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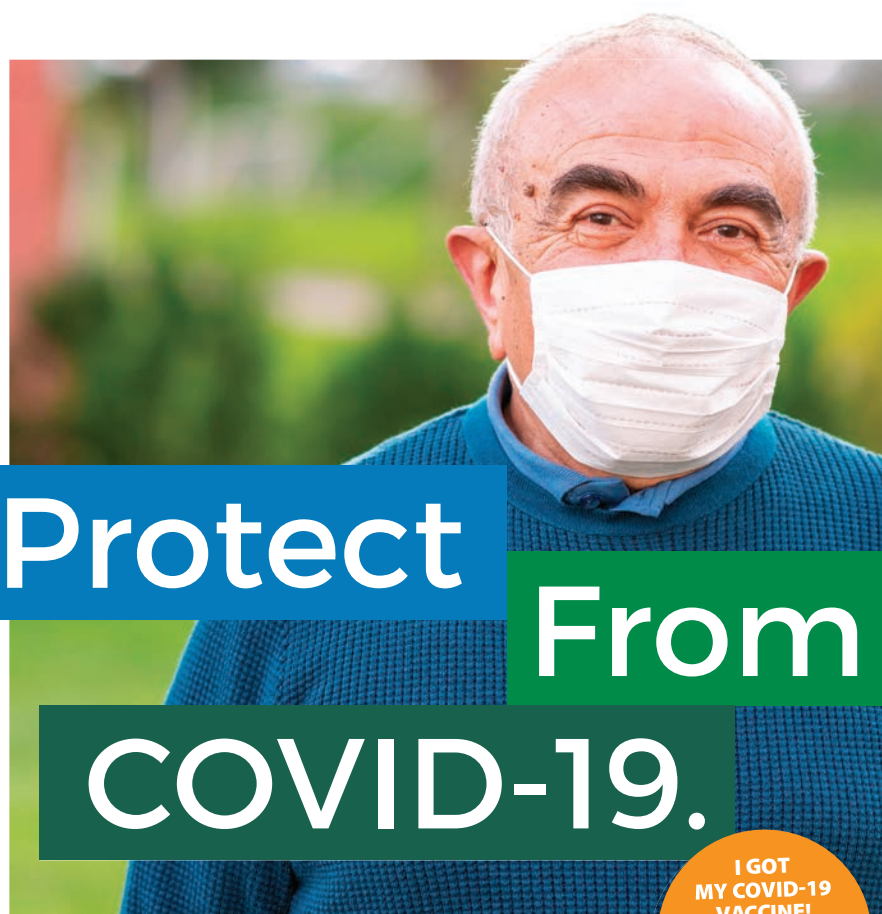
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Webinar explores resilient home landscapes Oct. 16

Noted landscape consultant Dan Jaffe Wilder will present a virtual four-hour workshop Oct. 16 on building resilient home landscapes with native plants.

The program is open to all interested gardeners and homeowners. The webinar will be offered via Zoom from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Although free to attend, donations will be accepted

to support garden education programming offered by University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Master Gardener chapters throughout Vermont.

Register at go.uvm.edu/resilient-landscape.

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Wilder will walk participants through the process of establishing a resilient landscape from assessment of site and plant species and invasive species issues to ecological landscape techniques and long-term maintenance. He will draw from examples from his work at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Monson, MA; Garden in the Woods, a botanical garden in Framingham, MA; and his home landscape.

Wilder is the author and photographer of Native Plants for New England Gardens. He is an expert in native plant ecology, propagation, wildlife habitat construction and native edible landscapes and has consulted with botanical gardens, nurseries and wildlife refuges.

The program is sponsored by the Master Gardener chapters in Windham and Windsor Counties in collaboration with the Rockingham Free Public Library. Additional funding is provided by the Bennington, Central/Northeast Kingdom, Northwest and Rutland chapters.

