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The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance recently encouraged eligible taxpayers to register for a free virtual tax-filing assistance session.

If your federal adjusted gross income in 2020 was \$72,000 or less, you qualify to receive free virtual tax assistance from the Tax Department. We can guide you through the process of electronically preparing and filing your 2020 federal and state income tax returns at no cost.

During a prescheduled virtual webinar session using WebEx or Zoom, our department representatives will guide you step by step as needed through the free tax preparation software as you complete and file your own tax return.

The NYS Tax Department extended the filing due date for NYS personal income tax returns to May 17 to match the extended due date for federal income tax returns.

"The Tax Department is offering New Yorkers more time to file because of the ongoing pandemic and free filing services for those eligible," said NYS Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Michael Schmidt. "We encourage New Yorkers to save on tax preparation costs for their federal and state returns by taking advantage of this free assistance."

Register for a session at tinyurl.com/hxmthyz.

Once you register, you will receive an email with a link to the webinar session. You will also receive a link to the free tax software and an intake questionnaire. Review and fill out the intake questionnaire to ensure you have all the documents needed to complete your return during the session.

Four steps to ensure a quick and easy filing experience:

- Have all tax documents and personal information for each person on the return available for the webinar session

- Use the software link to set up an account in the free software

- Plan to spend up to two hours in the webinar session
- Follow up by checking your email within 48 hours once you submit your return

You can review the documents to have on hand and an explanation of how to create an account to use the free software at tax.ny.gov/fsa.

If you're confident enough to file on your own, you don't need to attend a virtual session. You can use your own computer, tablet or mobile device to prepare and e-file your income tax returns whenever and wherever you want using the same secure software at no cost. Visit tax.ny.gov.



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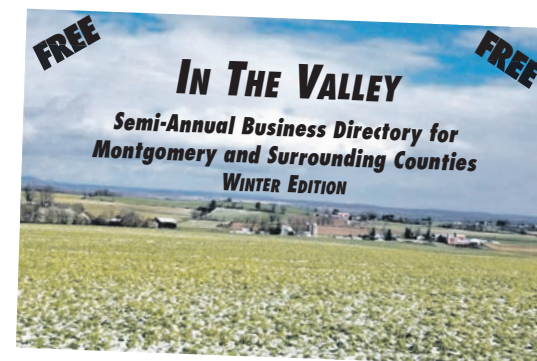
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Free rabies clinics change to monthly schedule at SQSPCA

In conjunction with the Otsego County Department of Health, the Susquehanna SPCA (SQSPCA) will continue to host free rabies vaccination clinics on-site through the end of the year.

According to SQSPCA Executive Director Stacie Haynes, the shelter is scheduling vaccination appointments one Monday each month beginning in April for pet dogs, cats and ferrets. Individual appointments allow for proper social distancing, Haynes said.

The monthly schedule is as follows but may be subject to change:

- Monday, April 12: 4 - 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 17: 2 - 5 p.m.
- Monday, June 14: 2 - 5 p.m.
- Monday, July 12: 4 - 7 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 16: 2 - 5 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 13: 2 - 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 4: 4 - 7 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 15: 2 - 5 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 13: 2 - 5 p.m.

Haynes praised Otsego County, local veterinarians and shelter staff for making the free rabies clinics possible. "Otsego County is providing the vaccines and the tags," said Haynes. "The shelter is providing the service and several local veterinarians continue to step up to donate their time to the cause."

Dr. Julie Huntsman, Dr. Bret Meckel and Dr. Jenny Lukovsky all worked free of charge at the clinics during the peak of the pandemic in NYS to administer the rabies vaccinations and they will continue to assist for the foreseeable future, Haynes added.

Registration for the free rabies vaccination clinics is currently underway by calling 607.547.8111 ext. 111. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. There is a limit of 15 pets per person.

The SQSPCA requirements for pet owners will

follow Otsego County guidelines:

- Previous rabies vaccination certificate must be presented to receive a three-year booster (no exceptions).
- Dogs must be on a leash and under proper control.
- Cats and ferrets should be in a pillowcase or carrying case.



According to the Otsego County Department of Health, the vaccine being used gives one-year protection for domestic dogs and cats receiving their first vaccination and three-year protection for domestic dogs and cats

receiving a booster.

"Compulsory vaccination is required for all dogs and cats in Otsego County," said Heidi Bond, Otsego County Director of Public Health. "Every dog and cat three months of age or older is required to be vaccinated, even pet dogs and cats that stay inside, and domesticated ferrets require vaccination each year."

NYS law requires all dogs to be licensed. A license will not be issued for a time period extending beyond the date of the dog's rabies certificate. It is also NYS law that any unvaccinated pet exposed to a rabid or suspected rabid animal be euthanized or quarantined for six months at the owner's expense, and that any unvaccinated pet that bites be confined for 10 days at a facility at the owner's expense.

