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What would you do for a Klondike Bar?

Ice cream smiles at Valley Health Services

HERKIMER, NY — What would you do for a Klondike bar? Valley Health Services' residents and staff were all smiles as the ice cream truck made it through the corridors, with a plethora

of ice cream choices for all! From Klondike bars, popsicles, Nutty Buddy, Fudgesicles, vanilla, chocolate and sherbet ice cream, to Italian ice and ice cream sandwiches, everyone selected their

favorite, frosty treats.

The ice cream truck was crafted by the VHS' maintenance staff, complete with working lights, bell and that ice cream truck music we all recognize and remember from

childhood. The truck was driven by Kristen Lenaghan, Activities Director, and doled out by Shelley Kentile, Dietary Director. On a dreary weather day, there was nothing but sunshine at Valley Health Services.

"COVID-19's impact is growing daily and the effect on the elderly population is taking its toll," states Lisa M. Betrus, President, Valley Health Services. "The work that our staff does every day,

being on the frontlines for care and moral support, is so important. Having special activities and moments that engage residents and staff is significant for ensuring we are in this together and support each other."

The ice cream truck will make its rounds again from time to time because, one thing we can all agree on is that ice cream brings out the kid in all of us and brightens our day.



Shelley Kentile (inside truck); Kristen Lenaghan (standing) and resident, Sandy Gosholok (front) at Valley Health Services.

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It will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Any person over the age of 60 interested in participating in the virtual picnic can sign up to receive a free barbecue meal. To sign up please call Michele at 315.867.1152 by Oct. 14. The meals will be distributed at a location in Herkimer and one in Old Forge. We will be providing delivery for home-bound clients who are unable to pick up their meal at one of the pick-up

locations. We will also be providing an opportunity to participate in virtual bingo. Information on how to participate in the virtual bingo will be given at the time you pick up your meal.

In previous years local businesses donated the prizes for the picnic but this year we would like to be able to give back to them. We are asking community members and organizations to donate gift certificates for local businesses that will be given as prizes for the senior picnic. We ask that the gift certificates be in \$10 increments. You are welcome to purchase several gift certificates to support your favorite local

business. If any community member or organization would like to donate a gift certificate for a local business you can mail them to: Herkimer County Sheriff's Dept., 320 N. Main Street, Suite 2900, Herkimer, NY 13350 or you can contact the Sheriff's Department with any questions at 315.867.1168. With the support from community members as well as county employees, County Legislators, and other representatives we will be able to assist our valuable local businesses while providing prizes to older adults.

We look forward to a successful 2020 Virtual Senior Picnic.

Little Falls community blood drive

A community blood drive will take place on Monday, Oct. 5 from noon - 5 p.m. at the Little Falls Elks Lodge. Each donation can help save up to three lives. To schedule an appointment download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.

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For the first time, Earth soil soars to space station to aid agriculture

Cornell University doctoral student Morgan Irons just helped make space exploration history: For the first time ever, unmodified Earth soil is scheduled to be launched into space. Irons saw the soil she scooped from a Cornell farm organic plot sent into space on the evening of Sept. 29. It hitched a ride aboard a resupply mission bound for the International Space Station (ISS), orbiting about 254 miles above Earth.

On the space station, researchers have used hydroponic planting systems, seeds placed in engineered growth media and highly modified mineral soil, said Irons, but this experiment will be different.

"This would be the first time that natural, unmodified Earth soil and engineered biochar soils have been brought up to space," she said.

Soil aggregates consist of particles that bind to one another for carbon sequestration, nutrient retention and soil aeration. Aggregation is considered a soil

health indicator that depends on fungal and microbial adhesives to bind mineral and organic matter.

Since natural and biochar-containing soils have never been studied in space, scientists don't know how they react without gravity.

"We don't know the role that gravity plays in driving soil biogeochemical processes," Irons said. "We want to fundamentally understand the impact of gravity on fungal and microbial systems, within the context of soil aggregate stability."

While Irons knows this study likely will be a step to help future long-term space missions take humanity deep into the solar system and beyond, the gravity experiments could lead to better understanding of soil's unique characteristics.

