labeled as grain-free. At issue is that some trendy diets, and unfortunately some retail dog foods, lack taurine, an ingredient in meat that is essential to maintaining a healthy heart in dogs. Taurine deficiency alone is not the only cause behind the rise in DCM, which is being seen in dog

breeds where it was previously rare. Researchers are working to find additional causes of DCM, and in the meantime recommend that pet owners closely evaluate their pet’s diet. Commercial dog foods should have a good track record of nutritional quality and safety. Home-prepared diets should be supplemented with important nutrients; talk to your vet for exact details. Owners should also keep an eye on their dogs for early signs of heart disease: coughing, weakness, less ability to exercise, shortness of breath or fainting. Take a dog with these symptoms straight to the vet.
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Donna's Day: Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Make fresh ricotta cheese in your kitchen

When I hear "I made it from scratch!" at a gathering, my first instinct is to assume it must have taken a lot of time to prepare the tasty-looking dish coming my way down the table. But I also think, "Oh, it must be extra good!"

Here's where I'm going. Do you love ricotta cheese in lasagna, or spread on crostini toasts and topped with a drizzle of olive oil and savory delights for a quick appetizer? Make ricotta yourself! You can prepare it in your kitchen from start to finish in less than an hour "from scratch." And, it IS extra good!

This isn't a true Italian-made ricotta, but it's an easy, delicious version. Just heat milk, cream and salt to boiling, add lemon juice or vinegar, then gather 'round the pot with your kids and watch it curdle. Within a half-hour of draining away the whey in a separate bowl, you'll have a lovely ricotta with a light consistency and mild, sweet flavor for using in a favorite Italian recipe like lasagna, or for spreading on crackers or toast sliced from a baguette.

Homemade Ricotta

4 cups whole milk (not ultra-pasteurized)

1 cup heavy cream (not ultra-pasteurized)

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice or white wine vinegar

To prepare sieve for draining:

Set a fine sieve or colander lined with a double thickness of cheesecloth over a deep bowl.

To prepare ricotta mixture:

Combine milk, cream and salt in a large pot and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Watch carefully. Just as the mixture reaches a boil, turn off the heat, remove from burner and stir in the lemon juice. The mixture will separate and curdle. Let it set about a minute.

Pour into the cheesecloth-lined sieve and let the watery whey drain into the bowl.

Discard the liquid that drips through. Let the curds continue to drain for about 25 minutes, until cool. The longer it drains, the thicker the ricotta.

Spoon the ricotta out of the cheesecloth and use immediately, or refrigerate in a covered storage container until ready to use within five days. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

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Ricotta can be used in a favorite Italian recipe like lasagna, or for spreading on crackers or toast sliced from a baguette.

To Your Good Health

by Keith Roach, M.D.

'Burning' tattoo forces halt to MRI

Dear Dr. Roach: Can you please explain how an MRI machine affects the pigment in a tattoo? My friend's MRI procedure was stopped because she was experiencing a burning sensation at her lower eyelids, which had previously been tattooed with black ink. Does this happen only with black ink? Which colors are safer? – J.H.

Answer: Reactions between the ink in tattoos and MRI scanners are well-documented in the literature. Some inks – mostly black, red and brown – are made with iron or titanium oxides. Only 1.5 percent of people with tattoos have reported bad experiences in MRI machines.

Iron and titanium oxides conduct electricity, and the strong magnetic field in an MRI scanner can cause a current to travel between different tattoos or different portions of a tattoo – especially those with loops in the pattern. The electric current causes heat, and even can cause minor burns. Cold packs or ice placed on the area during MRI can minimize damage, but some MRI facilities will not perform an MRI on tattooed individuals, especially if the tattoo covers a large area.

If a magnet draws up the skin with a tattoo, then that area is at risk.

Dear Dr. Roach: I recently was diagnosed with transient global amnesia. I had never heard of this. My primary care doctor sent me for further testing, which included an MRI and MRA with contrast, and a CT scan. All were normal. Can you elaborate on this condition? – M.T.M.

Answer: Transient global amnesia is a cause of retrograde amnesia ("retrograde" meaning you don't remember things from the past, usually the past day to a month, but sometimes longer; "anterograde" means memory loss forward from the time of the event). Its cause is unknown, but it occurs more frequently in men and women over 50. Your doctor ordered the appropriate tests to make sure it wasn't a transient ischemic attack or stroke. Epilepsy sometimes can look similar to TGA, so sometimes an EEG is obtained.

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As scary as it sounds, TGA usually doesn't happen again and doesn't predict a higher risk of developing memory troubles, stroke or epilepsy in the future.

