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# Cycle the Erie Canal – 2020 Virtual Tour announced

Cycle the Erie Canal, one of Parks & Trails New York's most anticipated events, provides eight days of cycling, scenery, history, friendship and endless adventure.

Sadly, Cycle the Erie Canal was canceled this year due to COVID-19 concerns. But Parks & Trails New York couldn't let the 2020 Cycle the Erie Canal tour pass unnoted and uncelebrated. The event means so much to so many. Therefore, you are invited to experience the first virtual Cycle the Erie Canal celebration, starting Sunday, July 12 and ending Sunday, July 19.

Through photographs, videos, games and daily route maps, you'll experience firsthand what it's like to cycle the Erie Canal. You'll visit the famous "flight of five" locks in Lockport and lock through

a modern lock by boat, cycle over the restored Nine Mile Creek Aqueduct and discover what it's like to sleep in a Revolutionary-era fort.

Whether you choose to ride the miles or are just curious about what the tour is like, come along for the ride. Past riders, future riders, cycling enthusiasts, couch potatoes, history buffs and community members are all welcome to be part of the fun of "one trail...endless adventures."

Keep an eye on Parks & Trails New York social media for announcements and more information about the first virtual Cycle the Erie Canal celebration.

## Support Cycle the Erie Canal

Cycle the Erie Canal also provides significant financial support for the organization – bolstering their work to create more and better trails across the

state. Show your support for Cycle the Erie Canal and help ensure its future by donating as part of the virtual Cycle the

Erie Canal celebration. Donations may be made at <https://tinyurl.com/y86x-gacc>.

## COVID-19 reopening mail policy

Herkimer County Clerk Sylvia M. Rowan wishes to inform customers who use the Department of Motor Vehicles for mail service and drop box that effective Monday, July 6, all completed applications are being mailed back to the customer un-

til further notice. Because of the increase in volume and in-person visits it became necessary for us to make this change because of Gov. Cuomo's social distancing requirements.

We will continue to offer the best personal ser-

vice to our customers as we recover from the coronavirus (COVID-19.)

Contact the Herkimer County Clerk's Office/DMV with further questions or for additional help with filling out your forms at 315.867.1129.



## Music in Arc Park

Please join us for Music in Arc Park this summer. The concert series is free, open to the public, and will take place in Arc Park at 420 E. German Street in Herkimer.

There will be adult beverages available for sale by Stoney's Tavern, a concession stand, accessible bathrooms,

the park for the kiddos to play at, and plenty of parking.

### Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m.

- July 15: Max Scialdone Band
- July 22: One Sweet Ride
- July 29: Gridley Paige
- Aug. 5: Fritz's Polka Band
- Aug. 12: 3 Inch Fury

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## Food Bank of CNY supporting farms and families during COVID-19

### *New program in partnership with Upstate Farms provides 16,000 vouchers for in-store redemption of milk products*

On July 1, State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball announced the Food Bank of Central New York has purchased 428,167 pounds of surplus food from New York farmers since the launch of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Nourish NY initiative in early May. This includes 312,274 pounds of nutritious dairy products, such as fluid milk, cheese, butter and cottage cheese, and 77,447 pounds of produce, such as apples, tomatoes, strawberries, onions, lettuce and potatoes as of the end of last week that have been provided to thousands of households in need in the Central New York region.

Ball said, "The Nourish NY program has been very successful in connecting our farms and food producers with consumers at a time of extreme difficulty for many farmers and families. Our partnership with Food Bank of Central New York has been crucial in making the link that has helped keep these important businesses going while keeping families fed. I want to thank Food Bank of Central New York for involving so many Central New York producers in the Nourish NY initiative and Upstate Niagara Cooperative for helping to put more New York milk in the homes of people in need."

The Nourish NY initiative aims to quickly reroute New York's surplus agricultural products to the popu-

lations who need them through the state's food banks. The state is providing \$25 million to food banks and other emergency food providers so they can buy surplus milk, yogurt, cheese, vegetables, fruit and more from New York farmers who have lost markets as a result of school and restaurant closures.

In the last eight weeks, the Food Bank of CNY has held more than 30 distributions in Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego and St. Lawrence counties. The nonprofit agency has also continued to supply food pantries and distributions from other organizations throughout this time. Visit Food Bank of CNY's website and click the box marked "Find Food" to find and register for distributions, locate food pantries and soup kitchens and to learn more.

Purchases have been made directly from New York produce farms and dairy manufacturers, including Hudson Egg Farm, Queensboro Farm Products, Green Empire Farms, Kriemhild Dairy, Smith Quality Eggs, and Hudsons' Dairy in Central New York. Products were also purchased from other upstate farms and producers including Marquart Farms, Williams Farms, Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Empire Cheese, Intergrow Farms, Lucki7 Livestock, Crowley Dairy Products, Great Lakes Cheese, Eden Valley Farm,

Garelick Farms, Wheatfield Gardens Farm, New York Juice Co. and Chobani.