"Hopefully," she said, "this experiment in space helps farmers down here on Earth, so that we all can thrive and live sustainably."

Astronauts won't need to fumble with loose dirt in plastic containers and risk spilling it: It will be in 36 plastic self-contained vials, for a total of one-tenth of a pound of dirt from three experiments. One set will contain soil from around Ithaca, NY; another set will contain high-performance engineered soil containing biochar from the Ithaca-based company bio365, overseen by John Gaunt; the third set will be from Matthias Rillig, a professor at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.

"This will be the first time that a soil ecosystem has left the confines of Earth and we study what it does," said Johannes Lehmann, professor of soil science and principal investigator of the project. "This is a bit of a nerdy historic moment, but I'm very excited about it."

Strange but True

by Lucie Winborne

- In early 2016, a 155-year-old mousetrap caught a mouse in a British museum. The trap was part of the exposition and hadn't even been considered operational for a long time.

- Bill Nye the Science Guy holds a patent for ballet pointe shoes.

- Some odd things have been sold online, but an entire country? Yep, a fellow from Brisbane, Australia, tried to sell New Zealand on eBay in 2006! The site closed the auction at a top bid of \$3,000.

- A mental phenomenon called the Troxler effect, discovered in 1804, causes people to see monsters in mirrors -- whether they say "bloody Mary" three times or not.

- In order to prevent Boggle players from using a certain swear word, the letters F and K appear only once on the same cube, making it impossible for them to both be played at the same time.

- In 1987, Steve Rothstein paid \$250,000 for a lifetime unlimited first-class American Airlines ticket, even hopping on planes to get a sandwich or go to a baseball game in other cities. It cost American Airlines around \$21 million, and they unsurprisingly ended his contract in 2008.

- A full 12% of sighted people dream exclusively in

black and white.

- Levi's once made an all-denim tuxedo for singer Bing Crosby after he was refused admittance to a hotel simply for wearing jeans.

- Japan has the highest density of vending machines worldwide, with approximately 5 million machines, or one for every 23 people. You can buy everything from live lobsters and bread in a can to underwear and Buddhist amulets from a vending machine.

- Anakin Skywalker/Darth Vader meets six of the nine diagnostic criteria for Borderline Personality Disorder. Five are sufficient for a diagnosis.

Thought for the Day: "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." -- Andy McIntyre

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our very own nocturnal animals.

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led around the children's zoo area (a 30-minute stroll); older groups will be led around the North Trek Trail (a 45-minute trek). Night Prowl activities include marshmallows over the fire, hot cocoa and fun activities. Grab the family to enjoy a wonderful evening together at the zoo.

Night Prowl takes place on Saturday, Oct. 3 and Friday, Oct. 9 starting at 7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 6 and Friday, Nov. 14 starting at 5:15 p.m. Cost for Utica Zoo members is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, with not-yet-members pay-

ing \$14 for adults and \$10 for children. Tickets purchased in advance are required and may be purchased at UticaZoo.org/nightprowl. Tickets are limited, so grab yours today.

As a reminder, masks and social distancing are required at all times

while visiting the Utica Zoo. For more information, visit UticaZoo.org/prepare.

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6 tablespoons purchased graham cracker crumbs or 6 (2 1/2-inch) graham crackers, made into fine crumbs

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Evenly arrange apple slices in pie crust.

2. In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix and water. Add 1/4 cup peanut butter. Mix well to combine. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring constantly. Evenly

spoon hot pudding mixture over apples.

3. In a medium bowl, combine graham-cracker crumbs and remaining 2 tablespoons peanut butter until mixture is crumbly. Evenly sprinkle crumb mixture over top of pie. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Place pie plate on a wire rack and let set for at least 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

• Each serving equals: 234 calories, 10g fat, 4g protein, 32g carb., 282mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fat, 1 Fruit.

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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 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.

October 2 and 3

Fourth Annual Basket Raffle. Noon-6 p.m. both days. Mohawk Reformed Church, 20 South Otsego Street, Mohawk. Many themed baskets and gift cards. Masks required and CDC guidelines will be followed. Contact 315.866.4292 or mrcoffice@verizon.net for further information.

