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The Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties School Boards Institute recently conducted a virtual ceremony for the institute's 2021 Student Achievement Awards for local students who have overcome challenges on their way to success in school.

Out of 4,500 students in the three-BOCES region, nine juniors were selected for the awards, O-M-H SBI Coordinator for Board Training James Van Wormer said during the ceremony.

"Thank you to the nominators ... thank you so much to the students and to the parents for their help," Van Wormer said. "Every parent that I talked to - and we were just sharing our congratulations - they would say, 'Oh, it's nothing.' As a parent, as a grandparent, I know it's something. When you have students that come out the way our cohort has this year, it requires a lot of work and a lot of effort. So it's a team effort from the schools to the homes to the kids. So congratulations to everybody."

The O-M-H SBI includes 35 school districts in the Herkimer-Fulton-

Hamilton-Otsego BOCES, Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES and Madison-Oneida BOCES regions, and the winners of the 2021 Student Achievement Awards and Distinguished Service Awards were recently named.

The 2021 Student Achievement Award winners were honored during a virtual ceremony on Thursday, May 13. Educators who have provided long-standing service will be honored with their Distinguished Service Awards in the near future.

During the virtual ceremony, William Miller, the NYS School Boards Association immediate past president and NYSSBA Area 5 director, said, "I want to congratulate every one of our award winners here tonight. You've done some very special things to be nominated, and you have some very good backup and people who feel that you were very deserving of this, so congratulations, everybody."

Miller also introduced NYSSBA Executive Director Robert Schneider, who said he looks forward to attending the institute's award ceremony in person next year.

"It just melts your heart to see these

impressive students and the awards that they deserve," he said. "It's fantastic."

Student Achievement Awards

The Student Achievement Awards are presented to high school juniors who have demonstrated a positive attitude, which reflects initiative, a sense of responsibility and an ability to interact with others, including peers and faculty.

Recipients also perform academically to the best of their ability, have

overcome a significant adversity and participate in extracurricular and community activities. Other criteria include strong character values and a post-graduate commitment toward a career goal or higher education.

The Student Achievement Awards were presented this year to the following students:

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2019 seems like an eternity ago... but it wasn't all that far in the past. It was pre-COVID so this year some changes will be implemented for the safety of us all BUT... it will be a celebration and we are happy to be back! Watch for more details to follow!!!



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Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties School Boards Institute 2021 Student Achievement Award winners are pictured here. From left, top row: Hannah Patch, Konnor Smith, Briana D'Alba and Emily Almond. Bottom row: Emily Wood, Kalani Willis-Alvarez, Abby Barton, Ryan Walker and Shirley Coe. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

School from 2

School District, nominated by Kathleen Nebush

- Briana D'Alba, of Oriskany Central School District, nominated by John Baurer
- Konnor Smith, of Whitesboro Central School District, nominated by Dan Everson
- Shirley Coe, of Stockbridge Valley Central School District, nominated by Cassandra Gleason
- Ryan Walker, of Morrisville-Eaton Central School District, nominated by Michele Cesta
- Kalani Willis-Alvarez, of Rome Free Academy, nominated by Paula Gilroy
- Hannah Patch, of Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central School District, nominated by Kris Sullivan
- Emily Almond, of Central Valley Central School District, nominated by MaryBeth Napolitano
- Emily Wood, of Poland Central School District, nominated by Janice Watrous

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Awards are presented to outstanding volunteers, such as school board members, and superintendents who have dedicated time, continued support and vigorous action in the service of public education and the welfare of children.

Recipients may have also demonstrated a positive influence in the greater community and in the state.

The Distinguished Service Awards were presented this year to the following school officials:

- Morrisville-Eaton Central School District Board of Education Vice President Jackie Groves, nominated by Jodie Shantal and Greg Molloy
- Madison-Oneida BOCES board clerk/superintendent secretary Cathy Quinn, nominated by the M-O BOCES Board of Education, with endorsement from M-O BOCES District Superintendent Scott Budelmann

Quinn will be honored for her Distinguished Service Award during an O-M-H SBI Executive Committee meeting on Monday, June 7, at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club in New York Mills. Groves will be recognized at a ceremony on a date to be determined.