As part of the Nourish NY program and in addition to its drive-thru food distribution events, Food Bank of CNY has also implemented a program in partnership with Upstate Farms to provide vouchers that people can redeem at stores for milk. So far, 16,000 vouchers have been distributed to residents in the Central New York, Mohawk Valley and North Country regions through the agency's 11-county emergency food network to individuals and households seeking food assistance.

Karen Belcher, interim executive director at Food Bank of CNY, said, "We appreciate the continued support and partnership of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as we continue to meet the increased need in our community. Funding through Nourish NY helps us provide nutritious food from upstate growers and producers to children, families and seniors struggling with hunger."

The Nourish NY program is administered by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the State Department of Health. The initiative is being led by a special task force created by Gov. Cuomo, which includes Kelly Cummings, Director of State Operations and Infrastructure; Richard Ball, Commissioner of Agriculture; Rossana Rosado, Secretary of State; Karim Camara, Executive Director of the Office of Faith-Based Community Development Services; Fran Barrett, Director of Non-Profits; and Mike Hein, Commissioner of the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

The state is asking any philanthropies that would like to help the state's food banks to contact Fran Barrett at COVIDPhilanthropies@exec.ny.gov.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, New York food banks have seen a dramatic increase in demand – in some regions up to 200% – as many New Yorkers struggle to put food on the table. At the same time, New York's farmers and producers have been faced with their own unprecedented extreme financial difficulties. Many have lost up to 50% of their markets through the closure of schools and restaurants, leaving them without a place to sell their perishable products.

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## Hyde Hall welcomes visitors back

Hyde Hall in Cooperstown began welcoming guests back on July 1 to explore history in the most English country house in the United States. Over the past few months, Hyde Hall has strengthened its health and safety plans according to guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State's regional phased reopening plan, and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

"Hyde Hall has more to offer than ever before," says Jonathan Maney, executive director. "Explore history with us and see fascinating things that you cannot find anywhere else. We are excited to share this beautiful New York treasure!"

Hyde Hall will offer guided tours of the historic mansion with enhanced measures that increase physical distancing, ensure safety and protection, and reduce contact and exposure.

### Tours and safety

Tours are available by reservation only, and with a strict limit of six guests per tour. Tours will run daily — on the hour — between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. To reserve tours, guests must call 607. 547.5098 X 7 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Hyde Hall team members are

prepared to assist guests in selecting the best time to schedule their visit. Hyde Hall asks that guests arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled visit.

In combination with reservation-based tours, strict guest-number limits, and enhanced safety procedures, tour routes have been modified to allow for additional physical distancing — certain areas and tight spaces are temporarily closed. To meet New York State Guidelines, the wearing of face masks is mandatory for guests and staff at all times. For additional protection and to limit exposure between guests and staff, the visitor center has a clear plexiglass barrier installed for contactless admission at check-in. The site has implemented increased disinfection in public and office areas.

### While Hyde Hall was closed

Guests will be delighted with the changes that occurred while they were away. The Maple Stair Hall in the West Wing has returned to its original 1831 appearance, the third floor Billiards Room had its plaster rehabilitated, historic wood panels are repaired in several places, two original high back sofas have returned with new slipcovers and the original, early water closet

is being restored. Hyde Hall has never looked better. The site proudly continues working toward its goal of making Hyde Hall a better place. With every improvement, the mansion tells another story from the past. For visitors who are unable to visit this season, a virtual tour is in development and will be available soon.

As situations develop, Hyde Hall wants to ensure that guests hear directly about any changes. By visiting Hyde Hall's homepage (at the bottom), guests can elect to receive additional updates and alerts with Hyde Hall's E-newsletter.

Hyde Hall looks forward to seeing everyone soon. Learn more at [hydehall.org](http://hydehall.org).

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## for Appointments

### Herkimer County Clerk's office is open

Herkimer County Clerk Sylvia M. Rowan is pleased to announce the Herkimer County Clerk's Recording and Filing Department opened for appointments on Wednesday, June 24.

Please call the office at 315.867.1134 for further information and to set up an appointment. Or go to [www.picktime.com](http://www.picktime.com) to set an appointment.

The County Clerk serves as the Records

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# Reopening of the Herkimer County Department of Motor Vehicles

Herkimer County Clerk Sylvia M. Rowan is pleased to announce the reopening of the Herkimer County Department of Motor Vehicles. The office opened to the public by appointment on June 24. Herkimer County DMV has started taking calls on its dedicated appointment phone line at 315.867.1136. Appointment hours are between 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Please do not call the appointment line to ask DMV questions, please use 315.867.1130.

We have entered Phase 3 of the Governor's Executive Order and there are certain requirements to follow during opening.

## Transactions that will be processed:

- Transactions for eye exams and a new picture will be allowed
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## The DMV will continue to use the two drop off boxes and mail for all other transactions.

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- Plate surrender (please include a \$1)
- Address change to license or registration
- Pay civil penalties
- Pay suspension termination fees
- Pay driver responsibility assessment
- Request a drivers abstract

The County Clerk has set up a website [www.pick-time.com](http://www.pick-time.com) to set up an appointment. The site will ask

for certain information, the date and time and what type of transaction. The site became available on Wednesday, June 24.