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SQSPCA thrift store readies for move to new location; temporary hold on donations announced

As of April 2, the New Leash on Life Thrift Shop temporarily stopped taking donations in preparation for its upcoming move. The thrift store, a local mainstay for more than 40 years, is a primary source of revenue for the Susquehanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SQSPCA). Both the animal shelter and thrift store facilities will relocate soon to a brand new campus just 1.2 miles north of the current location on State Highway 28 south of Cooperstown.

“April 2 will be the last day folks can drop off donations for the thrift shop until the new retail space opens,” said SQSPCA Executive Director Stacie Haynes. “This will give staff time to get established in the new location and make sure things are running smoothly. We will make another announcement as soon as we know when we can start receiving donations at the new store.”

In the meantime, the thrift store will remain open for a few more weeks and thrift store manager Sara Lucas will continue to sell merchandise online via the New Leash on Life Facebook page and on Facebook Marketplace before, during and after the move. According to Lucas, the transition is bittersweet but much anticipated. “We are so appreciative of our loyal donors and shoppers, and we’ll miss you all, but we absolutely can’t wait to see everyone again at the new store,” Lucas said.

For more information on donating to the New Leash on Life Thrift Shop, call 607.547.9462 or email slucas@sqspca.org. For more information or to donate, visit www.sqspca.org.

Herkimer BOCES Cosmetology clinic re-opens to community to provide experience to students

For the first time in more than a year, the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Cosmetology program is opening up its clinic that allows students to gain experience providing salon and spa services.

Customers from school and the local community are invited to receive services including cuts, coloring, perms, manicures, pedicures, waxing and more under the supervision of Cosmetology instructor Holly Rotundo Fischer and teaching assistant Sarah Jacquays-Alberts.

“Due to COVID-19, we haven’t been able to open the clinic as soon as we normally would, but we’re happy to have the guidelines in place to allow it to start now,” Fischer said. “The clinic provides students with valuable experience doing hands-on work, interacting with customers, preparing for an entry-level salon job and building the foundation for a potential career in cosmetology.”

The clinic, named Salon Illusions, is open to community members by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays at the Herkimer BOCES William E. Busacker Complex at 352 Gros Blvd. in Herkimer. To make an appointment or for information, call 315.867.2043.

All school and salon COVID-19 guidelines will be strictly adhered to. The low prices of the services are used to offset the costs of putting on the clinic.

Herkimer BOCES Cosmetology student Autumn Comstock, of Poland Central School District, said she is excited about the clinic opening.

“It’s great to finally be getting back to normal and to work on clients,” Comstock said. “The pandemic isn’t going to stop us from doing what we love.”



Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Cosmetology student Autumn Comstock, of Poland Central School District, performs a foil highlight on Clinton resident Allessandra Russell on March 26 in the Cosmetology program’s clinic, which is now open to the community. Call 315.867.2043 for information or to make an appointment.



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Calendar of events

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May 3

Author John Ferling presents: After Saratoga: The War that Britain Nearly Won at 7 p.m. Register at tinyurl.com/4bedkjzs.

May 12

DeWitts Duel: Political Rivalry at Ten Paces 6:30 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site Via Zoom and live on Facebook. For more info, contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 or visit www.nysparks.com.

May 26

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tioning During WWII 6:30 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site Via Zoom and live on Facebook. For more info, contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 or visit www.nysparks.com.

June 10

The Morris Canal with Tim Roth 6:30 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site Via Webex only. For more info, contact David Brooks at 518.829.7516 or visit www.nysparks.com.

June 12

Craft Festival canceled. 41st year

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August 6-8

American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference presented by Fort Plain Museum. Details TBA.

October 15-17

The Fort Plain Museum presents **Sir William Johnson and the Wars for Empire Conference**. Registration details TBA.

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Carolyn Rockwell, bringing joy to VRS

Carolyn Rockwell, Valley Residential Services (VRS), said she enjoys making people happy and seeing them smile. A resident of VRS for almost 1.5 years, Rockwell is a people-person. She enjoys taking part in activities, conversation with staff and residents and bringing creativity to holidays and special calendar days.

For St. Patrick's Day, Rockwell purchased a leprechaun costume but did not tell the staff or other residents she did this. For St. Paddy's Day, she donned her leprechaun costume, ditched her walker and used a

cane so she could saunter through corridors and bring joy to the faces of staff and residents alike. She heard people ask "Who is that?" She did not give herself away – at least, not until she let out her uniquely "Carolyn" laughter.

Rockwell said she likes to dress in costume because it brings happiness to others. She also owns reindeer and butterfly costumes. One of her hobbies is crocheting. On St. Patrick's Day, she gave every staff member and resident a crocheted shamrock pin. No one expected it, and it made

them happy that Rockwell thought of them.