October 3

Chicken BBQ 3 p.m. until sold out at Stratford Methodist Church, Route 29 A Stratford. Take outs only. \$10 adults. \$5 Children. Call 315.429.3780.

October 5

Zoom Spanish Class. All ages. Free. Every Monday at 11 a.m. Meeting ID 927 9859 2014. Hosted by Little Falls Public Library.

Little Falls Community Blood Drive noon to 5 p.m. at the Little Falls Elks Lodge. To schedule an appointment download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767). Donors can save time by using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to get started.

October 7

Zoom American Revolution Class. All ages. Free. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Meeting ID 984 8399 9096. Hosted by Little Falls Public Library.

October 9

Zoom Creative Writing Class. For kids 5th-8th grade. Free. Every Friday at 1 p.m. To enroll, call 315.823.1542. Hosted by Little Falls Public Library.

"Pulled Pork BBQ Drive-Thru Dinner" 4 p.m. until sold out at the Dolgeville United Methodist Church parking lot on 21 N. Helmer Ave. \$10. Features pulled pork on a roll, salt potatoes, baked beans, and chocolate chip cookies.

October 10

Chicken BBQ at Herkimer Elks Lodge, 124 Mary Street 11 a.m. until

sold out. \$12 take outs only. Advance sale tickets available at the Herkimer Elks Lodge. Call 315.866.1439.

October 4

Chicken BBQ at East Herkimer Fire Department. 193 Main Road, East Herkimer. Serving 12:30-3 p.m. Carry-out only. Tickets \$10. Limit 400 dinners. Ticket information: Dan Wellington 315.868.5394.

Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner sponsored by the East Schuyler Methodist Church at the VFW Post 502, 4274 Acme Road, Frankfort. Curbside pickup only. \$14. Children 10 and under: \$5.

October 5

Oil Painting Class with Wilson Bickford 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Auskerada Place, 78 S. Main St., Dolgeville. "One October Day" (11" x 14"). Call "Diane" at 315.429.3618 to register.

October 9

Chicken and Biscuits Dinner 4-7 p.m. or until sold out at the Fairfield Community Hall. Sponsored by Fairfield Restorations Association. Take out only. Adults \$10 Children \$5. Contact 315.941.0711 for more info.

October 11

Chinese Auction and Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue at Poland Fire Station #1, 216 NY Route 8, between Poland and Cold Brook. Drive through from noon until sold out. Take out only. No seating. Chinese Auction: Purchase tickets noon - 4 p.m. Masks and distancing required. Guests will enter according to October NYS Guidelines. No guests during drawings. A portion of the drawings will be live-streamed. Call 315.826.7141 for information.

October 14

Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Little Falls Hospital's Main Parking Lot, 140 Burwell St., Little Falls, NY. No appointment is necessary for patients 19 years and older. No cost with most insurance. Masks will be required. Contact

315.823.5326 with any questions.

Third Wednesday Night Dinner 4-6 p.m. or sold out - whichever comes first - at First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., Ilion. Quesadilla, black beans and rice, burrito, homemade desserts. \$10 per dinner. Takes outs only. For more info contact the church office at 315.894.9041.

Free Virtual Program on the Lost Colony of Roanoke. Free virtual program presented on "The Lost Colony of Roanoke" by historian and author Cheryl Pula at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the Herkimer County Historical Society. Zoom link available to join on the day of the program at www.herkimercounty-history.org. For more information, call 315.866.6413.

October 15

Chicken Schnitzel Dinner 4-7 p.m. Take out only. At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 594 E. Albany St., Little Falls. Curbside drive up and walk-ins. Call ahead suggested at 315.717.9462 or 315.823.1323. Leave a message if there is no answer. Free delivery (Little Falls only). \$10. Includes meal and dessert.

October 21

Herkimer County sponsoring Virtual Senior Citizen's Picnic. Due to COVID-19 we are unable to hold the in person picnic but we will offer this virtual option. Any person over the age of 60 interested in participating can sign up to receive a free barbecue meal. Call Michele at 315.867.1152 by Oct. 14.

November 1

Meatloaf Dinner at St. Paul's Universalist church. Little Falls. 4-7 p.m. Takeout only. \$10 Delivery to a limited area. Call 315.823.2284. There will be someone at the church from noon on the day of the event.