Note: If you do not have access to a computer or have questions regarding how to do a transaction, please call 315.867.1130. A staff member will assist you. Please note that we are experiencing a large volume of calls.

Also, an email has been setup especially for appointments at [DMV@HerkimerCounty.org](mailto:DMV@HerkimerCounty.org).

If you need additional information you can go on the Albany DMV website at [WWW.DMV.NY.GOV](http://WWW.DMV.NY.GOV).

Please make every effort to be on time for your appointment and please wear a mask. Safety measures to protect the health and safety of the customers and employees need to be followed.

The Old Forge office will remain closed until further notice. Customers are encouraged to continue using the drop box at the office in Old Forge.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 315.867.1129 or 315.867.1002.

## 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](mailto:cfeditor@leepub.com) CONCERNS ABOUT THE CORONA-VIRUS (COVID-19) HAVE CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF MANY MEETINGS. PLEASE CONFIRM ALL MEETINGS WITH THE HOST LOCATIONS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO THE MEETING LOCATION.**

### July 12-19

**Cycle the Erie Canal — 2020 Virtual Tour.** Sadly, Cycle the Erie Canal was canceled this year due to COVID concerns. Parks & Trails New York couldn't let the tour pass unnoted and uncelebrated. Support Cycle the Erie Canal. Donations may be made at <https://tinyurl.com/y86xgacc>

### July 13

**Oil Painting Class with Wilson Bickford** 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Auskerada Place, 78 S. Main St., Dolgeville. \$50 fee includes all supplies. "Swan Bay" (12" X 16"). Call "Diane" at 315.429.3618 to register.

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### July 15

**Piggy Thrown Down Pulled Pork Dinner** 4-6 p.m. or sold out at First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., Ilion. Kansas City style VS North Carolina style. Try them both and vote for your favorite. \$10 per dinner. For more info contact the church office at 315.894.9041.

**Music in Arc Park: Max Scialdone Band** at Arc Park, 420 E. German Street, Herkimer. Visit [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org).

### July 19

**Sundae Run & Ice Cream Social Cancelled.** Due to current health concerns for the safety of participants and the community at large gatherings, the Millers Mills Grange

has decided to cancel its annual Sundae Run and Ice Cream Social. The group is looking forward to returning in July 2021.

### July 19

**18th Annual Zone Run and Walk.** The Richfield Springs Community Center is currently accepting registrations. Event sanctioned by the Route 20 Road Challenge. Categories include a 5K, 10K, and 2-mile walk. Complete race information and pre-registration are available at [www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org](http://www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org) or [www.runsignup.com/RSCC](http://www.runsignup.com/RSCC). Participants may also register race day from 7-8 a.m. at the Vet's Club, 13 Lake Street, Richfield Springs or contact Bill Kosina at 315.749.3286 or [bill@richfieldzone.org](mailto:bill@richfieldzone.org).

### July 22

**Music in Arc Park: One Sweet Ride** at Arc Park, 420 E. German Street, Herkimer. Visit [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org).

### July 29

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### July 27-31

**From Home through History VBS.** Herkimer Vacation Bible School from home. For materials and meals, register at [www.HerkVBS.weebly.com](http://www.HerkVBS.weebly.com).

### August 5

**Music in Arc Park: Fritz's Polka Band** at Arc Park, 420 E. German Street, Herkimer. Visit [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org).

### August 12

**Music in Arc Park: 3 Inch Fury** at Arc Park, 420 E. German Street, Herkimer. Visit [www.archerkimer.org](http://www.archerkimer.org).

### August 26

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Salisbury Fire Department, 2549 St. Rt. 29, Salisbury Center 13454. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

### September 12

**Arc Herkimer Transportation 2020 NTSI Traffic Survival Workshop** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arc Herkimer's main building, 350 South Washington St., Herkimer. \$38 per person. Books and materials provided. Call Kelly Bunce at 315.574.7982 to register and make payment.

### September 17

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Cedarville Fire Department, 960 St. Rt. 51, Cedarville 13357. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

### October 1

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 5:30 - 7 p.m., Little Falls Town Garage, 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls 13365. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

### November 7

**Rabies Vaccination Day** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., East Herkimer Fire Department, 193 Main Rd., East Herkimer 13350. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

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## Registration open for Run and Walk

The Richfield Springs Community Center is currently accepting registrations for its 18th Annual Zone Run and Walk scheduled for Sunday, July 19. It is sanctioned by the Route 20 Road Challenge.

Categories include a 5K, a 10K and two-mile walk. Complete race information and pre-registration are available by going to [www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org](http://www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org) or [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com).

Participants may also register race day from 7 - 8 a.m. at the Vets' Club, 13 Lake St., Richfield Springs.

All safety guidelines will be strictly adhered to by event organizers/participants including each category being limited to the first 50 registered runners/walkers. As a precautionary measure, we cannot allow anyone under the age of 18 to participate this year.

The 10K starts at 8 a.m., the 5K at 8:15 a.m. and walk begins at 8:05 a.m. The races begin on lower Lake Street. Participants return to the Vets' Club for awarding of trophies and the drawing of door prizes, special raffles and a 50/50 raffle. Free snacks for everyone and a complimentary draft beer for those registered runners/walkers 21 and over and also a soda/water for those either under 21 or for those

wishing not to have a draft beer.