Rockwell said living at VRS is so fun because everyone is welcoming. She can talk to everyone, see how they are doing and participate in activities if she chooses. One of her favorite things is playing cards. Rockwell is social, and residents gravitate toward her happy-go-lucky personality. She said that last summer staff called her the "activities director of the outside" because she purchased chalk and made a hopscotch board so residents could toss rocks onto the various blocks on the board. It was a great way to get together, enjoy the warm weather and have a little fun with other residents.

Rockwell said living at VRS is nice. "Residents can choose to stay in their room if they want to or come out to the social lounge and lobby if they

want to visit with other residents and staff. They can participate in activities or go on outings. There is so much to do. And, living here – it is like family."

Rockwell used to work as a CNA and enjoyed the residents so much that when she got married, her husband, William O'Bryan, and their wedding party took pictures at the nursing home so the residents could share their special day. Rockwell and O'Bryan were blessed with three children, Sean, Heather and Casey, and a grandson, Henry Patrick O'Bryan. She also used to operate a licensed daycare out of her home. She enjoyed the children because they were excited to learn. Rockwell said she relates best to children and seniors.

Making people happy is her mantra, and Rockwell said she will continue



For St. Patrick's Day, Carolyn Rockwell purchased a leprechaun costume, but did not tell the staff or other residents at VRS about her surprise. Photo courtesy of VRS

to do what she can for as long as she can. She encourages other seniors to come and check out VRS because it is a great place to live, have fun and meet other seniors. For

more information about VRS or to attend the upcoming virtual tour on April 15, contact Christine Shepardson, director of community life, at 315.866.5707.

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Canajoharie Street Fair is on for Sept. 11, 2021

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On Saturday, Sept. 11, everyone is invited to enjoy a parade, a car show featuring hot rods and classics, a display of antique tractors and vendors throughout the village and at the end of the day, a brilliant fireworks display at the fair. Also included is a "King of the Wing" contest during which attendees can visit the different restaurants in town to sample their best chicken wings and vote.

"The Canajoharie Street Fair is sponsored by Lee Newspapers Inc., Lee's Shops at Wagner Square, Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department, Canajoharie-Palatine Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Canajoharie. Organizers of the events are still seeking groups to create floats and participate in the parade, including fire departments, Sunday Schools, youth groups, sports teams, coaches, dance teams, clubs, military organizations, civic groups and businesses.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will follow a determined route through the village for all to enjoy. In addition to parade participants, the Street Fair is seeking local vendors and sponsors to make this an event to remember. Vendors, come show off your wares, and visitors, come support your neighbors and start your holiday shopping early. A show program is being produced and distributed prior to and during the event. Applications and additional information is available for vendors, classic car and hot rod owners, antique tractor owners and for parade involvement. Get out and celebrate with us.

Street Fair contact information:

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Vendors, Live Music inquiries, Food Trucks, non-for-profits: Janet Stanley 315.525.3582, streetfaircanjo@gmail.com Facebook- Canajoharie Street FAIR

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Wayne Freed to speak at Railway Historical Society meeting



The Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will meet on Friday, April 9, at The Zion Lutheran Church on the corners of French and Burrstone Roads in the Town of New Hartford at 7 p.m. There will be a business portion conducted by President Harry Lenz with reports on New York Central 6721, the Adirondack Scenic Railroad and the Chapter Picnic in August, plus many other activities and projects ahead for us in the coming months and weeks.

After the break, Wayne Freed will show a DVD on the Great New York State inspired model train layouts that include a layout of the City of Schenectady, NY in the days of the New York Central and when the American Locomotive Corporation was in operation and one of the famed Horseshoe Curve in Altoona, PA where the

Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society ran a successful overnight bus trip to this great landmark back in 1994. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in railroads and railroad history; as well as the railroads of the states of New York and Pennsylvania, along with model railroading. We would like to invite all guests the opportunity to join the Utica and Mohawk Valley Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society as regular members. We would also like to invite all active and retired railroad personnel to our meeting as well.

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West Winfield Library to host flower sale fundraiser

The West Winfield Library Board is hosting a flower sale on May 22 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in front of the library, located at 179 South St. Bulbs, flower garden items or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

If there are any questions, call the library at 315.822.6394. Ask for Ruth Rowe, the head librarian, or email grace71458@yahoo.com.

The West Winfield Library will be hosting a book sale on May 22 as well.

Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful launches 2021 Regional Clean & Green Effort in a "Quaran-TEAM" Way

Kick-off event for Regional Clean & Green Effort will be Saturday, April 24 at Hanna Park at 10 a.m.

Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful (KMVB), a 6-county NYS affiliate of the national Keep America Beautiful (KAB) program, is launching the 20th annual Clean & Green Effort, scheduled for April 1 - June 20. KMVB is a standing committee of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (MVEDDD).

KAB works to create sustainable communities that are socially connected, environmentally healthy and economically sound and their annual cleanup effort is part the country's largest community improvement program. Each spring KAB affiliates, like KMVB, engage more than four million volunteers in more than 20,000 communities nationwide. "We intend to have local volunteers in the 6-County Mohawk Valley Region take action to work on beautifying and cleaning areas along the canal and other waterways, parks, recreation areas and streets," said Stephen Smith, MVEDDD Executive Director.