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Volunteers sought for NY Dairy of Distinction Program

It is a highly anticipated time of year, the time of year when spring weather finally arrives and productivity on our Northeast farms runs rampant. As we enter June, the bulk of the corn and soybean crop is planted and many farms have successfully completed first cutting hay harvest. The month of June is notoriously known as dairy month. First introduced as National Milk Month back in 1937 as a way to promote and encourage milk consumption during times of peak supply. Dairy month still resonates with consumers and serves as an annual tradition to celebrate the wide variety of contributions from our local dairy industry.

Another approach to the promotion and recognition of local dairy farms was established nearly 40 years ago with the North East Dairy Farm Beautification

Program's Dairy of Distinction Award. Since 1983, the Dairy of Distinction Award has been awarded to dairy farms that strive to maintain an attractive farmstead. The award is based on the premise that clean and attractive farmsteads promote a positive dairy industry image and encourages dairy product consumption. While recipients of the award predominantly hail from New York and Pennsylvania; New Jersey, Vermont and Maryland also offer this recognition to their deserving dairy producers.

Qualifications for the award, which is a metal Dairy of Distinction sign that is displayed roadside are as follows: completion of an application, farms must actively ship milk and must score a 90 or above out of a possible 100 points on the evaluation. Volunteer

judges typically conduct evaluations during the month of May or June. Farms awarded the Dairy of Distinction Award are reviewed annually to ensure they are in good standing with the program's requirements. In New York there are roughly 500 Dairy of Distinction farms. An aging farming population combined with shrinking profitability margins and limited milk marketing options have significantly influenced the number of dairy farms that call New York home.

The NY Dairy of Distinction Program is a volunteer run organization that continues to oversee both the award process as well as the re-evaluation of farms. The continued effort to maintain the integrity of this

Volunteers 6



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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

June 4 and 5

CCE offices of Herkimer and Hamilton counties, Trout Power and Great Camp Sagamore present a series of free **programs for the public highlighting the effects of climate change on Adirondack Brook Trout** and other cold water fish species. For more information, contact Gareth D. Livermore at 315.866.7920 Ext. 232 or gdl56@cornell.edu.

Exploring the Conservation of Brook Trout in the Changing Adirondack Climate at Great Camp Sagamore's historic barn at 7 p.m. on June 4. Part of Cornell's Brook Trout Conservation Field Day continuing 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. See all events at blogs.cornell.edu/cceherkimer/natural-resources/

June 5

The Mohawk fire Auxiliary is sponsoring their Annual Village-wide garage sales 8 a.m.-4 p.m. List of the sales will be on sale for a \$1 at 7:30 a.m. at 28 Columbia St. At 10 a.m. food and raffles will be provided at the station. Residents can sign up at the village hall or by calling Brenda at 315.867.4126.

Blessed Sacrament Church and Court St Bridget #265 Catholic Daughters of the Americas Basket Raffle 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall on 71 E. Main Street in Mohawk. Enter the church using the parking lot rear door. Masks are required.

June 5

Chicken Barbecue at Salisbury Methodist Church 3 p.m. until sold out. Reservations day of BBQ. Take outs only. Call 315.429.9085.

June 6

Exhibit Opening at the 1805 Frisbie House 1-3 p.m. This exhibit will feature "Influential Citizens of Salisbury" sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center.

June 7

Community Blood Drive noon to

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

June 10, 11 and 12

Rummage Sale & Bake Sale at Middleville United Methodist Church, Rt. 29 Middleville. Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Something for everyone. Masks and Distancing required.

June 12

Avery Rifle will be on view 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the 1805 Frisbie House. This rifle was carried by Nat Foster and Nick Stoner. Sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Free.

Craft Festival 2021 event canceled. 41st year slated for June 11, 2022. Sponsored by the Church Of Christ Uniting in Richfield Springs.

June 13

Avery Rifle viewing 1-3 p.m. at the 1805 Frisbie House. This is a one-time event and will not be available after this day. Sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Free of charge.

June 14

Rabies clinic at Susquehanna SPCA 2 - 5 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

June 16

Third Wednesday Night Dinners Pulled pork dinners at Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., 4 - 6 p.m. or until sold out. Takeout or delivery only. For more info call 315.894.9041.

Herkimer County Public Health Rabies Clinic 5:30-7 p.m. at the Ilion/Frankfort VFW Pavilion, 4274 Acme Road, Frankfort. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

June 20

Poland Volunteer Fire Company **Father's Day Drive-Through Chicken Barbecue** noon until sold-out at Poland Fire Station #1, 216 State Rt. 8, Poland (between Poland and Cold Brook). No pre-sales.