The Run and Walk's coordinator is Bill Kosina. He can be reached at 315.749.3286 or [bill@richfieldzone.org](mailto:bill@richfieldzone.org).

For more information regarding the Richfield Springs Community Center and its programs, contact the center at 315.858.3200, check out [richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org](http://richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org) and like us on Facebook: Richfield Springs Community Center.

## Smullen highlights the USMCA Agreement

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, Ref-Meco) recently announced that the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) will enter into force. This trade agreement, signed by President Trump in 2018, is a renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

The USMCA contains modernized approaches to freer and fairer trade between the U.S., Canada and Mexico, in-

cluding improvements to digital trade and rules of origin. As is the goal with most trade agreements, the USMCA seeks to create jobs as well as help American workers, manufacturers and farmers. Once fully implemented, the USMCA is expected to lift U.S. gross domestic product by as many as 1.2 percentage points and create up to 589,000 jobs, according to the International Trade Commission.

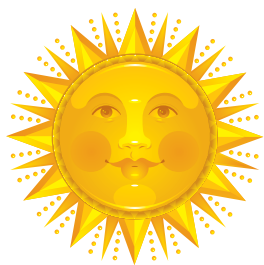
"The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement received broad bipartisan support, and it should produce real benefits across broad swaths of the economy, including agriculture, technology, manufacturing and other sectors," said Smullen. "The aim of renegotiating NAFTA was to promote more predictable trade relations that will, in turn, spur investment. It is a high priority of mine to draw constituents'

attention to the USMCA's entry into force because of the current uncertainty of underlying financial and job markets.

"As a proponent of agribusiness, the USMCA will largely benefit farmers in upstate New York. With Mexico and Canada being two of the country's largest farm-good buyers, the agreement is a win for our agriculture industry. Dairy farmers will no longer be subject to Canadian underselling of U.S.

products, and rural Americans will face far fewer challenges to accessing Canada's market. The effects of this agreement will be extremely positive for upstate residents."

Assemblyman Robert Smullen represents the 118th Assembly District, which includes Hamilton and Fulton counties as well as parts of Herkimer, Oneida and St. Lawrence counties.



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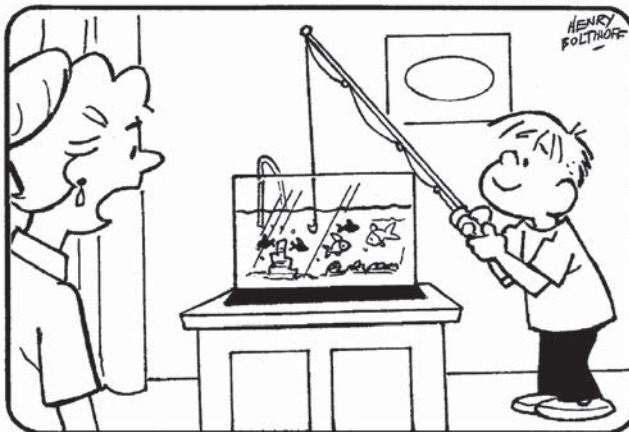
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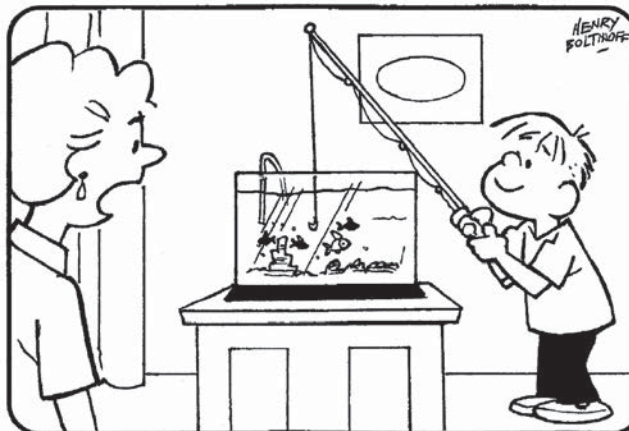
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36 Foolish  
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21 "— was saying ..."  
23 Playwright  
24 Valhalla VIP  
25 Memo  
26 United nations  
27 Naomi's daughter-in-law  
28 Incised printing method  
32 Predatory sort
- 33 Remove a seat belt  
35 Underwear with underwire  
36 "Monty Python" opener  
38 Dental filling  
39 Untrue  
42 Took the bus  
43 State with certainty  
44 Gave temporarily  
45 Garfield or Heathcliff  
46 Blunder  
48 Gun the engine

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Table is different. 2. Picture has moved. 3. Fish is missing. 4. Water level is higher. 5. Woman's hair has changed. 6. Boy's necktie is different.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