KMVB will be hosting a kick-off event to celebrate the 2021 Regional Clean & Green Effort in a "Quaran-TEAM" Way on Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m. at Hanna Park,

Utica. Registered cleanup groups will be able to pick up free materials at the event from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The regional Clean and Green "Quaran-TEAM" effort offers individuals and families who are quarantined together to break up their day by taking a walk outside alone or as a family to clean up litter along their property/streets and surrounding areas. "We intend to have adults and children in the 6-County Mohawk Valley Region take action to work on beautifying and cleaning areas across their communities while adhering to federal, state and local public health guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic," continued Smith.

KMVB also invites businesses, organizations, and community groups to register cleanup or beautification events in the Mohawk Valley region.

KMVB reminds volunteers participating in the "QuaranTeam" Cleanup to wear PPE such as masks and gloves when appropriate during litter cleanups.

This year, KMVB welcomes the Genesis Group of the Mohawk Valley Region as a partner in the regional Clean & Green Effort. "Promoting and collaborating litter cleanups, community gardens, recycling and beautification across the region showcases the significant

impact volunteers across the Mohawk Valley can make by working together," stated Raymond J. Durso, Genesis Group President and CEO. "Additionally, these collective efforts help leverage other public and private resources to positively impact our region," he continued.

Jamie Tuttle, Recycling Educator of the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (Authority) and partner in the Cleanup Program, said "While KMVB along with other organizations plan volunteer events structured to clean up and beautify public areas, they also focus on inspiring generations of environmental stewards. KMVB is cleaning up, yes, but we are also changing behaviors by engaging the enthusiasm of involved young people."

By registering your event on the ohswa.org website, you are eligible to receive free materials including gloves, trash bags and other assistance. KMVB encourages any individual or group hosting a cleanup, community garden, recycling or beautification project - new or existing - to register their event. In addition to free materials and resources, registrants will be highlighted for their efforts on the Authority website and KMVB social media platforms.

To register your event or volunteer your time, visit www.ohswa.org. (click Great American Cleanup.) You may also follow KMVB on Facebook (Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful - KMVB) for additional information. If you would like to report a site that needs to be cleaned or rehabilitated, email Jamie Tuttle, Authority Recycling Educator at jamiet@ohswa.org. To donate funding or materials, call 315.733.1224 ext. 2300.

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Wreaths Across America recommits to the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration

Pentagon private ceremony celebrates efforts to honor America's veterans

On March 31, in a private ceremony at the Pentagon, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration flag was presented to the national non-profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) in the award-winning Vietnam War Exhibit, reaffirming WAA's Commemorative Partnership.

WAA was among the initial organizations to join the wide-ranging list of Commemorative Partners supporting the efforts of this congressionally chartered Commemoration, which was established

under the Secretary of Defense. Since first becoming a partner in 2012, WAA has had the distinct honor of conducting 2,190 welcome home ceremonies for Vietnam veterans across the country, presenting each veteran a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin, and thanking them for their service, valor and sacrifice.

"As the Nation commemorated National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29, we are grateful to have Commemorative Partners like Wreaths Across America," said retired U.S. Army Major General Peter (Pete) Aylward, director of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. "Their

mission to Remember, Honor and Teach complements our objectives of thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families in the communities where they live."

"We have learned so much about our Vietnam veterans and their families through this partnership with the Commemoration, so much so, that it has inspired us and our volunteers to do more," said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. "As an expansion of our TEACH mission, we'll be adding an interactive learning tool about Vietnam veterans to our Mobile Education Exhibit that travels the

country, and we are recommitting to not only welcoming these veterans home, but in sharing their stories and helping ensure the next generation know what they sacrificed for our freedoms."

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, Dec. 18. It is always a free event and open to all people (conditions permitting). For more information on how to volunteer locally or sponsor a wreath for a hero, please visit www.wreathsafteramerica.org. To follow stories throughout the year from across the country focused on this year's theme, use the hashtag #LiveTheirLegacy2021.

Strange but true

by Lucie Winborne

• Johnny Cash's estate was approached by an advertising company asking for permission to use "Ring of Fire" in an ad for hemorrhoid cream. The request was refused.

• Tulips can continue to grow as much as an inch per day after being cut.

• A man with severe OCD and a phobia about germs attempted to com-

mit suicide with a gun to his head. Instead of killing him, the bullet eliminated his mental illness without any other damage.

• Nobody knows how the Academy Awards came to be referred to as "the Oscars." The earliest mention was in 1932 and became official in 1939.