Dear Dr. Roach: My wife has COPD. She is not coping very well. Her doctors are treating her with the standard medications. She has heard about an experimental treatment where they take her stem cells and make them into something that is inhaled. Have you heard about this treatment? Is it safe? Each treatment is \$7,000. – J.W.

Answer: Stem cells are cells that can develop into many kinds of mature cells. In theory, they can grow and replace cells that have been damaged or destroyed

due to a disease process. Stem cells hold great promise for many diseases, but there isn't enough information for me to make a recommendation for stem cells in COPD, for either safety or effectiveness.

If you are going to look into it further, I would recommend doing so only as part of a clinical trial. You can find out about clinical trials at www.clinicaltrials.gov . I was able to find some trials on the site that are recruiting subjects. I also would recommend www.closerlookatstemcells.org to anyone considering stem cell treatment.

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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

Apr 10

St. Johnsville Seniors Meeting 1:30 p.m. More information can be obtained by calling Eleanor Smith at 518.993.3947.

Apr 24

Trap Season Begins Canajoharie Forest, Fish and Game Assn., Inc., 149 Fish and Game Club Road, Canajoharie, NY.

May 25

Geocache Challenge Starts For more information, contact Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter at 518.829.7516 or www.nysparks.com

Apr 12

Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society meeting; 7 p.m.; Zion Lutheran Church New Hartford, NY; 315.327.8653, 315.853.5400, or Bpaulson909@msn.com

Apr 27

Canal Clean Sweep. For more information, contact Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter at 518.829.7516 or www.nysparks.com.

May 27

Morris J. Edwards American Legion Post 100th Anniversary. Begins with a Memorial Day Parade at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Service at Soldiers and Sailors Park following the Parade. Dedication of the new Park follows the Memorial Service. The Dedication will take place at the American Legion on Main Street. Memorial bricks are still available for purchase. Visit www.mjelegion-post168.org. Email: adj@mjelegion-post168.org. Call 518.332.1556.

Apr 13

Richfield Springs Community Center's **17th Annual Zone Run and Walk** Participants may also register race day from 8-9:45 a.m. at the Vet's Club, 13 Lake Street, Richfield Springs. Call Bill Kosina 315.749.3286 or e-mail jabkos@verizon.net.

May 4

I Love My Park. For more information, contact Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter at 518.829.7516 or www.nysparks.com

May 5

ATA Shoot Events 9 a.m. June 9 at 9 a.m. Canajoharie Forest, Fish and Game Assn., Inc., 149 Fish and Game Club Road, Canajoharie, NY. Applications available online. Call Dottie at 518.774.9165.

June 1

National Trails Day (Kayaking Tour). For more information, contact Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter at 518.829.7516 or www.nysparks.com

Apr 18

Philo Café First and third Thursdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett St., Fort Plain. For more information, call 518.993.4646.

May 11

Ames Museum Mother's Day 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. A free flower for all mothers. Call 518.673.5820. Visit www.amesmuseum.weebly.com. Email f@amesmuseum.

June 6

Putman Porch Music. June 6 19 June 6, 13, 20 and 27. For more information, contact Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter at 518.829.7516 or www.nysparks.com

Apr 20

Ames Museum Open; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Easter Egg hunt** 12-2 p.m. For ages ages up to 8. Call 518-673-5820. Visit www.amesmuseum.weebly.com f@amesmuseum .

May 18

Kids to Park Day For more information, contact Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter at 518.829.7516 or www.nysparks.com

June 8

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Apr 23

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May 21

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June 14-16

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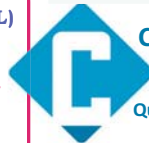
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Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Reworked filing cabinet

Decorating has once again become informal, like the "country furniture" era in the 1980s that led to rooms with "non-furniture furniture." An old cobbler's bench became a coffee table, a cranberry scoop was a magazine rack, stacked orange crates were shelving and tin Grape Nuts signs were hung as art. A new "technology" style began about six years ago. A refinished workbench with a polished vise or gears is a dining table, and a church bench replaces three or four chairs. Reworked oak filing cabinets from an office or li-

brary provide storage for jewelry or folded shirts, and wall-to-wall carpeting is out, replaced by polished wood floors.

The result is unique and childproof since the pieces have survived bumps and spills already. And the clever buyer can find solid wooden pieces for bargain prices. An Ohmer's Sons office filing cabinet with 48 drawers and the original brass hardware was auctioned in Maine for \$1,331. It was made in Ohio before 1898, when Edwin Seibels tried to patent a way to file a flat letter in a lateral file folder instead of stacking mail inside its envelope in a drawer. Reworked factory and office furniture of the past has

become more popular for the living room, and it is going up in price. There are even reproductions available.

Q: I have a piece of Niloak pottery, which has some stains that look like drips, possibly from furniture polish. Is there a way to clean this?