July 12

Rabies clinic at Susquehanna SPCA 4-7 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

July 18

RSCC Sundae Run/Walk 100% of proceeds from this 5K/10K go toward our nonprofit community center. Registration limited. 8 a.m. start. Register at runsignup.com/Race/Events/NY/Richfield-Springs/RSCCRunWalk

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What to know about outdoor living spaces

Home trends come and go. What was popular as recently as a decade ago may have lost some luster in the eyes of today's homebuyers. Though that's historically been the case in regard to real estate, outdoor living rooms are one relatively recent home trend that figures to have a longer shelf life, especially in the aftermath of a global pandemic during which people were encouraged to stay home as much as possible.

Real estate professionals and organizations like the National Association of Home Builders note the popularity of outdoor living spaces among prospective homebuyers, and how that popularity has grown in recent years. Outdoor living rooms not only appeal to potential buyers; they also serve as a means for

current homeowners to get more out of their properties. Homeowners mulling outdoor living space projects should consider various factors before deciding to go ahead with a project.

- **Cost:** The home renovation resource HomeAdvisor estimates that the average cost of an outdoor living space is around \$7,600. That cost can easily go up depending on where homeowners live and the features they want to have in their outdoor living spaces. For example, including a built-in fire pit in an outdoor living space will cost more than purchasing a stand-alone fire pit that can be picked up and moved. But many homeowners feel a built-in fire pit makes an outdoor living space even more special.
- **Return on investment:** Return on

investment is another factor for homeowners to consider as they try to decide if they should install outdoor living spaces and how to design those areas. Much conflicting data about the ROI on outdoor kitchens can be found online, but many trusted real estate organizations report that such additions do not mesmerize prospective buyers. Data from the American Institute of Architects indicates that outdoor kitchens are routinely ranked among the least desirable home features, which means homeowners should not expect substantial ROI when selling their homes. But that built-in fire pit? Estimates from the National Association of Realtors suggest fire features recover around 67% of homeowners' initial investment.

In addition, 83% of homeowners surveyed by the NAR who had installed fire features said they had a greater desire to be home after completing the project.

- **Space:** An outdoor living space may only be as relaxing as the space allows. The proximity of neighbors may affect privacy levels, which can make it hard to enjoy movie night outdoors or curl up to quietly read a good book. In addition, landscaping also may need to be addressed if drainage is an issue in the backyard. That can add to the cost, and drainage concerns may limit the materials homeowners can work with.

Outdoor living spaces are popular. Homeowners must consider various factors before deciding if such spaces are for them.

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Mock accident at Poland gave students clear reminder to be safe during prom

Just days before their prom, Poland Central School District juniors and seniors witnessed a full enactment of what to avoid, as local law enforcement and fire officials participated in a mock fatal car accident caused by drunk driving.

Herkimer County Sheriff's Office Deputy Heather DuPont, the Poland safety patrol officer, said she hopes that intense visuals from the mock accident such as a student in a body bag and a student being stretchered to a helicopter help other students take a lesson away from the experience.

"I know it's a mock, but I hope they take it seriously now, so something like this doesn't happen," DuPont said.

The mock accident took place on May 12 in front of Poland Central School District. The event was part of a full week of activities leading up to Poland's prom on May 15.

DuPont coordinated the mock accident, and Poland junior Shelby Rommel and seniors Kade Ozog, Hunter Houghtaling and Rickelle Wright performed as students involved with the accident. Ozog's mother, Becky Ozog, also participated as a mother identifying her son in the mock scenario. Poland PK-12 Principal Greg Cuthbertson gave the opening and closing comments of the day.

Police, fire and ambulance vehicles responded, including personnel from the Poland Volunteer Fire Co., Newport Volunteer Fire Co., Herkimer County Sheriff's

Office, New York State Police and Kuyahora Valley Ambulance Corps. A LifeNet of New York helicopter did two landings and takeoffs by the scene.

Deputy Chief Retired Shannon McEvoy, who is retired from the Iliion Fire Department and still a member of the Newport Volunteer Fire Co., provided comments and insight to students throughout the mock accident.