New program announcement: The Farm and Food Business Accelerator

CADE and SUNY Cobleskill's Institute for Rural Vitality are now accepting applications for our newest collaborative program, the Farm and Food Business Accelerator (FFBA). If you are a farm or food-based business that needs support to create a value-added product, this is the program for you.

The FFBA will support to an intimate cohort of agribusiness entrepreneurs ready to grow, expand or transition into value-added production in the Mohawk Valley. Whether food, beverage or fiber products, CADE and SUNY Cobleskill will support cohort members along every step of the development process, from recipe testing to processing and distribution.

Candidates selected to participate in the cohort will be provided intensive, full service support through the Accelerator from November 2021 - May 2023 including:

- Value-added product development guidance from a food science expert
- Access and referrals to processing facilities
- Labeling and food safety support
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- Completion of scheduled process
- Peer mentoring and more

The program is completely free, but is by application only – you can find the application at cadefarms.org/ffba.

Entrepreneurs selected for this program must present a proposed new business venture that will have an economic impact in the Mohawk Valley region of New York State (Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie counties).

Economic impact can take a variety of forms. If your business is not located in the Mohawk Valley, it is still possible to have an economic impact in the area through your business activities. Some examples include sourcing ingredients from regional farms, using a processing facility in the area or extending your distribution into the Mohawk Valley. If you're not sure what this looks like for you, reach out. We are happy to brainstorm ideas with applicants and connect you to our network in the region.

Applications are open now until Sept. 27. Learn more by visiting CADE's website, or the Program FAQ page at tinyurl.com/hdjn5mub.



Dan Jaffe Wilder, a landscape consultant, author and photographer, will present a webinar on building a resilient home landscape on Oct. 16. Photo courtesy of Dan Jaffe Wilder

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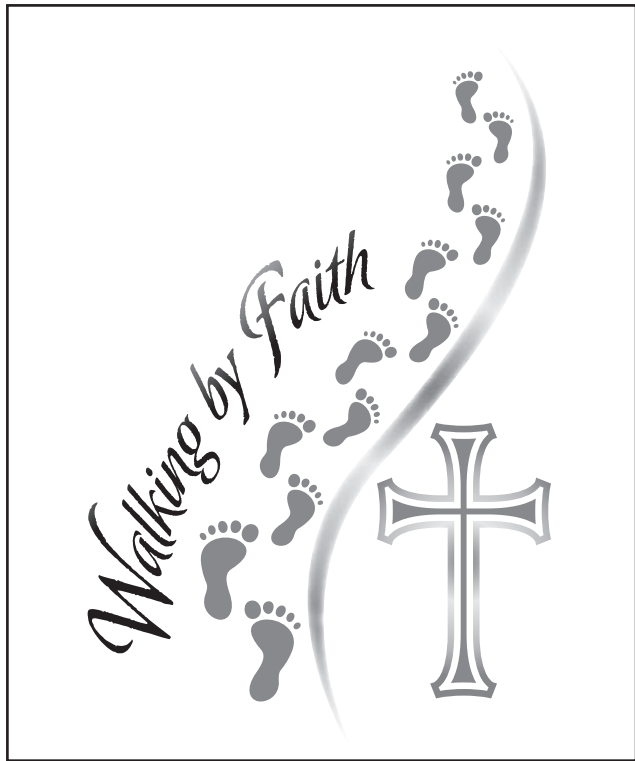
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Utica Zoo prepares for decommission of sea lion exhibit

Welcomes new female zebra from Disney.

Visitors to see future expansion and updates in the coming year.



Much like the 2015 "We Don't Like it Either!" renovation campaign for the White-handed Gibbon pair, the Utica Zoo recognized that the California Sea Lion exhibit did not provide an ideal habitat for Porter and Munchkin. Porter, a male, weighs approximately 685 pounds while the smaller female Munchkin weighs 240 pounds. The pool built to 1986 standards at approximately 650 square feet is not optimal for the two animals to freely exercise nor for the expression of as many natural behaviors as a more complex environment will.