A: Niloak Pottery was made at the Hyten Brothers Pottery in Benton, AR, from 1910 to 1918, and again from 1921 to 1947. The pottery was made from Kaolin, a soft, white clay. The name "Niloak" is "kaolin" spelled backward. To clean Niloak pottery, use a soft cloth dampened with water. If the drips are furniture polish, they may be hard to remove since the polish probably contains oil, wax or another water-resistant ingredient. Some people recommend using a mild solution of water and dish detergent. Don't soak the pottery, avoid rubbing the surface too hard and be sure to blot it dry.

Current prices

- Moriage, vase, stick neck, pink rose, orange, purple, flowers, pale green, handles on shoulders, 9 x 5 inches, \$60.

- Cupboard, bonnetiere, Henri II, stepped crown, spindled frieze, leaves, flowers, panels, 78 x 34 inches, \$300.

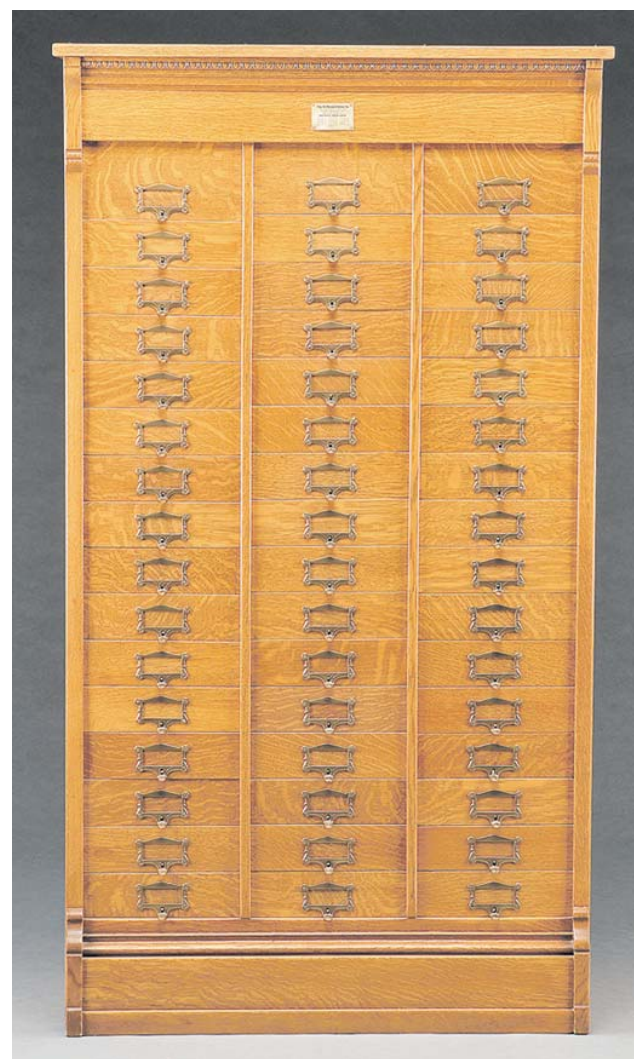
- Boxing trophy, figural, De Molay Championship, silver plate boxers, engraved, Hollenbeck Chapter, wood base, 1933, 13 x 11 inches, \$700.

- Leather purse, tote, beige, ivory, black, gold tone zipper, optional shoulder strap, Givenchy, 10 x 9 inches, \$1,320.

Tip: To see if a worm hole is real or a fake made by a drill, use this test. Put a needle in the hole. If it goes in for more than 1/8 inch, the hole was made by a drill.

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This 48-drawer filing cabinet was used to store folded business mail in the late 19th century. But mail is now filed in page size folders in a file with much larger drawers. It was repurposed into a storage cabinet for jewelry or some other small items. The price at auction was \$1,331.

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge.
That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are
more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs
over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief.
And I believe that love is stronger than death.

Robert Fulghum

The Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club presents “The Sound of Music”



Rolf Gruber (Michael Barlow) warned Liesl (Tori Rocas) and Maria (Sophia Rogers) about the German invasion.



After facing her fears, Maria (Sophia Rogers) returned to the von Trapp home and reunited with the children.

Photos by Rachael Takacs

by Rachael Takacs

The Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club wowed audiences with its glorious retelling of the von Trapp family in the beloved musical “The Sound of Music” at the Canajoharie High School auditorium.

Sophia Rogers, a long-time veteran of the Drama Club, starred in the leading role as Maria Rainer, a young nun who is sent away to become a governess for the seven von Trapp children. Accompanying her as the von Trapp children were Tori Rocas, Keagen Ford, Zianna Ellithorpe, Vincenzo DeCrescenzo, Nura Handy, Caleigh Bartholomew and Faith Clark. Connor Bowden starred in the role of Captain von Trapp, a stern naval officer, father and future love interest of Maria Rainer. Portraying the Mother Abbess was drama club veteran Quinn Jones, whose soprano voice led the additional nuns in singing many harmonious choruses. Also starring in lead roles were Vicente Nunez and Sarah Bowden.