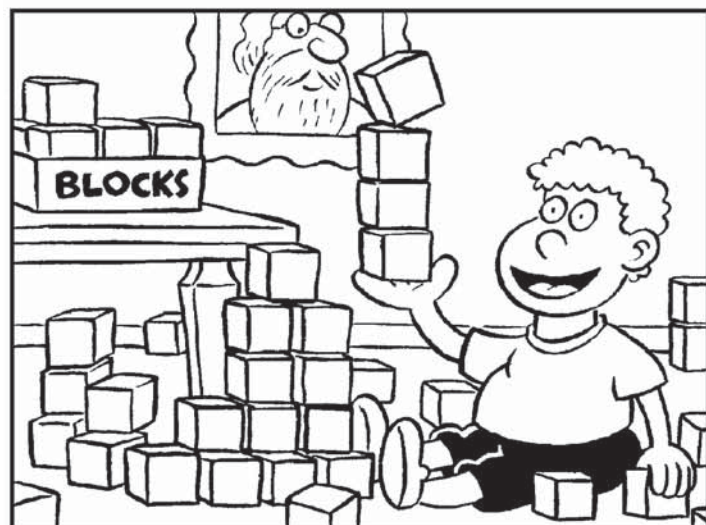
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

 ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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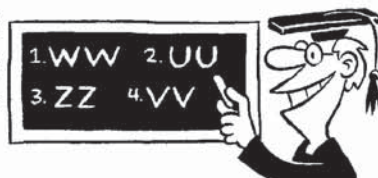
### LET'S SEE HOW YOU STACK UP

at counting! How many blocks are in the above picture?

Answer: We found 37. Did you come close?

**TANDEM LETTER WORDS!** "See if you can give me four common words, each of which contains one of the double-letter sets written on the board." (Example: YAKKING contains a double KK.)

Answer: 1. Glowworm. 2. Vacuum. 3. Blizzard. 4. Savvy. (There are more besides these four.)



**FIND-A-WORD!** On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

1. An inclined plane.      2. Used in music.  
3. A streetcar              4. Used to batter down.

Mystery word: Tramp (wander aimlessly).

Answers: 1. Ramp. 2. Amp (amplifier). 3. Tram (British). 4. Ram.

Illustrated by David Coulson

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### NO BACKPEDALING HERE!

Try keeping your balance as you ride your way to the top of this word pyramid. Starting with the word BACKPEDAL at the bottom, try dropping one letter at a time, as you pedal your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following hints are from the bottom up:

- To move backward (BACKPEDAL).
- Susceptible to compacting.
- Having ability.
- A splendid residence.
- To keep up with.
- Batman has one.
- Found in a pod.
- Father (informal).
- First letter.

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Answers: 1. Backpedal. 2. Packable. 3. Capable. 4. Palace. 5. Apace. 6. Cape. 7. Pea. 8. Pa. 9. A..

## Strange But True

by **Lucie Winborne**

• Artist Salvador Dali believed he was the re-incarnation of his dead brother, also named Salvador, who died almost 9 months to the day before Dali was born.

• Forget flowers and candy — in Fiji, a tradition known as “tabuas” is the practice of giving a woman a tooth from a sperm whale as the ultimate token of love and commitment.

• Inventor Nikola Tesla was a genius, but he was also dirt-poor. When faced with an overdue

hotel bill, he responded by giving the employees a “death beam” in a box. He told employees not to open the box due to the danger, so it was forgotten about. When it was eventually rediscovered and opened, it was found to contain only old, harmless electrical parts.

• On average, a person accidentally eats about 430 bugs in each year of his or her life.

• In order to take the slick factory sheen off and allow pitchers to get a better grip, Major League Baseball wipes

down each baseball with mud from an undisclosed location on the Delaware River.

• Denise Mueller-Korenek clocked the fastest speed ever by a cyclist in 2018, setting a new world record of 183.932 mph.

• Are you afflicted with nomophobia? That’s the term for a fear of being without mobile phone coverage. Surveys have indicated that more than half of U.K. residents suffer from it. This phobia is triggered by the fear of losing signal, running out of battery or even losing

sight of a mobile phone.

• Queen lead singer Freddy Mercury had a degree in graphic design and came up with the logo for his band himself. It consisted of the zodiac symbols for the four band members.

• Mercury also liked to call his cats while he was on tour — “to chat.”

• Only 0.006% of the Korean population have the ABCC11 gene, which is the cause of armpit odor. As a result, deodorant is rarely sold in Korea.

Thought for the Day:

“A room without books is like a body without a soul.” — Marcus Tullius

Cicero

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## Comfort Foods Made Fast And Healthy!

by **Healthy Exchanges**

### Fresh Peach Pudding Bake

There is nothing quite so sweet as biting into a fresh peach, with juice dripping down your chin with every bite you take. This ultra-easy dessert is a close second, though! One mouthful and you’ll “taste” what I mean.

3 cups peeled and sliced fresh peaches

Sugar substitute to equal 1/2 cup sugar, suitable for baking

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons reduced-fat biscuit baking mix

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

3 tablespoons chopped pecans

1. Heat oven to 425 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine peaches and sugar substitute. Let set for 10 minutes. Add baking mix, nutmeg and pecans. Mix well to combine. Spread mixture into prepared baking dish. (Mixture will be dry.)

3. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for at least 5 minutes. Serves 6.