Exhibit concerns were confirmed during the Zoo's 2018 accreditation process by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The exhibit was not in line with modern zoological practices and did not meet AZA standards. It would have to be modified or decommissioned

if the Zoo was to maintain its accreditation. The cost to renovate and maintain the exhibit (\$8-10 million in 2018) was not feasible for the Zoo, and the well-being of the sea lions remained paramount. The difficult decision and steps to work within the network of AZA institutions to find Porter and Munchkin new homes began.

The typically long search and transfer process was extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, though recently the plan to move Porter to his new home developed quickly. Porter was moved to the Turtle Back Zoo in New Jersey on Sept. 27. Munchkin will remain at the Zoo until her transfer plans are finalized, which may be a few more weeks. While Porter and Munchkin were born in the wild, they were both assessed as non-releasable prior to their Utica arrival due to their comfort level with humans on the West Coast.

"We've been aware for quite some time that our community shares this bittersweet acknowledgment; we often hear our visitors say we LOVE the California sea lions, but we don't like their exhibit," shares

Utica Zoo Executive Director Andria Heath. "During the AZA inspection of 2018, it was pointed out that Porter can only swim 2.5 lengths of his body in the pool; that's when we came to terms that we needed to make this difficult decision."

According to Utica Zoo Director of Animal Care, Education, and Conservation Jay Pratte, one of the highest standards of animal care is to ensure that the animals are experiencing a positive welfare state.

"One of the key factors in this is maintaining habitats that are spacious and complex enough to allow the animals to express a wide range of species-typical behaviors," explains Pratte. "Sadly, our pool does not meet these requirements, but the Utica Zoo has some exciting developments to reflect this industry best practice."

"Directing the zoo's future can be complex; it involves not only the on-going welfare of living animals and funding the ever growing costs of caring and improving habitats but also the responsibility and opportunity to tell the story and conservation

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Utica Zoo's Sea Lion Porter responds to crate training.
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Please take notice that a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the East Herkimer Fire District will take place at 7:00 PM on the evening of Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the East Herkimer Fire Station, 193 Main Road, East Herkimer. The purpose of the meeting, pursuant to Town Law Section 105, is to present the preliminary 2022 budget to all interested residents and to receive and act on any comments offered regarding said budget. The preliminary budget totals \$139,450, which is an increase of 1.02% over the 2021 budget.

All concerned citizens of the East Herkimer Fire District (which includes all of the Town of Herkimer outside of the Village) are invited to attend this meeting.

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action steps on behalf of Utica Zoo's animals' counterparts in the wild. Add to that keeping the zoo vibrant and interesting for visitors and supporters; it's a matter of having many priorities at one time," Heath adds. "It's certainly rewarding and involves a great deal of local and national collaboration. We have many exciting ideas for the sea lion exhibit area and will explore these opportunities as we seek and secure funding."

The staff at the Turtle Back and Utica zoos plan to share Porter's transition and new home with the Mohawk Valley community through social media in the coming weeks.

Change will also come to the Utica Zoo this autumn with the expansion of Hartmann's Mountain Zebra exhibit and the addition of a female zebra named Zecora joining the Zoo family at the end of October from Disney's Animal Kingdom. The zoo hopes that she will be a mate for Rundu the resident male zebra who came to Utica in 2013.

To stay up-to-date on the exciting advancement at the Utica Zoo or to support its progress visit uticazoo.org.

SQSPCA announces 'Fall of Puppy Mills' informational event

As the season changes from summer to autumn, the Susquehanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SQSPCA) is asking the public to help raise consumer awareness and push for changes that will lead to the eventual "fall" of puppy mills.

"September is National Puppy Mill Awareness Month, and there is no better time to remind folks that there are hundreds of thousands of dogs living in cruel and inhumane conditions all across the United States, including right here in our own back yard," said SQSPCA Executive Director Stacie Haynes.