• In 1911, Elmer McCurdy robbed a passenger train he thought contained thousands of dollars, and was shot by lawmen after making off with just \$46. His unclaimed corpse was then embalmed and sold to a traveling carnival. It would be used as a prop or attraction in haunted houses and wax museums for the next 66 years (even showing up on the set of "The Six Million Dollar Man"), until he was finally buried at the famous Boot Hill cemetery in Dodge City, KS.

• Vanilla flavoring is sometimes made with beaver urine.

• A statue of Nikola Tesla in Silicon Valley radiates free Wi-Fi. It was created as an homage to his vision for wireless communication.

• By the time they have been retired for two years, 78% of former NFL players have gone bankrupt or are under financial stress because of joblessness or divorce.

• A company in the U.K. offers "being hungover" as a valid reason for calling in sick to work.

Thought for the Day: "The beautiful thing about life is that we will never reach an age where there is nothing left to learn, see or be; it's magical, really." -- Dulce Ruby

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Bible Trivia

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Psalms in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What type of musical accompaniment is given as instructions for recitation of Psalms 4? Flutes, Stringed instruments, Shofars, Mandrakes

3. From Matthew 6, what did Jesus say not to use when we pray? Loud curses, Impure thoughts, Vain repetitions, Wandering shifts

4. 1 Chronicles starts with how many chapters of

genealogy? 3, 5, 7, 9

5. From Esther 1, King Ahasuerus lived in what city? Ur, Shushan, Antioch, Tarsus

6. Who was the first son of Moses and Zipporah? Haggai, Gershom, Mark, Zebudah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stringed instruments; 3) Vain repetitions; 4) 9; 5) Shushan; 6) Gershom

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10 tips to recognize ripe fruits

(Culinary.net) Keeping fresh fruit around the house provides a healthier alternative when your sweet tooth comes calling. Understanding how and

when to buy at the peak of ripeness (or just before, in some cases) can help you avoid food waste while keeping your doctor happy.

Consider these simple tips for recognizing ripe fruits:

• **Strawberries:** Check the area at the top of the berry near the stem and leaves. A ripe strawberry is fully red; green or white near the top means the fruit is underripe.

• **Watermelon:** The "field spot," or the area where the melon sat on

the ground, should be yellow, and a tap on the rind should produce a hollow sound.

• **Cherries:** Flesh should appear dark with a crimson color and feel firm.

• **Blueberries:** Similar to cherries, color should deepen to dark blue. A reddish or pink color may be visible in unripe berries.

• **Blackberries:** Look for a smooth texture without any red appearance. Because blackberries don't ripen after being picked, they tend to spoil quickly.

• **Cantaloupe:** You should detect a sweet smell, and the melon should feel heavy upon lifting.

• **Peaches:** A sweet, fragrant odor should be apparent. Skin should feel tender but not soft.

• **Pineapple:** Smell is again an important factor for pineapple – a sweet scent shows it's ready, but a vinegary one likely means it's overripe.

• **Raspberries:** Generally follow the same rules as blackberries. Best eaten within a couple days of purchase, a bright red color represents ripe berries.

• **Bananas:** A ripe banana features a peel lightly spotted without significant bruising. Your best bet may be to purchase bananas still slightly green and allow them to ripen at home.

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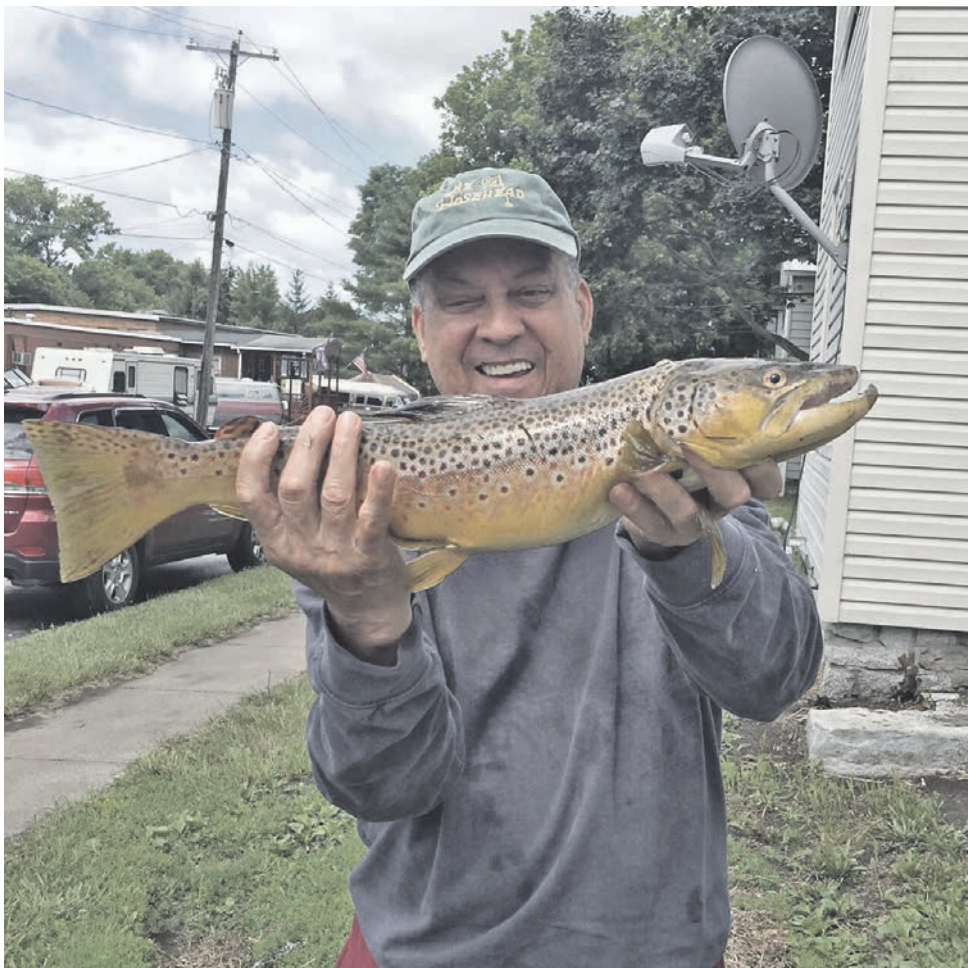