Directing the musical were longtime production members Will Ryan and Lauri Broady (who also operated as stage manager). Assisting them in their endeavor were Michael Broady (sound/technical director and set designer/builder), Garrett Oeser (lighting director), Lisa Hill (costumer), Ron Hill (stage manager) and pianist Norma Bowley (musical director). Accompanying Bowley in the orchestra pit were Canajoharie band director Tim Field, Canajoharie Elementary School music teacher Carlie Leogrande, Johnny Snyder and Sherry Huang.

Being a pillar of the drama club, Bowley has accompanied almost every musical the Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club has presented over the past several years. She was pleased with the outcome of the weekend, stating, “Without the audience the whole project would be for nothing. The audience is essential to us and our shows are a gift to them. This musical in par-

ticular gives the viewer so many positive emotions of amusement admiration patriotism and love.”

She thanked the parents and members of the cast and crew for making the show a success. “Many family members must be so surprised, impressed and proud when they see the result of those many rehearsals. We know the show is quite a commitment and effects the whole family in the evenings, so the directors thank the families involved. This cast was one of the best in staying in character on stage. From the youngest beginners to the experienced seniors, the students really became their role. Will Ryan’s talented direction was not in vain. Lauri Broady did innumerable jobs during the months before the performance,

including choreographer of several songs. The crews did a great job at making the set changes very quickly which kept the show at a fast pace,” she said.

Sets and set pieces for the show consisted of donations and the hard work and dedication of the members of the crew. Newly constructed pieces included a curved stairway, windows, a bed and stained glass windows, all created specifically for this performance. Norma Bowley also credited the Fort Plain Reformed Church for lending the drama club the Mother Abbess’s desk.

For more information on upcoming Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club performances and events, visit facebook.com/FortPlainCanajoharieDramaClub.

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Planting containers and other April gardening tips

by Leonard Perry, UVM Horticulturist and Charlie Nardozzi, Garden Consultant

Proper planting of containers, sowing greens, and pruning woody perennials are some of the gardening activities for this month.

Container gardening remains a hot trend. When planting large containers for the deck or patio, save on soil by creating a false bottom. Most of the plants you'll use don't need more than about a foot of soil depth for their roots, so put some empty plastic soda or water bottles in the very bottom, then cover with landscape fabric or a piece of cardboard cut to fit to keep the soil from eroding. Plastic pots turned upside down also work, as do coarse and inexpensive wood shavings. Some use those Styrofoam packing "peanuts" (put in plastic bags so they're easily handled

and contained).

Unless you have one large plant in a large pot, such as a tomato (there are compact ones now for smaller containers), you'll be combining several plants. For large pots such as barrel halves, think about a special plant for a "thriller", others for "fillers", and finally some "spillers" cascading over the pot sides. Examples might be an ornamental fountain grass or tall purple salvia for thriller, petunias for fillers, and lantana or blue fan flower for spillers.

If you've planted enough plants to fill the pot (allow room for some growth when planting), roots will fill the soil by mid-season and plants will need frequent watering. This is especially true for hanging baskets, with both container and plants exposed to drying wind. To keep plants from wilting and lessen your

need to water more than once every day or two, incorporate a water-absorbing product (usually granules or beads) into the soil when planting. These hold many times their weight in water, releasing it over time to the plants.

Also, make sure containers have holes in the bottom so excess water can drain. Otherwise, a waterlogged soil will rot the roots and kill the plants. If your plants are wilted, but the soil is really wet, check to see if the pot has drainage holes, and that they are not plugged.

To get a head-start on fresh greens, sow seeds in a large, shallow container. Keep the container outside during the day and bring it in at night if the temperatures dip below freezing, or protect it in a cold frame. A window box with colorful greens is not only ornamental, but makes for easy picking and protection from hungry rabbits.

Woody perennials differ in the way they should be cut back in spring. If butterfly bush has died to the ground, cut the dead stems to the ground. Otherwise just shorten them by about one third. Cut back Russian sage, rue, and artemisias to about 8 to 12 inches from the ground. Don't prune lavender until new growth appears, and then just shorten the stems by about one-third. Heather should be lightly pruned to remove the old flowers and the tips of the shoots, but don't cut back to brown wood, stay in the green. Wait until rose shoots and leaves emerge to prune, in order to know what stems died and which are living.