A year ago, knowing there were several such businesses operating in and around Otsego County, the SQSPCA launched its "PAWS Before You Pay" initiative. PAWS stands for Puppy Mill Awareness With Shelters. Haynes was joined at last year's PAWS press conference by Libby Post, executive director of the NYS Animal Protection Federation, and Brian Shapiro, NYS director with the Humane Society of the U.S. Participating shelters included the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley, Delaware Valley Humane Society, Herkimer County Humane Society and Superheroes in Ripped Jeans. "It's important that consumers have the resources available to them to help determine whether they are purchasing from a responsible, reputable breeder or a puppy mill," Haynes explained. "The parents of those cute little puppies you're looking at online are very likely living in darkness in a tiny wire cage, with little human contact, getting inadequate food, water, exercise and veterinary care." The standards of care for licensed puppy mills are notoriously low and the USDA is understaffed, making enforcement of the federal regulations that do exist diffi-

cult at best, Haynes said.

To help raise awareness of these deplorable conditions and educate consumers Sept. 28 - Oct. 2 the SQSPCA is hosting a special "Fall of Puppy Mills" informational event. Visitors to the shelter who inquire about the PAWS Before You Pay initiative will receive a free PAWS Before You Pay decal and a free pumpkin while supplies last. The pumpkins, a nod to autumn and representative of the "Fall of Puppy Mills" message, are compliments of Middlefield Orchard. "Come in and talk with our staff. We can provide information and resources on how to find a responsible dog breeder, and how you can help stop puppy mills," encouraged Haynes. "Of course, we hope you might consider adopting from a shelter or rescue. But if not, we can point you in the right direction and give you the tools you need to recognize a puppy mill versus a reputable breeder. We can also help you become a voice for the dogs confined to these puppy mills who are unable to speak for themselves," Haynes added. The SQSPCA is located at 5082-5088 State Hwy. 28, Cooperstown. Appointments to meet animals are advised to avoid wait times but walk-ins are also welcome. To view available animals or to donate visit sqspca.org.



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The move to October isn't the only thing new for the 2021 Little Falls Cheese Festival

The Little Falls Cheese Festival returns this year, moving from its traditional mid-July spot to Oct. 2. But visitors to this year's event will find that the cooler time of year isn't the only thing new about the festival.

While the selection of New York State farm-produced cheeses remains the focus of the event, new to this year's Cheese Festival is a food truck food court in the M&T Bank parking lot. The food court will give visitors a full variety of refreshments to complement the restaurants in downtown Little Falls and will include plenty of shaded seating as well as live music. In addition to the food truck food court, this year's festival will expand the number of New York-based craft beverages visitors can find for increased cheese-pairing options.

The time off gave the Cheese Festival Planning Committee an opportunity to address the parking challenges of past years by setting up a free shuttle service to and from downtown Little Falls. Signs will steer visitors to free parking in either the North Lot (Veteran's

Field) or South Lot (Industrial Park), with shuttle buses running continuously from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Finally, the Little Falls Cheese Festival has teamed with the Central New York Cheese Trail so visitors can take a deeper dive into the region's cheesemaking heritage. Check out the CNY Cheese Trail website to see itineraries for day-trippers or those in for the weekend to get a unique culinary experience at participating dairy farms. Those who complete a trail card by visiting all of the farms receive a free insulated Cheese Trail tote bag.

"If there was a silver lining to the forced time off last year, it was that it gave us a chance to step back

and evaluate ways to make the Little Falls Cheese Festival even better," said Teri Chace of the Little Falls Cheese Festival Planning Committee. "We're excited to be back, stronger than ever. This year's Festival is going to be great!"

Now in its sixth year, the Little Falls Cheese Festival is New York State's premier gathering of cheesemakers, with an estimated 6,000 people attending in 2019. This year's festival on Oct. 2 will run the length of Main Street from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Keep up to date with future plans by following the Little Falls Cheese Festival on Facebook, Instagram or visiting littlefallscheesefestival.com.