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Cary Davis, a native of Montgomery County, shows the 20-inch brown trout he caught in a local area stream in July 2020.

Trout season opens

a great way to get out into the outdoors after a long, confining upstate winter. Some local streams are stocked each season by NY DEC but even those streams that do not experience stocking can hold a hearty population of native brook and brown trout. Hope you will try this exciting sport which is very accessible to Central New Yorkers and relatively inexpensive for all. See you on the waters.

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Three techniques to keep mosquitoes out of your backyard oasis

The value of a retreat-like backyard was never more apparent than in 2020. Over the last year-plus, much of the world has been forced to stay home as a global pandemic has claimed millions of lives while countless others have had to fight to survive in hospitals. It's no surprise people have looked for a respite from the harsh realities of living during a deadly pandemic, and many turned their attention to their own backyards to provide such an escape.

The online home remodeling platform Houzz reported a 58% annual increase in project leads for home professionals in June 2020. Contractors who specialize in outdoor spaces saw the biggest increase in demand.

A revamped outdoor space can provide the perfect retreat for homeowners who want to get away from it all. But one winged, unwelcome guest can quickly transform an oasis into an uninviting space.

Mosquitoes make their presence felt in many areas each summer. These pesky, often hungry insects can carry disease, and their bites can be painful and itchy. Homeowners can try these three techniques to keep mosquitoes out of their backyards.

1. Remove standing water

Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, who don't even need a lot of water to successfully breed. A daily walk around the property may uncover kids' toys,

empty flower pots or other small receptacles that can collect water. Even clogged gutters can lead to the accumulation of a small amount of water, and that can be enough for mosquitoes to breed. Remove these potential breeding grounds when you find them, and do so each day, as mosquitoes mature from eggs to nymphs in roughly four days.

2. Mow regularly

Mowing the lawn so the grass never gets too high is another way to make a backyard less hospitable to mosquitoes. The pest experts at Terminix® note that mosquitoes seek tall grass to protect them from the elements, including wind and hot summer sun. Mowing enough so grass never gets too high in summer

can make backyards less inviting to mosquitoes.

3. Plant with mosquitoes in mind

The home remodeling experts at HGTV note that plants can be part of homeowners' strategy to repel mosquitoes. Various plants have mosquito-repellant qualities. For example, bee balm releases a fragrance as it grows, and mosquitoes don't like that fragrance. Homeowners can speak with a local lawn and garden professional for recommendations about plants that can thrive in their region and repel mosquitoes at the same time.

Mosquitoes can make it hard to enjoy a backyard oasis. But various strategies can help homeowners keep these unwanted guests out of their backyards.

Lawns & Gardens



A backyard retreat can be even more enjoyable when homeowners find ways to keep mosquitoes at bay.

Adding plants to water features

Water features can make for relaxing and eye-catching additions to outdoor spaces. According to the online gardening resource Garden Know-How, a water feature is any landscape enhancement that uses water and other material to bring tranquility and beauty to a space.

Thanks to their soothing sounds and aesthetic appeal, water features like ponds and fountains are often included in healing gardens. But they can be used in any and all landscapes.

Homeowners can explore various water features, such as waterfalls,

koi ponds and even rain bells, which offer soothing chime sounds when it rains. One consideration when installing a water feature is whether or not to incorporate live plants. Certain plants are better suited for water features than others.

Surrounding plants

It is possible to create a miniature ecosystem in a yard by surrounding a water feature with certain plants. Gardening Know-How advises using canna lily or taro at the edge of a pond. These plants thrive with roots in mud and their tops in shallow water. Broadleaf arrowhead is another op-

tion, as it can do well in a pond's shallow edges. It's a perennial so it will come back and requires little maintenance.