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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Herkimer BOCES adult nursing students returned to Remington school building before recent vote

The Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program is back to operating out of the Remington school building in Iliion for the more than 60 local adults studying to become licensed practical nurses.

Running the LPN classes with coronavirus-related regulations required adjusting instructional practices, dividing students into cohorts of eight to 11 people, purchasing individual mannequins for each student, buying large screens for virtual instruction, obtaining other needed equipment, turning the main nursing lab into an isolation unit, making a practice lab into an extra classroom and expanding into additional classrooms



Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program part-time day student Katherine Wayman (right), of Hartwick, practices on a mannequin on Sept. 15 in a classroom at the Remington school building as part-time day student Shannon Rowlands (left), of Iliion, looks on. A new screen for virtual instruction is pictured behind Wayman. For more information on the LPN program, visit www.herkimer-boces.org/LPN. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

and offices at the Remington school building.

"We've changed everything and overcome many challenges," Herkimer BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program Coordinator Sara Nicolette said. "Everything is a challenge, but this building has made it possible. This building has been a blessing to us."

The Herkimer BOCES proposal to purchase the former Remington Elementary School building from Central Valley as long-term home for the nursing program, other Adult Education programs, the Pathways Academy for school-aged students and more was the subject of a vote conducted for residents from all Herkimer BOCES component districts on

Sept. 29. The Central Valley community voted 256-16 on Nov. 12, 2019 in favor of selling the building to Herkimer BOCES.

"A full house"

In March, the LPN program missed only one day of instruction when school buildings closed in response to the coronavirus public health crisis. The program moved quickly to a virtual format using Zoom, and students were still able to graduate by their planned date in June or earlier.

Herkimer BOCES offers three versions of its LPN program – a full-time class, a part-time class during days and a part-time class during evenings. The 2020-21

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full-time class started in June using Zoom and moved into the Remington building on Sept. 8, the same day the part-time day and evening classes began.

Despite the challenges, the LPN program has seen a more than 10% increase in new students this school year, Nicolette said.

"We opened with a full house," she said.

The LPN program had to invest about \$15,000 into adjusting to the changes of how classes would operate – including the purchases of mannequins, large screens for each classroom, equipment and more, Nicolette said. A washer and dryer were purchased because students have to use reusable personal protective equipment in the isolation unit lab.

The program was able to avoid other expenses due to the ability to expand from two main classrooms to four within the Remington school building and use more office space, Nicolette said. A practice lab was converted into an extra classroom, and students use mannequins at their own desks in each classroom to practice skills, she said.

"The only bright spot in all this is that we're here in this building," she said. "If we didn't have this building, we'd be sunk."



From left, Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program part-time day students Aimee Lewis, of Speculator, and Hannah Laurion, of Waterville, study in a classroom Sept. 15 at the Remington school building while also having the ability to interact through a large screen with another classroom using Zoom.

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Kovels: Antiques and collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Art Deco figurine

There have been many ceramic companies owned by members of the Goldscheider family, which can confuse today's collectors. Friedrich Goldscheider moved from Pilsen, Bohemia, to Vien-

na in 1885. He started the Goldscheider Porcelain Manufactory and Majolica Factory, a company to make ceramics. He hired famous artists including Michael Powolny, Demetre Chiparus and Josef Lorenzl, and the company soon had an internation-

al reputation for excellent figurines and other art deco pieces. Friedrich's sons, Walter and Marcell, joined the company and the business became worldwide in the 1920s and '30s.

But Hitler's rules led to the family fleeing to England in 1938; their company was given to others but was no longer successful. Marcell started a Goldscheider factory in Staffordshire. Walter had a successful company, Goldscheider-U.S.A., in Trenton, New Jersey, after 1940, but he returned to Vienna in 1950 to revive their old company. He closed it after three years and sold worldwide use of the Goldscheider name to Carstens, a German company. They used it until 1963. About 1988, Peter Goldscheider made

a small number of pieces in Austria. Recently, a major book about the Goldscheider family and their ceramics was published with more history, details, artists' names, marks and pictures. The added publicity will probably encourage higher auction prices.