Newport Town and Village Judge Malcolm Harris and attorney Karen Mowers performed a mock arraignment inside the school following the mock accident. Local funeral home W.E. Autenrith Sons Inc. helped with a mock funeral. Creekview Automotive in Poland donated the cars that were used and cut apart.

Poland music teacher and Drama Club co-advisor Jocelyn Rauch did makeup for the students' pretend injuries, and the sound system and cameras used were managed through a BOCES Technology partnership agreement.

Before the mock accident started, Cuthbertson said the goal was to get students thinking about the dangers of drunk and distracted driving prior to the prom.

"This really gives awareness of the outcome we don't want them to have," Cuthbertson said. "Yes, we want you to have fun at prom, but it's important to be safe too."

Having the mock accident can make the concerns feel more real for a student, Cuthbertson said.

"I think any kid thinks that they're invincible, and they think it won't happen to them," he said. "The mock accident gives them an idea of if this happens,

this is what people would have to go through."

DuPont met with the four student actors prior to the mock accident to allow them to make suggestions. The imaginary scenario the students planned was that when the prom ended, Wright and Rommel would go home. Ozog and Houghtaling would stay out longer. Ozog would call the girls for a ride, but Houghtaling would object to this plan. He would say he was fine to drive, and Ozog would get in the car with him. The story was that the two cars would crash together – Ozog would be fatally injured, Wright and Rommel would sustain serious injuries and Houghtaling would be arrested.

Ozog, Rommel and Wright wrote statements to read as part of their performances during the arraignment and funeral, and Houghtaling improvised his lines throughout.

After the scene began, the emergency vehicles and workers arrived – removing the students from the vehicles and conducting a mock impairment test and arrest.

"You're seeing some things today that would actually happen at the scene," McEvoy said.

In addition to the mock car accident, DuPont organized multiple days of events around a theme of "live to enjoy the memories."

Two of the days, students used scooters while wearing goggles designed to simulate alcohol impairment. Students experienced how difficult using scooters became with impairment.

Another day, several students took a code of silence for the day. The students volunteered to wear a sign with a "cause of death." DuPont explained this activity was intended to illustrate loss. Every 52 minutes in the U.S., someone dies in connection to impaired driving, DuPont said.

At the end of the week, DuPont made two large posters and placed them near the school cafeteria. The text on one banner was "It's in my hands to 'live to enjoy the memories.'" Juniors and seniors were invited to add a "signature" with a handprint. DuPont said she wanted students to see their future is in their "hands."

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She was present during the high school lunch to distribute red ribbons. The "red ribbon campaign" promotes awareness against drugs/alcohol/impaired driving.

Showing high school students how important they are to others was planned in advance of the pre-prom assembly.

DuPont asked Poland teachers to consider a writing activity, and fifth grade English Language Arts teacher

John Allen and health teacher Sandy Hitt volunteered.

Fifth and sixth grade students wrote letters to juniors and seniors reminding them to exercise safety. The letters also and included reasons why the younger

students care and how they admire students in high school.

"Hopefully it will remind them that younger eyes are watching them and encourage them to make good decisions," DuPont said.



Local law enforcement, fire and ambulance officials respond to a mock fatal accident in front of Poland Central School District on May 12. The event was held for Poland juniors and seniors prior to their prom. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES



A LifeNet of New York helicopter takes off in front of Poland Central School District during a mock fatal car accident.



New York State Trooper Olivia Tabor, a 2009 graduate of Poland Central School District, gives a mock impairment test to Poland senior Hunter Houghtaling.

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by Keith Roach, M.D.

Meniscal Tear in Knee Might Not Need Surgery

Dear Dr. Roach: While chasing my cat, I dove to the ground and both my knees took a beating. They were bruised but felt fine. A few days after this, my left knee started to bother me. I put on a brace to see if that would help (as it usually does), but it didn't. I went to my chiropractor a few days later and had an adjustment and deep tissue massage. The next day, I was walking my dog and had to stop, as I couldn't move my knee. About 13 years ago, I had a torn meniscus in the

same knee, and it healed without surgery with the assistance of my chiropractor, massage therapist and acupuncture.