Floating plants

Many plants can live on the surface of the water and provide hiding spots for wildlife in a natural water feature setting. Lotus, also called water lily, is a popular and fragrant option. Water hyacinth produces vibrant lavender flowers that pop on stems that can reach three feet in height. This stunning species can be invasive, but it can be managed by planting within a hoop or submerged woven basket, indicates Happy DIY

Home. Other free-floating plants to consider are duckweed, fairy moss and butterfly fern. Floating plants look beautiful and

they can help filter water and control algae growth.

Submerged plants

Submerged plants are a necessity in water fea-

tures that have fish. Submerged plants are grown in weighted pots placed on the bottom of the pond. They provide shelter for fish and help oxygenate the water. Hornwort, anacharis, water milfoil, and dwarf sagittaria are some examples of submerged plants.

Water features attract wildlife, including potentially pesky insects. Planting pitcher plants in submerged pots can help reduce the presence of unwanted insects in a water feature.

Some water-loving plants are invasive, so it is always best to check with a cooperative extension or DEC office to see if certain floating or submerged plants are restricted where you live. For those who want to contain plants, placing pots of cascading greenery and flowers near to fountains, pools and ponds is another way to add appeal without having to dig in the ground.



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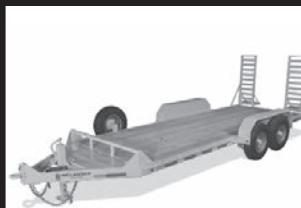
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Also Known as Sweet Peppers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

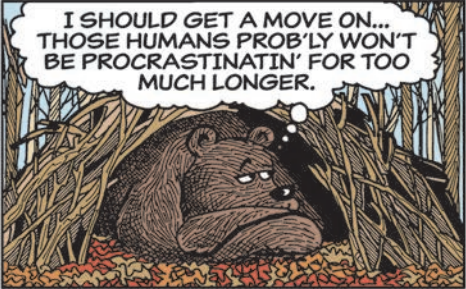
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals T

XOGQW GNQ OXGNQW HQG NDL
MQQ BDYL NXEQ LQEQWXH OQHG-
GDC CQTL, NQ MXL X SXWBQY SXT.

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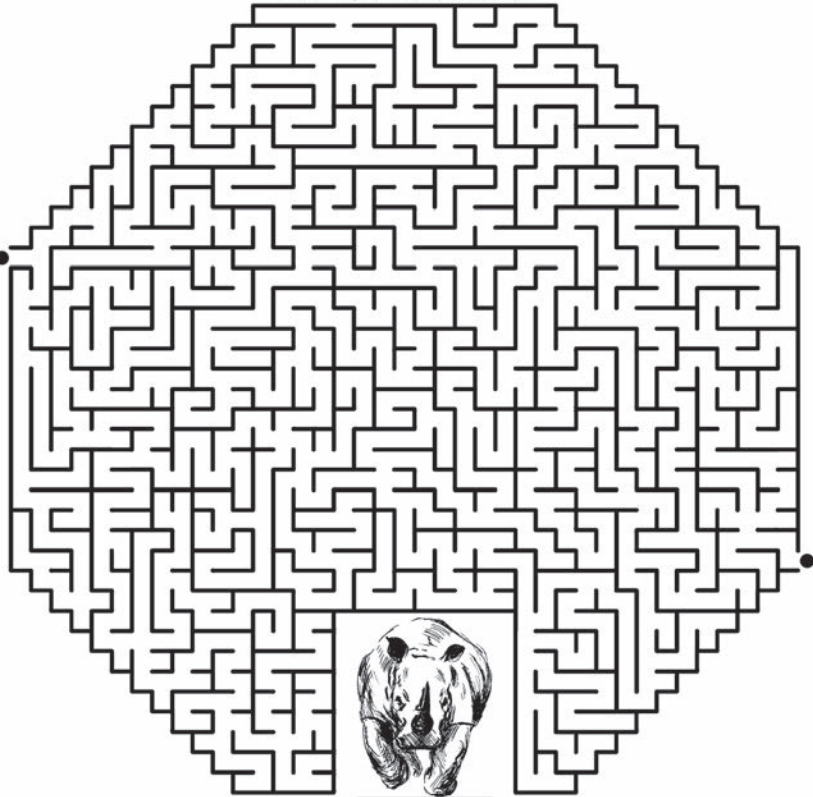
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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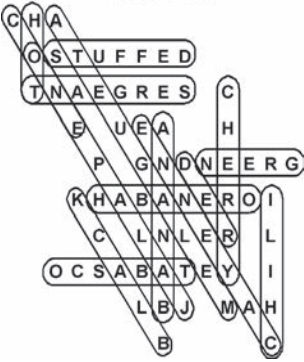
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— PEPPERS —