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seat was added and, in some cases, some trim from other pieces of horn. Matching footstools also were made. The chairs were not made for comfort, but were popular with hunters and those who wanted memories of the old West. There are pictures that show President Teddy Roosevelt and President Abraham Lincoln both had horn chairs that were gifts. Your chair could bring \$1,000 or more at auction.

Current prices

Hall tree: Victorian, walnut, shaped back, mirror, metal coat hooks, lower section, open umbrella stand, drip pan, 1800s, 81 x 29 inches, \$190.

Calendar: 1946, Huffman Transportation Service, patriotic glamour girl image by Rolf Arm-

strong, full pad, matted, frame, 36 x 19 inches, \$260.

Match safe: silver plate, advertisement for Home Insurance Co. on one side, embossed fire pumper wagon on reverse side, c. 1900, 2 3/4 x 1 1/2 inches, \$415.

Hooked rug: Shaker, squares, blue, red, green, brown and black cloth, layered, mounted for hanging, 1800s, 36 1/2 x 37 inches, \$585.

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Do your future self a favor, and plant spring-blooming bulbs this autumn.

Depending on where you live, there can be a month or more after the snow recedes in spring until we see flowers. Planting spring-flowering bulbs shortens this window and packs a ton of color, contrast and liveliness against a backdrop of the slowly awakening earth. Spring-flowering bulbs are an incredibly hopeful presence in a time of cool temperatures and unpredictable forecasts.

The key to having bulbs bloom in spring is to plant them in autumn. The best time to plant is mid-September through October when temperatures are cooler. Autumn-planted bulbs need weeks of hibernation in a dark, moist and cool environment to slowly develop roots in preparation for spring.

There are many types, sizes and colors. Scilla,

snowdrops and crocus are small bulbs that look beautiful en masse. Scilla happily can spread under the right conditions, creating carpets of blue in gardens and lawns.

Tulips, daffodils and hyacinths tend to be taller with larger more vibrant colors. These bulbs are showstoppers whether spaced closely together or far apart.

To plant spring-flowering bulbs, choose a site with well-drained soil and full to part sun. For best results, get a soil test to determine your soil's fertilizer needs for bulbs. Fertilizing the soil at planting can help the bulbs stay healthy and larger in future seasons.

The depth of planting depends on bulb size although as a rule, plant bulbs at a depth of two to three times the height of the bulb. Depending on the number of bulbs, you can dig holes individually for each bulb or dig out a larger area and plant multiple bulbs in

the hole.

Smaller bulbs like scilla, snowdrops and crocus can be planted closer to one another, about 1-2 inches apart, while tulips and daffodils should be planted 3-6 inches apart. Make sure that the tip of the bulb points up to the sky, and water well after planting.

To prevent squirrels, mice and other critters from digging up your tulip bulbs, use wire mesh to make a barrier around all sides and the top of the bed after planting. An alternative is to select bulbs that do not attract rodents. Daffodils are poisonous, for example, so rodents, as well as deer, will leave them alone.

In spring resist the temptation to cut back the foliage immediately after flowering. It is a good practice to trim back the seed head, but leave the foliage until it dies back and yellows. This allows time for the bulbs to send energy from the plant foliage back into the bulbs

and will produce bulbs that are larger with showier flowers in the future.

While crocuses, scilla and daffodils can be left in the ground year-round, tulips and hy-

replant in autumn.

To bring the joy of spring flowers inside, plant a tulip cutting garden. If you have a vegetable garden or raised bed with spaces that are

etale garden won't be available for planting until around mid-June. Plan to plant something in this area that can handle a later start date, such as cucumbers, summer



Plant bulbs at a depth of two to three times the height of the bulb, making sure that the tip of the bulb points up to the sky.

Photo by Bonnie Kim Donahue

acinths should be dug up after their foliage has dried out. Store these bulbs in a dry, well-ventilated area until time to

opening up this autumn, use a small area to plant tulips for spring cutting.