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Explore the Life & Music of Turlough O'Carolan Oct. 13

The Life & Music of Turlough O'Carolan – Ireland's Celebrated 18th Century Bard – will be presented on Wednesday Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, 623 Columbia St., Utica.

Register for free via Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/2hed29h or by contacting irishccmv@gmail.com.

Blinded by smallpox at 18 years of age Turlough O'Carolan received training on Ireland's national symbol: the harp. He soon traveled throughout Ireland playing at the great houses of both Irish and English aristocracy, composing songs and poetry along the way, often about individuals he encountered.

O'Carolan is considered to be the last of the great bards of Ireland and his music is still played today at weddings, wakes and festivals. His image on the pre-Euro Irish 50-pound note is a testament to this legendary composer.

O'Carolan's music bridges the gap between classical and traditional Irish folk music, and his lifestyle was nearly as legendary as his music. He had a fondness for drink, which often landed him in hot water with both Catholic and Protestant clergy. He had a quick temper to match his quick wit, and when lectured about his drinking, would take pen in hand and spare no quarter in return. If he thought he had been ill-treated by a host, they would likely soon be the subject of a few disparaging lines of verse.

The event will be held at the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley on Wednesday Oct. 13 at 7 p.m., with the live ensemble featuring Tavia Hach on harp, Mike Carroll on flute and whistle, and Mike Hoke on fiddle.



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• Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase.

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DMV reminds New Yorkers to beware of flood damage before buying used vehicles

In the wake of Hurricane Ida, the New York State DMV warned consumers to take precautions against unintentionally purchasing vehicles damaged by flooding in the weeks and months ahead.

The DMV's website includes a link to the National Insurance Crime Bureau database. People looking to buy a used car can enter the Vehicle Identification Number and learn if the vehicle was ever flooded or stolen.

"A car is one of the biggest purchases consumers make, so DMV wants to make sure that you are getting what you paid for," said DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder. "A car that has been through a flood can look fine from the outside but have substantial damage so we want to protect consumers by making it easy for them to check if a vehicle has been damaged by flooding."

Water from flooding can damage the engine or transmission, corrode wiring or harm the airbag or the vehicle's computers.

Some sellers will try to hide the damage by taking the vehicle from a flooded area and getting a new title in a different state before trying to sell it. Consumers should be aware when purchasing used vehicles with titles issued in mid-September this year or during other hurricane periods that they could be flood vehicles even if the title is not from the affected state.

DMV checks the history of every vehicle in NYS and will alert consumers if they have purchased a vehicle with a history of flood damage.

The DMV website includes information on the National Insurance Crime Bureau's VINCheck, a free service to help consumers determine if a vehicle has been reported as salvaged or stolen. When planning to purchase a used vehicle, consumers can search up to

five VINs per day. The NICB also offers a free brochure with tips on how to avoid post-disaster fraud, which is available at tinyurl.com/wpz6bsb6

DMV's website also offers tips on buying vehicles, including the protections available when purchasing a used vehicle through a private sale or from an auto dealer.

A person or dealer who sells a rebuilt salvage vehicle must provide the new owner a disclosure statement regardless of the vehicle's age. The disclosure statement is located on the back of NYS title certificates.

A seller who fails to disclose the salvage history of a vehicle can pay a maximum fine of \$2,000 and any additional penalties described in the NYS Penal Law.

If a salvage vehicle is rebuilt for use on roadways, the DMV must examine it before issuing a new title certificate or registration. The required examination is part of the NYS Auto Theft Prevention Program. The program includes vehicles that were issued a NYS Salvage Certificate and rebuilt salvage vehicles from most other states.

A NYS Title Certificate issued after the date of May 18, 1999 for a rebuilt salvage vehicle displays the brand "REBUILT SALVAGE." Some title certificates issued before May 19, 1999 also show this brand.