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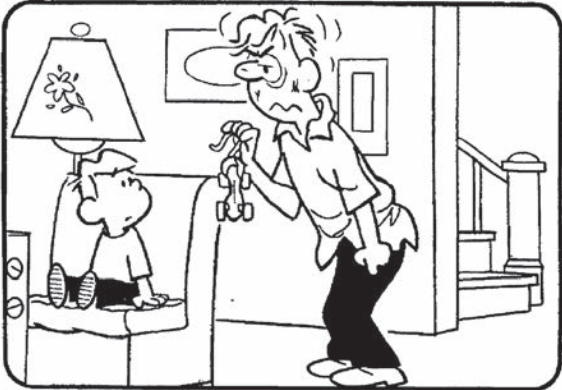
Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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	PMS	GYRATE
BEBOP	CLUE	
EXES	TEAL	BLUE
APE	TEASE	ENV
TOP	BRASS	WIDE
	ROME	VISOR
ALLAYS	HAL	
SUEZ	TWIN	BEDS
OGEE	EAR	URDU
FERN	RYE	RASP

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



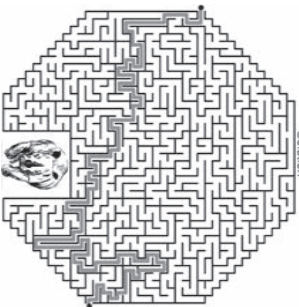
Differences: 1. Lamp is different. 2. TV dial is missing. 3. Stairs are moved. 4. Pants are different. 5. Skate wheel is missing. 6. Frame is thinner.

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Kovels: Antiques and collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Pottery sandwich

Sometimes modern art is hard to understand, and often it is meant to be a joke. David Gilhooly (1943-2013) was a successful contemporary artist who often included big or small realistic or comic frogs in his sculptures. He is known as the founder and father of the Bay Area Funk Art group in the 1960s. Although he had dozens of exhibitions and made art from papier-mache, plastic, clay and trash, he is best known for the green frogs. His most controversial sculpture is a crucified frog, now in a museum collection. Almost all his sculptures were fantasies, meant to be funny or have a satirical message. He sculpted frogs in salads, wedding cakes, pizzas, frying pans and with hats.

Look carefully at this Gilhooly sculpture. It sold for \$2,125, although it is only 8 inches high. Nice-looking realistic sandwich with tomato, cheese, lettuce, pickle and onion on a sesame seed bun and — April Fool! — don't forget the bright green frog.

Q: What can you tell me about a Red Comet Fire Grenade salesman's kit that dates to 1943. It's complete with light-bulb shape bulbs, testimonials from users, price list, training manuals and liquids to start small

fires and put them out in customers' homes.

A: The Red Comet Company started in Denver in 1919. It made several different types of fire extinguishers. The glass bulbs are called grenades. Metal brackets fastened to the wall held the grenade until it was needed. When the grenade was thrown on the

fire, it broke open and tried to put the fire out. The company also made heat-activated brackets with spring-loaded triggers that could break the glass bulb to release the liquid. Early grenades were filled with saltwater. Later, carbon tetrachloride was used. That substance was banned in 1980.

The U.S. military used Red Comet fire extinguishers doing World War II. After the war, the company hired salesmen to sell Red Comet fire grenades door-to-door. The company is in business, now in Englewood, CO. It no longer manufactures fire extinguishers but sells and services other brands of extinguishers

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Current prices

Purse: quilted, black lambskin, leather strap, gold CC logo on turning closure, Chanel, 1997, 5 x 10 inches, \$1,625.

Star Wars toy: action figure, Luke Skywalker, holding lightsaber, on 12-Back Card, Kenner, 1977, \$1,770.

Tiffany silver tray: rounded rectangle, ga-drooned rim, shell and scroll corners, stirrup handles, c. 1975, 26 1/2 x 16 3/4 inches, \$3,250.

Coca-Cola advertising sign: Woman on boat, holding bottle, It Cools You, cardboard, A. Loom-

is, 1936, wood frame, 38 x 21 inches, \$6,150.

TIP: Try to keep your paper collectibles out of the light. If you frame and display some pieces, keep them on the dark side of the room, away from sunlight and direct lamp light.

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This realistic pottery sandwich with many ingredients looks good enough to eat. But watch out for the green frog. It's a joke that sold at auction for more than \$2,000.

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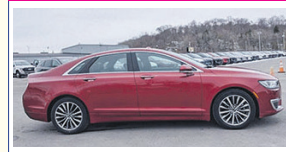
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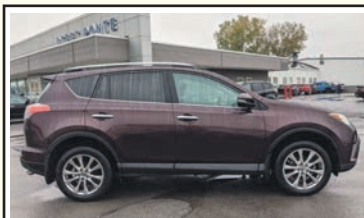
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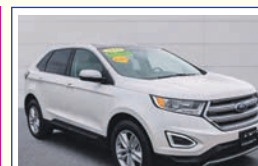
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