Keep in mind that it will take at least a few weeks for the foliage to die back next year, which means that this part of your veg-

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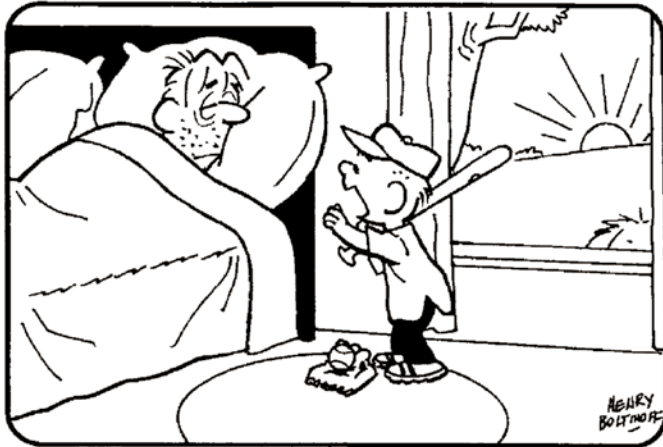
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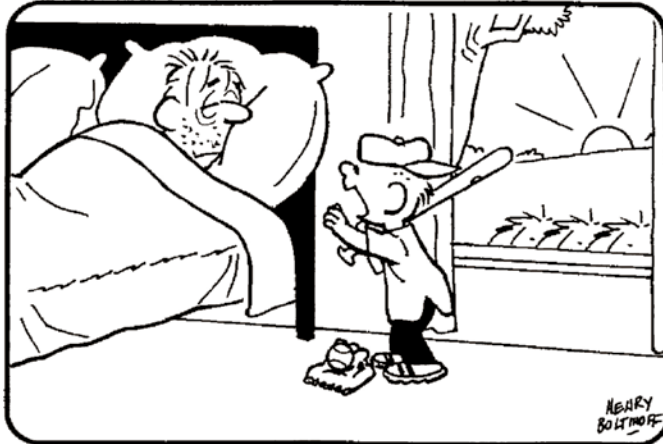
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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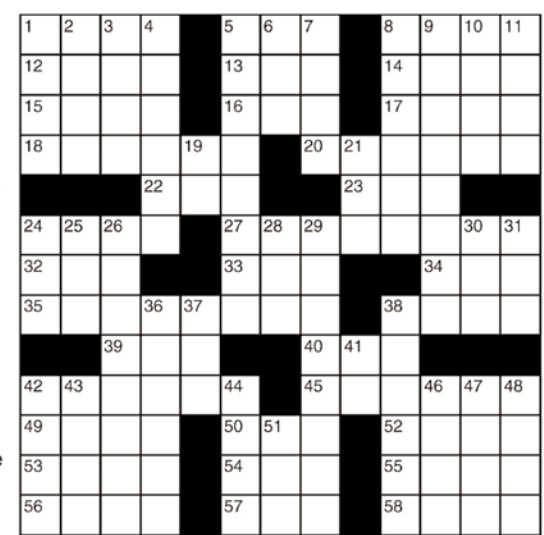
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- 1 Waller or Domino
5 "— not choose to run"
8 Stoolie
12 Hardly ruddy
13 Calendar abbr.
14 In due time
15 Noble gas
16 Born
17 Loosen
18 Cowpoke of the pampas
20 Get new actors
22 Car-pool lane abbr.
23 Profit
24 Elevator name
27 Crucial experiment
32 See
33 Heavy weight
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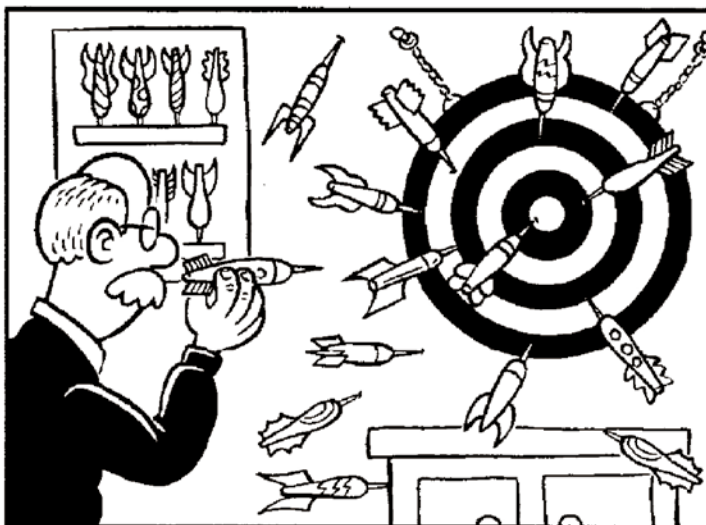
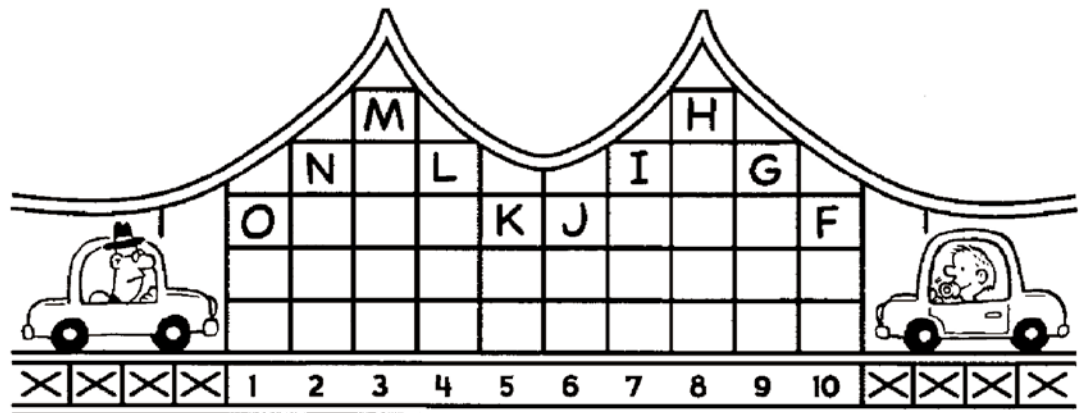