Now that spring is finally near, there is so much more you can do outdoors. Prune any tree or shrub branches that may have been injured or broken over winter by heavy snow and ice. If you want to prepare garden beds ready to plant, or to divide perennials, make sure to not work soil while it is still wet, or you will destroy its structure. If you haven't tested your soil in a year or two, now is a good time. Soil test kits are available from many complete garden stores. State universities (through Extension offices) offer quite accurate soil test kits and recommendations.



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Whatchamacallits

Before I dive in to what this whatchamacallit actually is, I need to talk a little bit about the divide between the eastern Mohawk Valley and the western Mohawk Valley.

When our whatchamacallit collector Skip brought this item in, he explained that the tool was most likely used by bakers to help shape donuts (or anything else that may need a hole in the middle), quickly and easily. The baker would roll out their dough, push or pull this tool along the length of the dough, and the holes and rounded edges would appear nice and neat.

That's when the line was drawn. Others here at Country Editor suggested it could also be used to make chocolate jumbles (or jumbos – even the name is being debated). I had to confess I had no

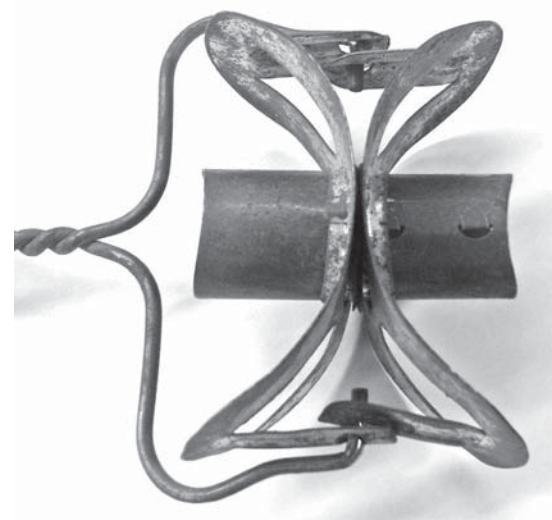
idea what they were talking about.

For background, I grew up in Schuyler and Millers Mills. I had only passed through Palatine Bridge, where our offices are, a few times in my life before I started working here. People from this half of the Mohawk Valley know and love chocolate jumbles/jumbos. I had never heard of them and have definitely never eaten them. I polled my Facebook friends about this issue; those from this region love them and those from outside this area are clueless.

According to one recipe listed on Pinterest, these baked treats come from "a classic upstate New York recipe, handed down from person to person, made with chocolate

and molasses."

Luckily, my coworkers are fully prepared to educate me on this delicious treat. They most likely will not be using this whatchamacallit to make them, though.



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Apron is missing. 2. Boy's cap is turned forward. 3. Shorts are longer. 4. Items are missing from shelf. 5. There are more wall bricks. 6. Pipe is lower on wall.

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Mega Maze

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

There are five books side by side on a shelf. Their colors are gold, black, purple, brown and blue. The following information is known about the order of the books:

- 1) The black book is between the blue and the brown.
- 2) The gold book is not first and the brown is not the last.
- 3) The purple book is separated from the brown book by two books.

A. What is the position of the gold book?
B. If the gold book is not next to the purple book, what is the order, from first to last, of the five books?

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Americanisms

"Liberalism seems to be related to the distance people are from the problem."
— Whitney M. Young

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Easter dinner is a special occasion, presenting an opportunity for family and friends to gather, celebrate their faith and give thanks for their blessings.

Traditional dishes tend to find their way to the Easter dinner table, but no meal would be complete without some sort of deviled eggs appetizer. Deviled eggs make good use of hard-boiled eggs that may not have been colored, or even those that have been dyed and can now be safely repurposed as food.

"Debonaire Deviled Eggs" from "Southern Appetizers" by Denise Gee (Chronicle Books) teaches home chefs how to craft tasty, aesthetically pleasing eggs.

**Debonaire
Deviled Eggs**
Serves 8 to 12

12 large eggs
1/4 cup mayonnaise
4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled (optional)
3 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

Sprigs of fresh savory or another herb for garnish

Turn the eggs bottom- (wider-) side up in the carton. Use a push-pin to delicately poke one hole squarely in each center.

Fill a large saucepan or small

Dutch oven with 2 to 2 1/2 quarts of water (enough to cover the eggs; use two pans if cooking all the eggs at once). Bring the water to a rolling boil.

Use a slotted spoon to add six eggs to the pan (working quickly but carefully to get them in at the same time); boil the eggs for 6 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat. Let the eggs sit for 6 minutes for slightly soft yolks; add about 40 seconds for firmer yolks).

Remove each egg with a slotted spoon and place it on a kitchen towel. Repeat with the remaining six eggs. Let the eggs cool to room temperature, about 20 minutes, before peeling. (Store in the refrigerator, unpeeled, for up to 1 week; peeled for up to 4 days).