• Each serving equals: 148 calories, 4gm fat, 2gm protein, 26gm carb.,

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# Donna's Day: Creative Family Fun

by Donna Erickson  
**Welcome new baby with wearable art**

Is there soon to be a new baby in the house? As the new member joins the family, the household may feel as if it's been turned upside down. But if you keep older children involved, they'll be part of

the transition right along with you. Here's an activity for including older siblings in welcoming that newborn. Just sit down together and decorate baby's first one-piece cotton outfits. You'll be dressing the baby with creative pizzazz and the siblings will be

proud of being part of it all.

Here's the basic inexpensive stuff you'll need for one outfit:

- Prewashed, solid-color or white 100% cotton baby one-piece style outfit with snaps, or you may use a newborn-size cot-

- ton T-shirt
- Wax paper or cardboard
- Cookie cutters
- Fabric paints in squeeze bottles
- Paper plate
- Small foam paintbrushes or sponges clipped to clothespins

- Pencil with eraser
- Here's the fun:
1. Lay the one-piece outfit or T-shirt on a work surface. Place a piece of cardboard or wax paper between the two layers of fabric to protect the reverse side from any paint that may soak through.

Choose a cookie cutter for a stencil. A star, moon, heart, duckling! Anything goes. Place it anywhere on the fabric.

2. Pour a little permanent fabric paint onto a paper plate. Dip in the small foam paintbrush. Holding the cookie cutter firmly, start dab, dab-dabbing inside it, making sure to reach all the edges. You don't have to put equal density of paint all over the shape. A little variation actually adds interest. When you're through, lift the cookie cutter up to see the beautiful design. Now it's time for a few details.

3. Dunk the eraser end of the pencil in a little paint. It can be the same color you used for the cookie-cutter shape or a completely different one. Then stamp it along the neck or sleeves for a fun, whimsical border.

4. Add a few final details with the fabric squeeze bottles. You might want to write 'Wee One' on the heart. Or, write the baby's name and date of birth. When baby wears it, take a photo to use for clever birth announcements.

5. Once the paint is dry, remove the cardboard or wax paper and if the paint bottles say to do so, now is the time to iron on the reverse side to set the color.

You're done. Dress the baby in the wearable art and notice the joy of an older sibling who is feeling just grand.

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*Dress the baby in the wearable art and notice the joy of an older sibling who is feeling just grand because he or she helped make the outfit.*

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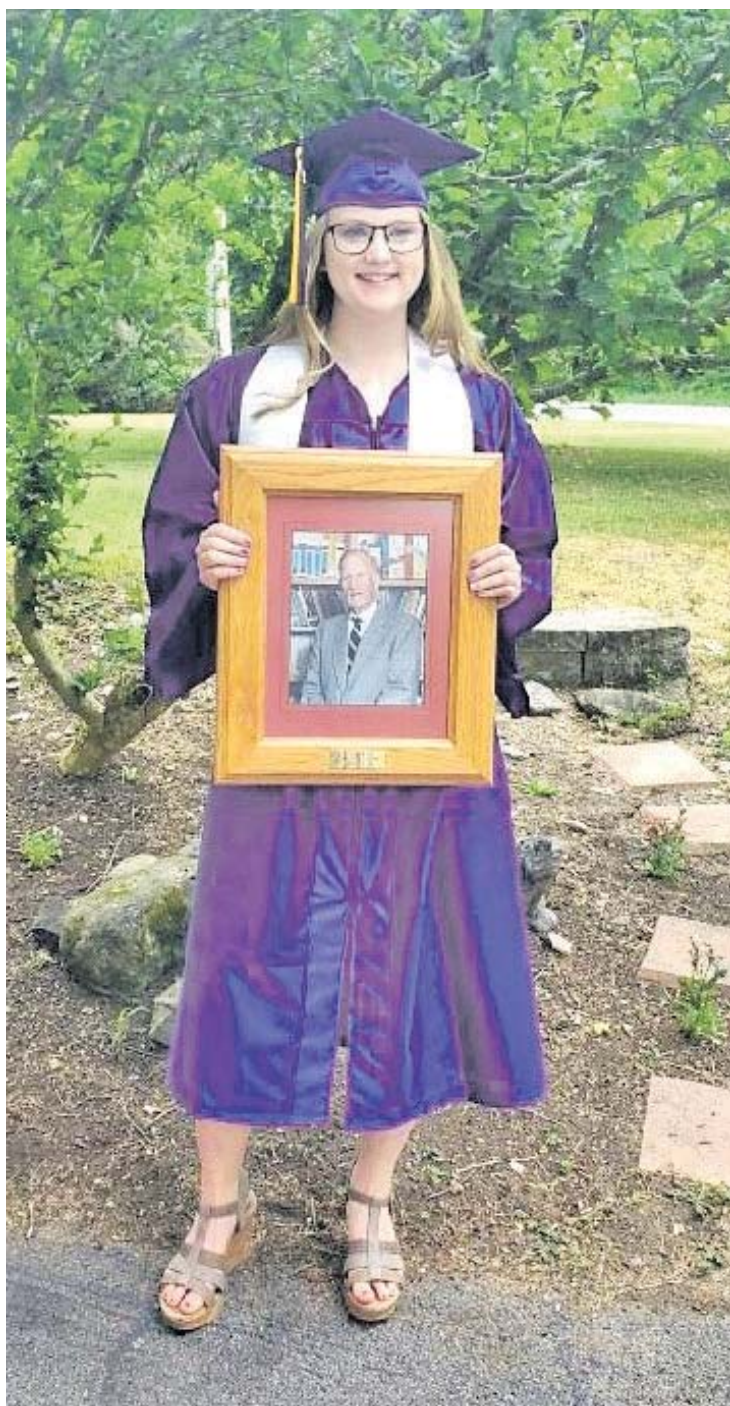
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Caeli Campbell