More information about the Salvage Vehicle Examination Program can be found at tinyurl.com/nz3ukw5d.

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It's time to plant the garlic

by Joyce Amsden, Extension Master Gardener Intern, University of Vermont

I love growing garlic. In the Northeast, it is best planted in autumn because of its need for

a dormant period of two months below 40 degrees. Just as the reality of summer's end sets in, planting the garlic is like planting the promise of spring. Seeing the little shoots emerge just be-

hind the receding snow are well worth the small effort required.

Plant your garlic in late September to mid-October. This allows it to put down some roots but not develop significant tops before the ground freezes.

Avoid planting garlic from the grocery store. It may have been treated to prevent growth. Store purchased garlic also may be a variety adapted to warmer climates with longer growing seasons.

Purchase garlic from growers in your area or from catalogues that are focused on the Northeast. Look into the numerous varieties available and consider trying several. Whatever your source, plant the largest cloves from the biggest bulbs available to you and save any small cloves for cooking.

Because garlic retains the genetics of the mother clove, you can plant garlic grown in your own garden and get excellent results. I save some of my best bulbs for planting.

There are two basic types: hardneck and softneck. Hardneck garlic produces five to eight large cloves. It also produces scapes, which are flower stalks prized by many as a garlicky vegetable.

Left on the plants, they



Unpeeled garlic cloves should be planted three inches deep with the pointed side up and root down.

Photos by Joyce Amsden

produce tiny seeds that can be planted but take several years to develop into normal-sized bulbs. Softneck garlic has 12 or more smaller cloves and no scapes.

Before planting garlic, incorporate compost or well-rotted manure to provide nutrition and improve soil quality.

Garlic does not like competition from weeds or getting too dry. In my sandy soil that tends toward dryness, mulching retains soil moisture and keeps my garlic nearly weed-free. I plant garlic in 4-foot-

square beds divided into 16 1-foot squares. In each square, I plant nine cloves and mulch thoroughly.

Plan spacing with your preference for cultivating in mind. My square foot method does not easily yield to a hoe. Some gardeners plant cloves four inches apart in rows about eight inches apart for cultivating ease.

Consider whether your soil holds a lot of moisture. If so, don't count on mulch to keep down weeds and perhaps even implement raised beds to allow for proper drainage.

Too much moisture can cause garlic to rot.

Plant unpeeled garlic cloves three inches deep with the point up, root down. Cover. Press soil gently, but firmly. Heavy mulching can help prevent winter kill and cloves being pushed up and out by frost but may need to be removed in spring if the soil stays very wet.

Clean your tools, finish your fall chores and hunker down for winter knowing your garlic will appear with the daffodils to herald the start of another gardening season.



Choose garlic varieties suited to the Northeast and only plant the largest cloves from the biggest bulbs available for best results.

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Poland PreK students begin year with 'more friends,' 'more opportunities'

Poland Central School District pre-kindergarten students completed their first week of school on Sept. 10 to begin their educational journey during a year that everyone hopes will be a few steps closer to "normal."

There are more than 30 prekindergarten students at Poland this school year – compared to just 14 last year due largely to COVID-19 and required restrictions that were put in place – Poland prekindergarten teacher Laurie Schmid said.

"I think we're excited just to have more friends to play with and more opportunities to play together and learn together," Schmid said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how much they're going to learn and grow this year."

The first week for prekindergarten students focused on being good friends, kind, taking turns and practicing good bus safety.

"It's been very exciting," Schmid said. "Everybody is happy to be in school, meeting new friends and learn-

ing new things."

"And we love painting with our hands," Robinson added of recent finger painting activities.

Schmid and Robinson talked about the first week while interacting with students, who assembled multi-colored structures.

Schmid said students have been able to get into a routine during the first week of school.

"They're adjusting very well," Schmid said. "We've had a good week!"