Peel the eggs under cool running water. Slice the eggs in half lengthwise, gently scooping out the yolks into a medium bowl. Add the mayonnaise, three-fourths of the crumbled bacon (if using), pickle relish, mustard, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine (and adjust seasonings as desired). Use a small spoon (or better yet, a piping bag) to insert the filling into the egg halves. Garnish with the remaining chopped bacon and savory, if desired, before serving.

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How to add a bathroom in an ‘impossible’ space

(BPT) — When it comes to real estate, kitchens and bathrooms typically sell houses. While you may not have enough money for a kitchen remodel, adding a bathroom can be a more affordable way to enhance your property and catch buyers’ attention.

By adding another bathroom, you immediately increase your chances of your home getting noticed. Technology makes it simple for buyers to search properties of interest by their designated criteria. One of those is “minimum number of bathrooms.” By adding to that amount in your listing, you’ll be getting in front of that many more potential buyers.

Adding bathrooms to difficult spaces

Bathrooms increase a home’s value and add to its functionality - both elements that buyers desire. Homeowners researching opportunities to add a bathroom to their property presale consider enhancing basements, garage slabs and other spaces so contractors can add plumbing systems with conventional in-floor drainage.

If you have a space that would be ideal for a bathroom but appears to be impossible due to the need to break through concrete or other types of flooring, there’s another solution to consider: above-floor, macerating plumbing systems. Devel-

oped a half century ago in Europe, these systems are still relatively unknown in the U.S.; however, they offer a vast opportunity for homeowners.

Macerating systems from makers like Saniflo reduce waste and paper from the toilet and send it under high pressure through piping directly into the septic or sewer system. No waste is stored, and the systems are low-cost compared to traditional plumbing. Systems are discreet, quiet and open the possibilities of affordable additions in less time.

Here are five “impossible” home improvement scenarios where above-floor plumbing may be the solution:

Main floor on-slab construction

Owners of slab-built homes may hesitate to cut into the concrete foundation to accommodate conventional plumbing. No matter how careful a contractor is when cutting into concrete, problems can arise - from unexpected obstructions to poor-fitting patches and even stress cracks. Above-floor plumbing systems eliminate the need to cut into the slab, so integrity isn’t compromised.

Basements

If your home is built with a basement, bathroom additions can be problematic due to concrete and existing plumbing limitations. Above-

floor, macerating plumbing is a smart solution for fast, cost-effective bathroom additions in lower-level rooms.

Historic homes

Opening walls or floors to accommodate piping may jeopardize important historic elements, such as original wood flooring or plaster walls. Macerating toilet and plumbing technology eliminate the need to cut through a floor to install new drainage, while minimizing the impact on walls as well. The system also fits easily into small areas like a closet or the dead space behind a stairway, meaning homeowners don’t have to compromise the flow of their historic homes to add a bathroom.

Warehouse rehabs

In cities across the country, warehouses have found new life as condos and apartments. But heavy brick construction can make adding traditional plumbing difficult. Above-floor plumbing eliminates the need to cut into or remove bricks, and allows renovators to install attractive, cozy bathrooms in smaller spaces. Imagine how upgrading a one-bath condo to a property with two bathrooms will enhance resale.

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How to create a wedding day schedule

Wedding days can be hectic. In fact, many couples note after tying the knot that their wedding days were so busy that the ceremonies and receptions were over before they knew it.

Creating a wedding day schedule can seem like a daunting task. Couples tend to have lots of things to do before saying "I do," and organizing everything so ceremonies begin on time can seem as puzzling as a brain teaser. But certain scheduling strategies can help couples

ensure they look their best and make it to the altar on time.

- Start with the ceremony. Couples can establish a framework for their wedding day schedule by working back from the ceremony. Once the ceremony time is set, couples who plan to take photos before their ceremonies can then work with their photographers to determine how much time they will need for photos and where they want to take the photos. Bridal parties may need transportation

to the photo session, so determining when and where to take photos before the ceremony gives couples an idea of when to arrange for pickup.

- Confirm when the wedding venue is open to the wedding party. Before booking hair and makeup appointments, couples should confirm when they will be able to access their wedding venue. Brides may want to get their hair and makeup done at the ceremony site, but that may only be possible if the venue opens early for the wedding party. If it does not, then brides must account for transportation time to the ceremony site when making their wedding day schedules.