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54 Craze
55 Malaria symptom
56 Automaton, for short
57 To and —
58 Egg part
7 Finished
8 Tap
9 From birth
10 Affirmative actions
11 Entanglement
19 Word after heave or gung
21 Finish
24 Night flyer
25 Greek cross
26 Guiltless
28 Bill and —
29 Sly slur
30 Glimpse
31 "— the sea-son ..."
36 Vinegar bot-
37 Coop denizen
38 Off
41 "Life of —"
42 Door-frame piece
43 Hodgepodge
44 Remove, as a cap
46 "Les Miserables" writer
47 Hebrew month
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51 Simple card game

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by Charles Barry Townsend



EVERYONE brought their own darts to the local tournament. See if you can spot two darts that are exactly alike in one minute flat.

Illustrated by David Coulson

A STUNNING SUMMATION!

Challenge the class math whiz to solve this one. Have him/her arrange the nine digits below so that the sum of the even digits equals the sum of the odd digits.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9Answer: (Even digits) $2 + 4 + 6 + 8 = 20$. (Odd digits) $1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 = 25$.

LET'S SEE IF YOU HAVE THE HOME TEAM ADVANTAGE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the words in Grid A.

- Indirect information.
- Not any.
- Inclined surface.
- Being identical.

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GRID A

T			
	E		
		A	
			M

GRID B

- Lacking substance.
- Type of light.
- English baby conveyance.
- A layer of coal.

A WORD BRIDGE!

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints:

- A spherical object.
- A fastener.
- Latin American dance.
- Hot and flowing.
- A young goat.
- To extend outward.
- One of many.
- A Mideast confection
- To stare stupidly.
- An electronic transmission.

Answers: 1. Orb. 2. Nail. 3. Mambo. 4. Lava. 5. Kid. 6. Gut. 7. Item. 8. Halva. 9. Gawlk. 10. Fax.

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Donna's Day: Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Fall family living A-Z

It's officially fall. Kids storm through the front door after school and toss their backpacks in the hallway; you're just home from work, and there's dinner to be made and maybe soccer practice or piano lessons to get to after the last bite.

Sounds like a busy routine. How do you choose which extra family fun stuff to fit in on your calendar along with a few must-dos?