Poland Central School District prekindergarten students in the afternoon class pose for a photo on Friday, Sept. 10, with their teacher Laurie Schmid (back, left) and teacher aide Amie Robinson (back, right). Students are pictured L-R from, front row: Tobias Bidwell, Skylar Keller, Walker Tyson, Kenna Tallman, Brinley Platt, Lillian Denslow and Shawn Erb. Back row: Davin Youngs, Shane Dam, Katie Vannort, Faith Guyer, Eli Cloe, Noah Nightingale, Jacqueline Lynch and Jacob Stevener.



Poland Central School District prekindergarten students in the morning class pose for a photo on Sept. 10 with their teacher Laurie Schmid (back, left) and teacher aide Amie Robinson (back, right). Students are pictured from L-R, front row: Gracie Morra, Piper Prashaw, Reid Lindsay, Kalina Valerio, Lilly Planck and Keegan O'Rourke. Back row: Wyatt Topham, Brayden Malecki, Addison Dischiavi, Callie Breen, Henry Harter, Harper Wheatley and Katherine Dischiavi.

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this type of notice, it does not necessarily mean there was a math or computational error on your return. There are time limits to act if you think the notice is incorrect.

So far this year, the IRS has sent about 11 million math error notices. This is many times more than in past years.

The IRS sent most of these notices to taxpayers who filed a return seeking the Recovery Rebate Credit.

it. Taxpayers claimed this credit on their tax return if they did not receive the full amount of the COVID-19 economic stimulus payments they believed they were entitled to. The IRS used these notices to advise taxpayers that it believed they were wrong and that all or part of their Recovery Rebate Credit was not allowed.

If you receive a math error notice and do not agree with it, you have

60 days from the date on the notice to contact the IRS and let them know you disagree. The phone number to contact the IRS is provided in the notice. There are still limited things you can do even if you miss the deadline.

Some math error notices the IRS sent taxpayers in early 2021 did not have any information about the 60-day deadline. The IRS is therefore correcting that problem

by issuing new math error notices that give the taxpayer a new 60-day period to object. Be aware that the notices may not say "math error" on them.

If you have questions about this or other income tax issues, the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern

New York's Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) may be able to help. The clinic's services are free of charge. You can call the LASNNY Legal Line at 833.628.0087 and ask for our LITC. The Clinic does not generally provide tax preparation services.

Smullen demands rescinding healthcare worker vaccination mandate

Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R, C, I, SAM-Meco) was joined by his Assembly Republican colleagues requesting the State Department of Health and Gov. Kathy Hochul reverse the mandate that requires healthcare workers to get vaccinated. With about one-fourth of total healthcare workers unvaccinated and learning that many concerned healthcare workers will be terminated due to forced vaccinations, Smullen hopes to prevent another rural healthcare crisis by keeping our frontline workers working and not infringing on their constitutional rights.

"The issue of vaccination is one of personal choice. It doesn't matter if you're a construction worker or an electrician or a politician or a healthcare worker," Smullen said. "With my colleagues and I predicting that one-fourth of our total healthcare workforce may be terminated if mandated to receive vaccinations, we must strongly reconsider whether this is the best option for the state as a whole."

"Part of the pandemic crisis of 2020 was that our hospitals and healthcare systems were overwhelmed. I can't imagine how bad it would be if we had even fewer healthcare workers to continue to take care of people who are contracting COVID-19 or its variants," Smullen concluded.

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



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This childproofing checklist can help keep kids safe

It's not long before newborns who need their parents to cater to their

every need become toddlers who can't wait to go exploring on their own.

The curiosity can come quickly, which underscores how important it is

for parents to childproof their homes.

Childproofing is essen-

tial in the nursery where children tend to spend much of their time, but it's necessary elsewhere in the house as well. The Children's Hospital of Los Angeles says fractures are the most common injuries among infants and toddlers as they develop a sense of curiosity and gain mobility. Head and mouth/tooth injuries are some additional injuries curious kids may suffer during this period in their lives. This childproofing checklist can help reduce the risk of injury.