- Determine how much time is needed for hair and makeup. Weddings that feature large bridal parties will require more time for hair and makeup than ceremonies with small bridal parties. Grooms and groomsmen often take care of their own hair, though some grooms might want to schedule hot shaves for themselves and their groomsmen. Grooms should ask groomsmen if they want a hot shave and then work with their barbers to determine how much time it will take to tend to all participants. Brides with large bridal parties may need to book more than two hair and makeup artists so everyone can get done on time. Wedding hair and

makeup sessions can last several hours for large bridal parties, so brides should schedule their sessions early if their parties are big.

- Make lunch arrangements. Some couples choose to tie the knot and host their receptions at the same venue. In such instances, if brides are getting their hair and makeup done at the venue, ask the venue representative if lunch can be provided to the bridal party. Some venues may include small lunch buffets in their reception costs, while others might charge extra. Confirm the availability and costs, and if it's unavailable or too expensive, then arrange for lunch to be

delivered. Either way, couples should not skip lunch, as it may be their only chance to eat until after the ceremony.

- Distribute your schedule to one another and the bridal party. Once the wedding day schedule has been devised, couples should share it with each other and their wedding parties. Grooms' wedding day to-do lists might not be as extensive as brides', but grooms should still be kept in the loop regarding the schedule so they can help if anyone has questions or if something goes awry. Sharing the schedule with the wedding party decreases the chances of someone being late or missing an appointment.

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• On April 10, 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is founded in New York by philanthropist and diplomat Henry Bergh after he witnessed and later wrote about work horses beaten by their peasant drivers in Russia.

• On April 12, 1914, the Mark Strand Theatre opens to the public in New York City, the first of the "dream palaces," known for their impressive size and luxuriously appointed interiors. The Strand seated some 3,000 people.

• On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp, near Weimar, Germany. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

• On April 9, 1962, President John F. Kennedy throws out the ceremonial first pitch in Washington D.C.'s new stadium, called simply "D.C. Stadium." He continued a tradition that began in 1910 when President William Taft threw out Major League Baseball's first opening-day pitch in old Griffith Stadium.

• On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th career home run, breaking Babe Ruth's legendary record of 714 homers. Aaron would hit

40 more home runs for a career total of 755.

• On April 14, 1986, the U.S. launches airstrikes against Libya in retaliation for its sponsorship of terrorism against American troops and citizens. The attacks were mounted by Navy attack jets in the Mediterranean and Air Force bombers from bases in England. France refused to allow the bombers to fly over its territory, forcing them to make a 3,000-mile detour.

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- 1 bunch (about 1 pound) leeks
- 1 package (16 ounce) corkscrew or bow-tie pasta
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut diagonally into 2-inch pieces

1 package (4 ounces) soft goat cheese, cut into small pieces

1. Cut off roots and leaf ends from leeks. Discard any tough outer leaves. Cut each leek lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch-wide slices. Place leeks in large bowl of cold water; with hand, swish leeks around to remove any sand. Transfer leeks to colander. Repeat process, changing water several times, until all sand is removed. Drain well.

2. In large saucepot, prepare pasta in boiling salted water as label directs.

3. Meanwhile, in nonstick 12-inch skillet, melt margarine or butter over medium heat. Add leeks and cook until almost tender, about 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in asparagus, 3/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper; cook 5 minutes longer, stirring often. Add 1/3 cup water; cover and cook 3 to 5 minutes, until asparagus is tender-crisp.

4. Drain pasta, reserving 3/4 cup pasta cooking water. Return pasta to saucepot. Add asparagus mixture and pasta cooking water; toss well. Spoon into large serving bowl; sprinkle with goat cheese and coarsely ground black pepper.

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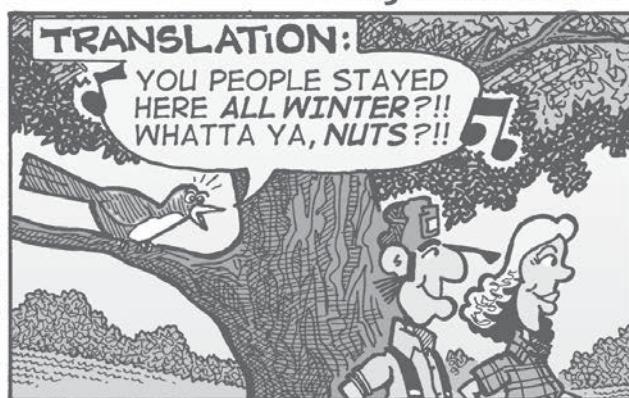
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Paisley is a female dilute tortie. She is a little shy at first, but warms up to be such a sweet loving kitty. Paisley loves other cats and is very playful!