## Little Falls Hospital awards Campbell the Bernard J. Burke Memorial Scholarship

Little Falls Hospital, a part of the Bassett Healthcare Network, recently awarded Caeli Campbell the Dr. Bernard Burke Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

On behalf of Dr. Burke's many years of service to Little Falls Hospital and to honor his lifelong dedication to his patients, the medical staff of Little Falls Hospital established the Bernard J. Burke Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving student in the Little Falls Hospital service area who plans to pursue a career in the healthcare field. Recipients of this scholarship need not only to have a desire to serve others in the healthcare field, but also have a financial need.

Campbell graduated on June 26 from West Canada Valley Central School, third in her class, and maintained honors throughout high school. She is excited for her next chapter in her life, which will take her to SUNY Stony Brook on Long Island this autumn to study biochemistry with a pre-medicine track. Campbell had the opportunity to shadow surgeons in the operating room at Little Falls Hospital and was inspired by how the healthcare team worked together.



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## Three things you didn't learn in driving school

(BPT) — If you had to go back to driving school today, would you pass the parallel parking portion? What if the instructor tested your knowledge of car maintenance?

Learning how to drive and taking care of your vehicle are integral parts of growing up. In a recent Gauge Index survey, Hankook Tire found that nearly half (47 percent) of Americans got their driver's license the first day they were eligible. But the learning doesn't have to stop there. In fact, it shouldn't!

To keep drivers up to speed on vehicle maintenance basics, Hankook Tire outlines three things you may not have learned in driv-

ing school, but should have:

### **Buckle up ... and check your tires**

Everyone knows when it comes to driving, it's important to put safety first. But driving safety goes beyond just buckling up. Good car maintenance can lead to a safer drive, so start by kicking the tires before you even get into the car.

Hankook found that, had it been part of the driving test, most Americans said they would have gotten the worst grade on tire-related maintenance. Specifically, 40 percent said they would perform the worst at changing a tire, followed by checking tire tread (16 percent)

and filling up tires with air (15 percent).

### **Navigate the parallel parking spot**

Let's face it: parking can be tricky. There's a plethora of distractions and frustrations and a limited number of parking spots, particularly near popular locations. And while you may get the basics of parallel parking down from driver's ed, the Gauge found that nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of Americans still said parallel parking was the most difficult driving skill to master.

But perhaps practice does make perfect, because more than two-thirds (69 percent) of Americans still consider them-

selves "good" or "expert" parallel parkers.

### **Don't rely on technology alone**

You may not have learned to use a backup camera in driving school, but nowadays, new cars often come equipped with this helpful technology and more! The thing is, it's easy to become too reliant on nifty gadgets and new technology. In fact, according to the Gauge, one-third of Americans (34 percent) rely solely on their backup cameras when backing up their vehicle. Of those with backup cameras, only 10 percent aren't using the camera at all when backing up.

So don't let lane-keeping assist or GPS navigators keep you

from the basics (like turning your head to check your blind spot). Remember that these are tools meant to assist you and not to be your primary go-to.

Hankook Tire wants to encourage drivers to continue learning about best practices and the rules of the road - whether that be a refresher on what you learned back in driving school or something completely new, like changing a tire! When it comes to the real-life test of maintenance and parking, here's hoping you get a passing grade!

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by JoAnn Derson

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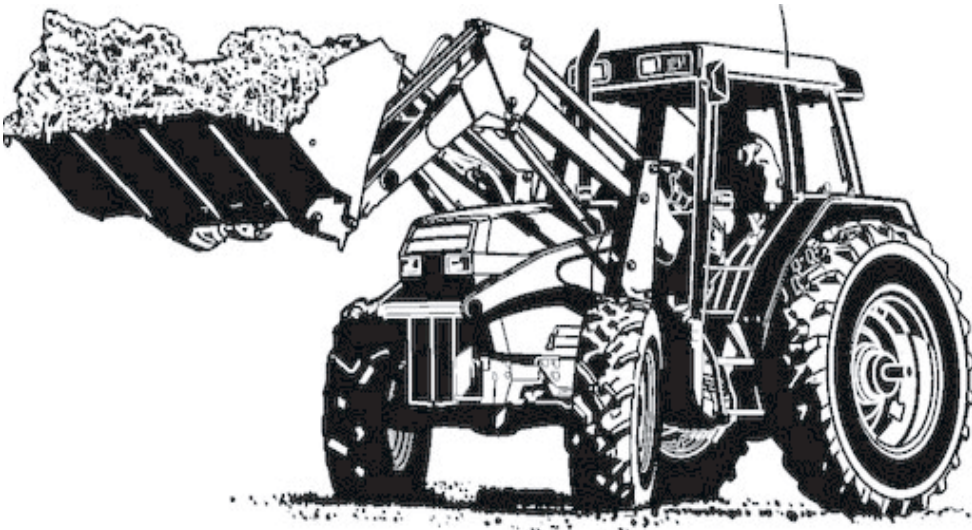