I called my doctor's office, and he was out of town. His nurse suggested that I go to an urgent care facility to have an X-ray of my knee, which I did. The doctor said that nothing was broken but that I should follow up with an MRI. I saw my doctor a few days later and brought my X-ray, etc. He said I don't need an MRI. I am not looking for knee surgery, but wouldn't an MRI indicate if it is a torn meniscus, pulled liga-

ment, osteoarthritis, etc., so I could get the proper treatment? What would that be? – R.Z.

Answer: The menisci are ring-shaped cartilage structures that sit on top of the tibia and provide stability and shock absorption to the knee. Given the mechanism of injury and your prior history, a meniscal tear is a very likely possibility. Symptoms that support a tear in the meniscus would include a locking of the knee or a giving sensation while walking, often associated with pain.

A careful physical exam can usually make the di-

agnosis of a meniscal tear. A suspected meniscal tear does not usually require an MRI, as most will heal with conservative management. (I refer nearly all to physical therapy rather than the treatments you used, but I won't argue with your success.) I reserve the MRI for people in whom surgery would be contemplated. Since surgery is no better than placebo for many people with a torn meniscus (based on a fascinating 2017 study from Finland), I am particularly careful to refer only people who have not gotten better with a good trial of conservative management.

Dear Dr. Roach: I have an affected nerve in my back causing long-term, persistent pain. Years ago, I damaged a sacroiliac nerve in a fall. This was treated by steroid injection. Could this nerve also be injected with a steroid? – J.D.

Answer: Injection of local anesthetics and steroids are done for several different types of back

pain syndromes. However, the nerves themselves are not injected with steroids: It's the area around a nerve that is injected. That area may be inflamed, and the shot is given with the hope of reducing inflammation and thus reducing compression on the nerve and therefore pain. It does not always work, and when it does, the pain relief usually lasts a matter of months. The injections can be repeated if helpful; however, injecting steroids has its own risk of complications. Serious

complications are rare, but infection and bleeding are possible. All injected steroids can predispose to osteoporosis.

Injection for back pain is done most often by pain management specialists when appropriate.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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John Lasher has amassed 24 years of service to Herkimer College.

He was appointed science laboratory technician in 1989 before being hired as an instructor of science in 1992. He went on to receive promotions to assistant professor and lead adviser/assistant registrar in 1997 and 2000, respectively. Lasher

was later appointed registrar in 2015, and is retiring from that position. Lasher has served as chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, chair of a Middle States Standards Committee and member of the Strategic Planning, Chan-

cellor's Awards, Curriculum and Commencement committees. He also served as the college's veterans benefits coordinator and was a member of the SUNY Registrar's Association (SUNYRA). He holds a B.S. in biology and an M.S. in education

from SUNY Albany.

Debra Sutliff joined the Herkimer College staff in 1988 and has served as the bursar for more than 30 years. Sutliff received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in

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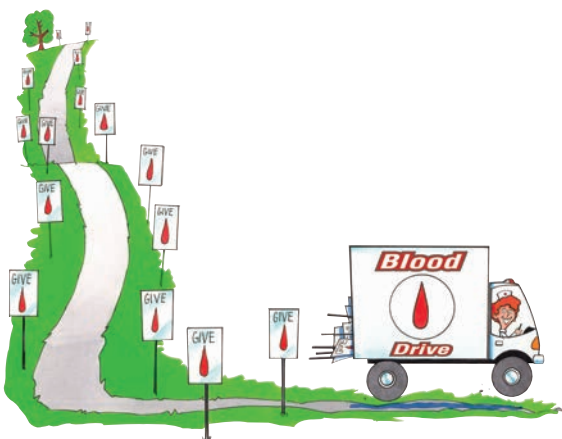
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Directions:

1. With vegetable peeler, remove several strips of peel from

each cucumber. Cut each cucumber lengthwise in half; with teaspoon, scoop out seeds. With knife or in food processor fitted with slicing blade, thinly slice cucumber halves crosswise. In large bowl, toss cucumbers with salt; let stand 30 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, thinly slice radishes; transfer to serving bowl. Add yogurt, sour cream, dill, lime juice, pepper and garlic. Stir until well-combined.

3. With hand, press sliced cucumbers over sink to remove as much liquid as possible. Pat cucumbers dry with paper towels.

4. Add cucumbers to bowl with yogurt mixture. Toss until evenly coated. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour or overnight to blend flavors. Yields 10 (1/2 cup) servings.