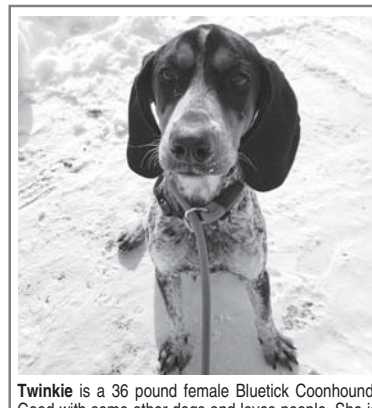
Maisie is a 3 year old spayed female pittie girl. Maisie loves people, is great with kids and is good with some dogs. Maisie is crate trained, rides great in the car and loves to cuddle - especially getting her belly rubbed! Maisie does have some allergies, but her dietary requirements are not too hard to maintain at all.



JAKE is such a beautiful guy! He is a 3 to 4 year old neutered male brindle pittie mix. HE LOVES to play ball. Jake loves people and is okay with some dogs. He needs a home with older kids.



Alley is a 4 to 5 year old beagle/boxer mix. She loves people and is great with kids. Alley is good with most dogs and has lived with cats. She loves to play!



Twinkie is a 36 pound female Bluetick Coonhound. Good with some other dogs and loves people. She is about 2 to 3 years old. Twinkie will need to learn basic house manners, but being a sweetheart she already had down pat!



Smokey is a 4 year old neutered male, 64 pound cattle dog. Smokey is good with some dogs, but he needs to be cat tested and in a home with older kids if any. He loves to play!



Lucy and Billi Jo are 4 year old Shepherd and Shar Pei mixes. These two sisters love each other and have always been together - so we are really going to try to adopt them out together. These two love people. They will need to be helped with housebreaking, because they have always been outside dogs.



This beautiful girl is **Snickers** - She is a 40 pound female Bluetick coonhound. Snickers is good with some other dogs and loves people. She is about 2 to 3 years old. Snickers will need to learn basic house manners, but being a sweetheart she already has down pat!



Nikki is a 5 year old spayed female pittie girl who weighs about 70 pounds. Nikki loves people and is good with some dogs. She rides amazing in the car and is housebroken. Nikki is calm as can be and LOVES to cuddle/relax.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos reminded all new hunters planning to go turkey hunting this spring they must first complete a mandatory hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. Hunter education courses are being offered throughout the state during April, but space is limited and classes fill quickly, so hunters are encouraged not to delay in registering for a course.

"Hunting and trapping are proud traditions in New York State that continue to be safely enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors each year," said Seggos. "Our state is fortunate to have the volunteer instructors who help educate safe, ethical hunters through DEC's Sportsman Education Program, and I encourage all future hunters to sign up soon for one of the upcoming courses."

DEC works closely with thousands of dedicated DEC-certified instructors statewide to provide these training courses free of charge. DEC's online registration system makes it easy to view a list of all available courses

with the student's proximity to course locations. Students can register from any device (smartphone, tablet or computer) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To locate a nearby hunter education course, visit DEC's website or contact a local DEC office for assistance.

All hunter education courses require students to complete homework prior to attending the classroom and field session. Proof of the completed homework is required to attend the course. Students should register for the course well in advance of the course date to allow time to complete the homework requirement, which takes approximately three hours. All courses require successful completion of an in-person field day to earn certification for the course.

Access to the homework materials and online homework options can be found on DEC's website or follow the guidelines listed in the various course announcements when registering for a particular course. Course manuals and homework sheets are always available from DEC wildlife offices and hunter education instructors.

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Strange but True

by Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th century American writer, publisher, artist and philosopher Elbert Hubbard who made the following sage observation: "Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped."

• According to historical reports, in 1877 snakes fell from the sky in Memphis, TN.

• When the bubonic plague, more commonly known as the Black Death, was at its peak in Europe in the 14th century, a wide variety of remedies was prescribed, including smoking tobacco, bringing spiders into the household, inhaling the stench from a latrine, sitting between two large fires, drinking red wine in which new steel had been cooled and bathing in goat urine.

• Successful inventor and businessman Thomas Alva Edison received only three months of formal education, at a public school in Michigan.

• The first photograph of a United States citizen was taken in 1839. The subject was Samuel F.B. Morse, a painter who also happened to be the inventor of a single-wire telegraph system and developer of the Morse Code.

• You probably are aware of the fact that slugger Babe Ruth held the record for the most home runs; you might not know, though, that he also held the record

for the most strikeouts.

• Those who speak English call it a French kiss, but those who speak French call it an English kiss.

• It was once the custom among the Danakil

tribe of Ethiopia to mark a man's grave with one stone for each man he had killed during his lifetime.

Thought for the Day: "If a woman has to choose between catching a fly

ball and saving an infant's life, she will choose to save the infant's life without even considering if there are men on base."

–Dave Barry
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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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Mega Maze

Solution

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

Stickelers Answer

A) The gold book is in the fifth position.

B) Purple, blue, black, brown, gold.

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