I've discovered with my kids and friends in their bubble that the basic ABC's can provide a simple, creative framework

for visually highlighting the essentials: family outings, household repairs, discoveries and activities.

This year, my list includes not only must-do chores, but also fall excursions, new foods to try, service opportunities and family adventures. The only caveat is that you need to find an open alphabet letter to describe the event. That helps keep all the ideas and inspiration under control.

Here's how it works:

I listed all 26 alphabet letters on a medium-size white board hanging in our kitchen. Engage your child to make the A-Z list. Events and activities are

described by their corresponding letter. Friends who drop by add ideas they would like to do with us, too. For example, our 8-year-old neighbor was eager for me to teach him how to make applesauce with the new crop of Honeycrisp apples that had arrived at our farmer's market last weekend. I brought out our peeler gadget for him to crank out slices for the kid-friendly recipe. Check off "A."

The "B" is noted with "build a berm around our foundation," to prevent a wet basement during the continuing rainy season. "C" reminds us to gather

clothes to take to Goodwill, and "D" to deliver "Meals on Wheels." Scanning down the alphabet to "M," I've already released the monarch butterfly my 16-month-old granddaughter and I observed pop out of its chrysalis.

Soon, I'll be shifting attention to "Z," a reminder to compose a colorful zinnia bouquet from our garden before the snow falls.

No need to end a first round of A-Z activities when seasons change. Check off what has been accomplished and enjoyed, then erase or simply add a new event. Spelling out in detail from A-Z what has been done, and what is left to do, will continue to serve as a visual reminder to family of your active, giving and community-involved lifestyle.

By the way, good luck finding ideas for Q's and U's!

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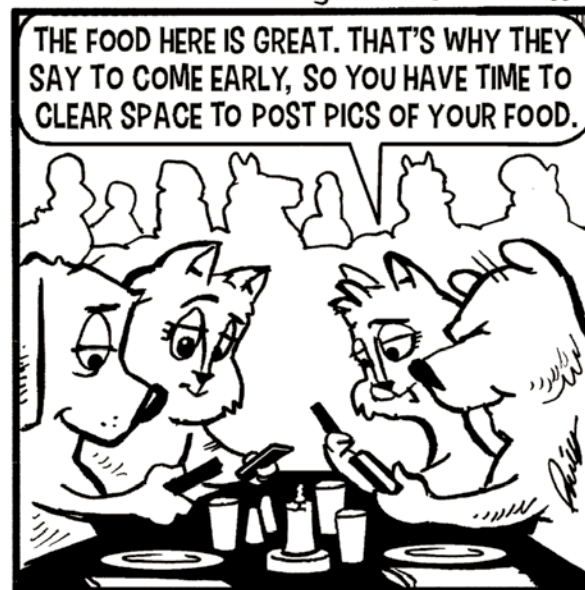
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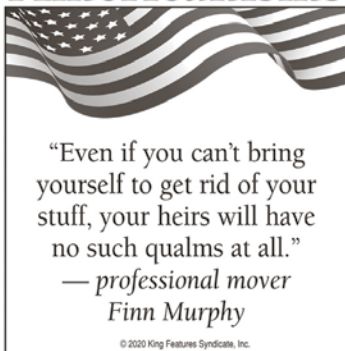
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Medicare Open Enrollment

When's the Medicare Open Enrollment Period?

Every year, Medicare's open enrollment period is October 15 - December 7.

What's the Medicare Open Enrollment Period?

Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year - things like cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks. October 15 to December 7 is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs.

How do people know if they need to change plans?

People in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan should always review the materials their plans send them, like the "Evidence of Coverage" (EOC) and the "Annual Notice of Change" (ANOC). If their plans are changing, they should make sure their plans will still meet their needs for the following year. If they're satisfied that their current plans will meet their needs for next year and it's still being offered, they don't need to do anything.

When can people get information about next year's Medicare plans?

Information for next year's plans will be available beginning in October.

Where can people find Medicare plan information or compare plans?

1-800-MEDICARE or Medicare.gov
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HIICAP program at (315)-894-9917



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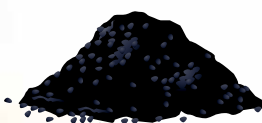
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