- Follow U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission crib safety regulations, which include fixed sides, a firm mattress and slats that are no more than 2 3/8 inches apart.

- Install UL-listed carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors on every story of the house and check batteries in detectors frequently.

- Install a temperature guard on the water heater and never set it above 120° F.

- Cover all sharp furniture edges and corners with safety padding or specialty bumpers.

- Block all open outlets with outlet covers or safety plugs.

- Place lockable covers on the garbage.

- Install stove knob covers.

- Use latches on any drawers, toilets, doors or

cabinets within the child's reach.

- Anchor heavy furniture, such as televisions, bookshelves and dressers, to the walls.

- Install safety guards on windows.

- Pull the crib away from other furniture.

- Use cordless window blinds.

- Place gates at the top and bottom of stairs and use them to prevent access to rooms that are off limits.

- Store cleaning supplies, tools and breakable items out of reach or in a locked cabinet.

- When the child reaches 35 inches in height or can climb out of the crib, it's time to transition to a toddler bed.

- Choose toy chests or other furniture with spring-loaded hinges.

- Do not hang heavy wall art or shelving over cribs.

- Cover radiators, hot pipes, etc., with protective materials.

- Remove flaking paint and be sure to have paint tested for lead.

- Inspect the home for protruding nails, bolts or other hardware that can cause injury.

These are some childproofing measures parents can implement to keep kids safe. Parents can customize childproofing plans based on their needs and the designs of their homes. Consult with



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— the sea-son ..."

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Ornamental jug

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Prior night

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		5		2			4	
9		2	7					1
8			1					2
	1			3		5	7	
		3			4			6

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

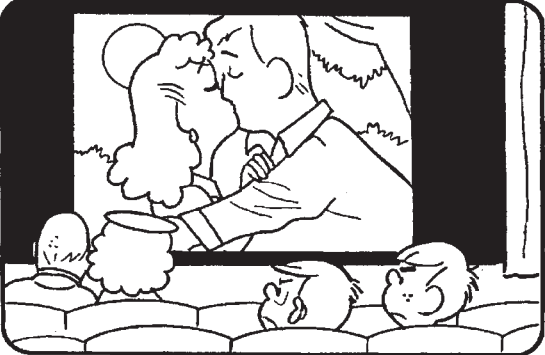
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

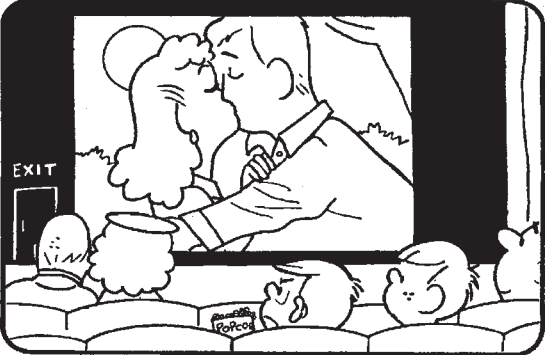
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HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Popcorn is added. 2. Leaves are missing. 3. Exit is added. 4. Button is added. 5. Expression is changed. 6. Man is added.

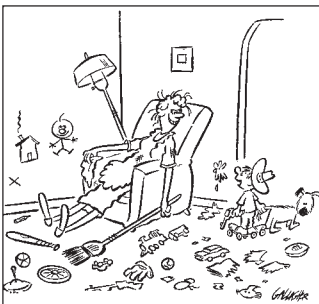
SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
1. Trash 2. Lodge; solution
3. Custom; 4. Wrong

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Debris	HARTS		
Cabin	OGLED		
Special	MUSCOT		
Error	GROWN		

TODAY'S WORD



"Don't forget—I'm supposed to start
_____ next year."



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