• Each serving: About 60 calories, 2g total fat (1g saturated), 6mg cholesterol, 180mg sodium, 9g total carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 3g protein.

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Retirees from 10

Professional Service in 1996 and was named a “Campus Angel” by On Point for College in 2010. She is a member of New York State Association of Bursars and Business Officers and served as the SUNY Student Information and Campus Administrative System Functional Area User Group chair for four years for Student Accounts/Bursars. At the college, Sutliff served

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Edible annuals to refresh your landscape

by **Andrea Knepper, Extension Master Gardener Intern, University of Vermont**

Like me, you are probably getting ready to go to the local garden center and pick up some annual flowers to spruce up your landscaping. This year, consider planting some edible annuals instead.

The idea of incorporating edible plants into landscaping has grown in popularity in recent years. Increasing the diversity in your yard can provide habitat for pollinators, add variety to traditional landscaping choices and create visual interest in your yard. In addition, it will add a new element to your cooking.

Buy organic if possible to ensure that no pesticides were used. Avoid spraying with chemicals while growing these. Keep in mind that you may garner interest from local wildlife when incorporating edible plants in your garden.

Harvest flowers when fully bloomed but before they begin to wilt. Use sharp scissors and cut during early morning or evening hours when it is cooler. Blooms will stay fresh for a few days if refrigerated.

When adding edible

flowers to your landscape, consider nasturtiums, which come in several colors ranging from red to yellow. A trailing variety acts as a ground cover when carefully draped among other landscaping plants. Both the leaves and flowers are edible and have a peppery taste.

The seeds also are safe to consume. When still green, they can be pickled and used like capers. Dried, they can be ground and used as a pepper substitute.

Swiss chard planted with nasturtiums will add interest to your landscape. The stems come in vibrant colors, adding bursts of color

throughout the fall. You can direct sow seed or plant starts, if available where you purchase plants. Careful harvesting will leave the chards looking attractive throughout the season.

Both the petals and leaves of calendula are edible. Try adding the leaves to salads for a tangy or slightly bitter element. The vibrantly colored petals can be used as garnish or as a coloring agent like saffron.

Petals can be dried for later use in tea. Calendula blossoms are available in eye-catching colors. One will surely fit your landscaping color palette.

Perhaps pansies already play a part in your summer landscaping. Pansy petals make a beautiful addition to salads and they are a perfect choice for candying and decorating desserts because the whole flower can be used.

Pansies are also great in ice cubes. The refreshing, mild wintergreen flavor will be a welcome addition

to lemonade on a hot summer day.

For a vertical interest against a wall or arbor, consider scarlet runner beans to add a color to the area. The lush, green foliage provides a backdrop to the vibrant flowers, which are edible and in shades of red and pink. The red flowering varieties are especially attractive to hummingbirds.

Although considered an ornamental, the bean pods can be eaten. To eat fresh, harvest the pods before beans form as they can become tough. After beans form, they can be shelled for fresh eating or allowed to dry in the pod.

Herbs are a nice choice

to tuck into spots that might be more difficult for other plants to grow in. Borage has attractive, star-shaped flowers that pollinators love. The edible blue flowers have a slight cucumber taste. Chives have purple blossoms that make a great addition to salads as well as dips.

When shopping for plants, take into account the same principles you would for choosing annual flowers: color, foliage, height, sun, soil requirements and spacing needs. The experts at your local garden center will be able to advise you on what edible annuals will do best at your location.



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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lydia in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Corinthians 11, Paul said women should have a symbol of authority because of ___? Life, Trust, Love, Angels
3. In Acts 10, who said, "Not so, Lord, for I have nev-

er eaten anything that is common or unclean"? Herod, Peter, Thomas, John the Baptist

4. From Hebrews 7, who was the only king said to have neither mother nor father? Solomon, David, Melchizedek, Sargon

5. Whose four daughters were considered prophetesses? Gad, Philip, Jonah, Noah

6. Which biblical name means "God has helped"? Solomon, Paul, Lazarus, Amos

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Angels; 3) Peter; 4) Melchizedek; 5) Philip; 6) Lazarus

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Strategies to spend less time on your smartphone

Smartphones are a significant part of life in the 21st century. According to the technology, data and analytics experts at Zenith, in 2019 the average American adult spent three hours and 30 minutes using mobile internet every day, with estimates suggesting that number could increase to more than four hours per day by 2021.