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## The importance of safety when swimming in backyard pools

Backyard pools provide families with ample opportunities for recreation. It's easy to be distracted by all the fun when swimming in a backyard pool, but it is crucial that homeowners take steps to ensure everyone is safe when spending time in the pool.

### Establish a barrier

The Consumer Product Safety Commission warns that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children between the ages of one and four in the United States. Pools attract curious children, so maintaining a barrier between the home and the pool is essential. Many municipalities require some sort of fencing around pools or ladders that self-latch or can be closed off to climbing.

Locks and alarms on windows and doors that face or provide access to the backyard also can serve as barriers.

### Keep play under control

Children and even adults may be swept up in the fun and engage in po-

tentially dangerous behaviors. Pool users should not be allowed to run around the perimeter of an inground pool, as the cement can get slippery when wet and lead to falls that can cause injuries.

Exercise caution when using diving boards or diving into pools. It's easy for divers to hit their heads when diving off a board into a pool due to close proximity of the transition wall in the deep end of the pool or by diving into shallow water. The Red Cross recommends a water depth of 11.5 feet for safe diving and the transition wall should be at least 16.5 feet from the tip of the diving board. However, the standard depth for many pools is 7.5 feet of water and a slope beginning seven feet from the board.

### Exercise caution with inflatables

The Good Housekeeping Research Institute found that inflatable pool toys are especially dangerous. Such toys can flip easily, putting children at risk for injury (from striking the sides of the pool) or

drowning (especially if the children were ejected into deep water). Inflatables also can prevent access to the surface of the water for submerged swimmers.

### Choose a backyard lifeguard

At least one person should be designated as backyard lifeguard when the pool is in use. This person should al-

ways direct his or her focus on the pool, counting swimmers and keeping track of who enters and leaves the pool. Safe Kids Worldwide suggests rotating water watchers every 15 minutes.

Pools are fun places to spend summer afternoons, especially when every step is taken to ensure the safety of swimmers.



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### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Seven ideas to improve curb appeal

(Family Features) – Whether you’re hoping to sell in the near future or simply looking to touch up outdated areas, there’s one aspect of home maintenance most homeowners agree is important: curb appeal. It’s a broad term that may reference any number of visible features, meaning there are plenty of ways to enhance the appearance of your house.

Consider these ideas – some big, some small – for bringing new life to your home’s look from the experts at the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Swap out your front door

As one of the first things a guest, passerby or potential homebuyer may notice, the front door is the gateway to your home and a likely opening impression. Upgrad-

ing to a heavier, bolder door or simply repainting the existing threshold can capture positive attention. Alternately, swapping out hardware for a more eye-catching look is an easy way to achieve a fresh facelift.

Create seating areas

A welcoming home is typically an attractive one, and there are few better ways to create a cozy vibe than a seating or gathering area on the porch. Whether it’s the classic porch swing or chairs and a coffee table suitable for the outdoors, a small zone ideal for conversation and camaraderie can help create an at-home appearance.

Plant shrubbery

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the way you envision and may adhere to seasonal weather patterns for optimal appearance. For a quicker result, shop around for fully mature shrubs and plants that can withstand elements throughout the year.

Rethink the mailbox

It may not be as exciting of a project to un-

dertake; however, giving your mailbox a fresh look helps it stand out and – especially if it’s directly in front of your home – may turn an ordinary object into a worthy attractant. Your work may be as simple as updating to a newer model or as thought-out as constructing a small rock wall around the base.

Add stonework

For a project that can give your house a new look altogether, consider incorporating stone-

work or a stone veneer for a natural appearance. If changing your facade isn’t in the plans, less complicated ideas like pavers, brick sidewalks and landscape rings are ways to introduce a classic touch.

Paint (or repaint) the exterior

Changing the exterior paint color of a home is one of the most popular renovation projects, and one of the first that comes to mind for many homeowners. Simply altering

the colors of trim, gutters and other accent pieces may be enough for some homes, and repainting the exterior doesn’t have to mean a new color altogether – consider a brighter shade or simply a fresh coat to help your home pop.

Update lighting

Light fixtures come in all shapes and sizes, and many times the beauty is in the eye of the beholder. While updated porch illumination may not drive home a potential sale, it’s a subtle touch right as guests arrive. Adding smaller lights in previously unlit areas like around landscaping (consider solar-powered for easier maintenance) can help your hard work shine.

To find more ideas to increase curb appeal, or to find a certified remodeler near you, visit RemodelingDoneRight.com.

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