It's no secret that many people struggle when it comes to putting down their smartphones. The secret lies in learning how to unplug from smartphones, especially for the millions of people who are spending untold hours on such devices every day. A strong will to put smartphones down can help people do just that, and some additional strategies might make it easier to unplug as well.

• **Keep your phone in another room.** Many people are drawn to their smartphones by a seemingly

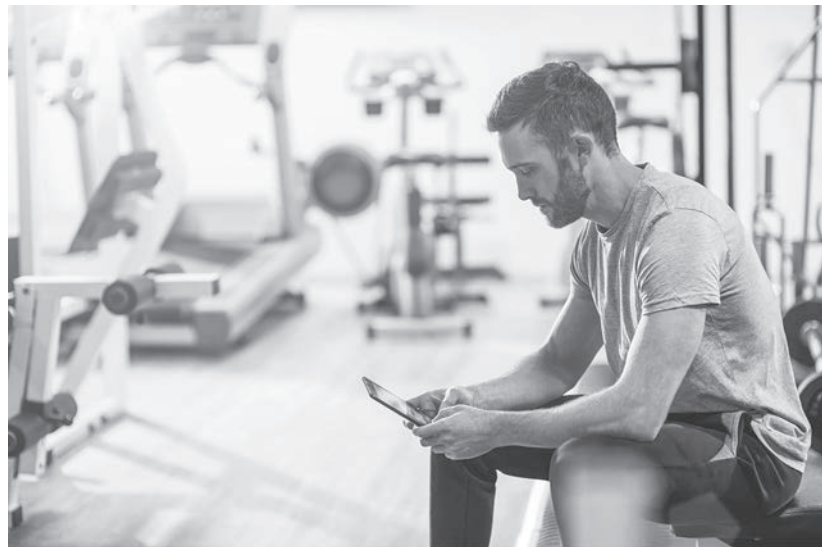
endless stream of notifications. The addictive nature of notifications is debatable, but blaming notifications and merely turning them off may not be as effective a means to reducing smartphone reliance as you think. A 2020 study by researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science found that 89 percent of interactions with phones were unprompted. That suggests people are simply picking up their phones even when notifications or incoming calls aren't making them do so. Keeping a phone in another room when dining, reading a book, engaging with family members, or participating in other activities can help people avoid that familiar urge to pick up their phone.

• **Utilize apps to curtail your usage.** Various apps allow users to block their own access to other apps and websites. These apps, which include Flipd and Freedom, are designed to help smartphone users regain productivity they might have lost due to their smartphone usage. The apps can be utilized in various ways, and one such way is to restrict access to games and websites during the workday. They also can be used to restrict access during family time or other hours of the day when people don't want to be distracted by the internet.

• **Set up auto reply.** Many professionals set up out-of-office messages to notify colleagues and clients when they're on vacation or engaging in projects that will prevent them from answering emails. The same principle can be applied to text messages. According to a 2019 survey from CTIA, which has tracked the evolution of the United States wireless industry since 1985, two trillion text messages were exchanged in 2019. That's a lot

of messages, and texting is a significant reason why so many people have problems putting down their phones. An automatic response informing friends, family and colleagues that you're away from your phone can be a great way to spend less time texting.

Smartphone usage is on the rise, even among people who want to put their phones down more often. Such users can try various approaches to spend less time on their phones.



A strong will to put smartphones down can help people do just that, and some additional strategies might make it easier to unplug as well.

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Coffee Break

Home Country
by Slim Randles



Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, "To be this old? Well, I guess it

beats the alternative."

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

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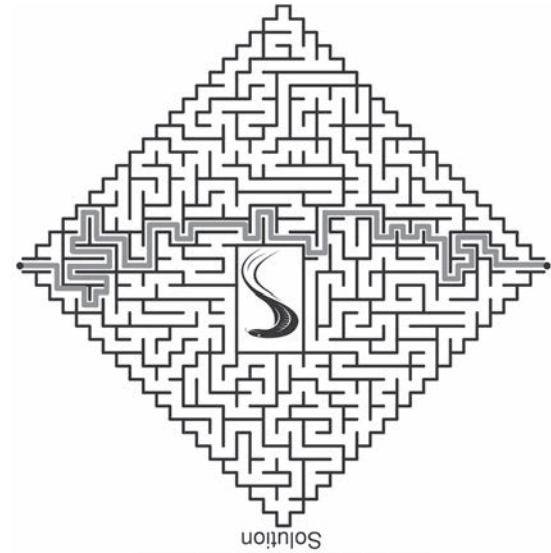
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Today's Word

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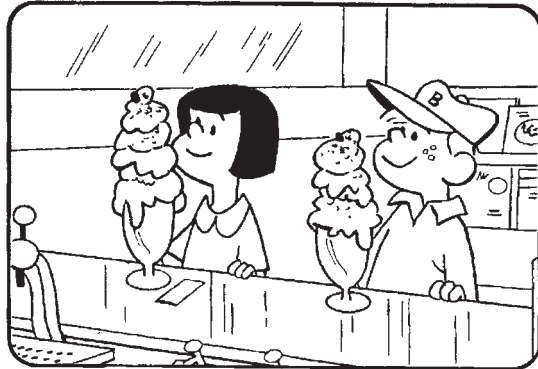
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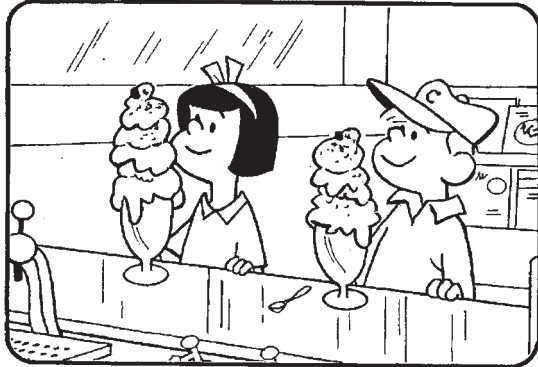
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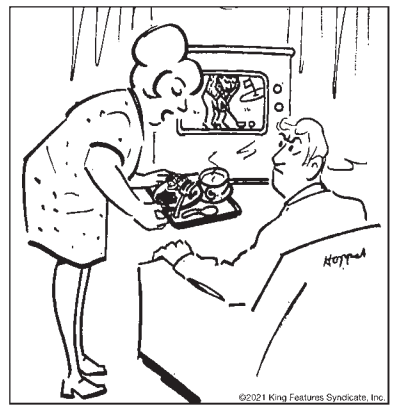
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GRIN THE BEAR IT



"With a little luck, I could have been fired by Donald Trump!"

LAFF - A - DAY



"Don't think of it as leftovers. Think of it as a replay."

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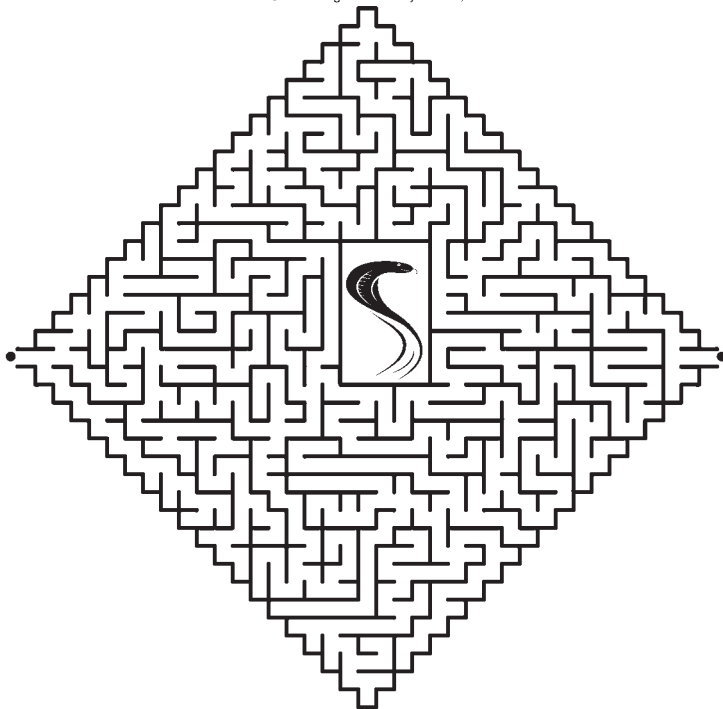
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- Skill: LATENT
- Bash: MINGAL
- Flame: LINKED
- Niche: VOCALE

TODAY'S WORD



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