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American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference

The American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference is back for 2021 on Aug. 6 - 8. Visit fortplainmuseum.org for registration details and more information. Note that the website takes a few minutes to load. If the page doesn't load properly, either scroll down to the end of the page or click the "Conference Registration" at the top. You may also email info@fortplainmuseum.org or call 518.774.5669 with any questions.

The American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference includes 11 speakers and a bus tour.

• Fireside Chat with William M. Fowler Jr. and Guest Host Christian DiSpigna – "Revolution Breaks Out in Boston and It's the Usual Suspects: Adams, Hancock, Warren, Revere and Others!"

• Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy – "The Architect of the British War for America: Lord George Germain"

• Eric H. Schnitzer – "The Value of Revisionism: Don Troiani's Campaign to Saratoga, 1777"

• John Knight – "Banastre Tarleton and the British Legion: The Elite Loyalist Regiment Fighting for the King"

• Todd W. Braisted – "In Reduced Circumstances: Loyalist Women and British Government Assistance, 1779 – 1783"

• Katie Turner Getty – "Escape from New York! American Prisoners of War and the Jails and Prison Ships of New York"

• Wade P. Catts and Robert A. Selig – "The Battles of Stone Arabia and Klock's Field, Oct. 19, 1780: A Study"

• James E. Richmond – "War on the Middleline: The Founding of a Community in the Kayaderosseras Patent in the Midst of the American Revolution"

• Wayne Lenig – "Fort Plain, Fort Plank and Fort Rensselaer: The Revolutionary War Fortifications at Canajohary"

• Bus Tour, Aug. 6 – The Stone Arabia and Klock's Field Battles that took place on Oct. 19, 1780 are the sites where fighting combat took place between the British and the American forces. This is an in-depth, never done before tour of the Stone Arabia and Klock's Battlefield Historic Sites. This detailed tour of the Stone Arabia Battlefield will follow the avenues of approach, view battle areas, visit the historic churches burned in battle and the sites of Forts Kayser and Paris, several farms that were burned. We will stop at the Palatine Church that was spared the torch. Similar stops are also planned for Klock's Battlefield. A lunch

stop will be included.

The conference will take place at the Fulton-Montgomery Community College's theater in the Visual Arts & Communications Building (Campus Map Building #2), 2805 NY-67, Johnstown. Parking will be available in Lots 5, 4 or the Visitor's Lot.



Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Cats Shouldn't Get a Free Pass to Poop

Dear Paw's Corner: Could you explain why cats can poop in my garden and the owners are not responsible for them? Cats kill birds and chipmunks, and they dig in

my garden. Children's sandboxes get fouled by cats. Cat poop is really unpleasant and can spread diseases. It seems unfair that cat owners should get all the enjoyment out of them, but not have to be responsible for their messes. Why do cat owners get a free pass? What can be done to keep the cats from killing birds and leaving messes in my yard? – Pat in Spokane

Dear Pat: You're absolutely right. Cats can wreak havoc on the local environment as they don't limit their hunting

to mice: A 2013 study estimated that cats kill billions of songbirds per year in the U.S. alone (smithsonianmag.com and search for "The Moral Cost of Cats"). Yet owners who allow their cats outdoors often don't think that their sweet, adorable Fluffy could be a neighborhood menace.

That's one reason I constantly ask owners to keep their cats indoors. It's also for the cats' personal safety; they're at risk of being attacked by bigger wildlife or other cats.

Right now, there are two things you can do. First, deter cats from coming onto your property. Scatter a mixture

of used coffee grounds, lemon peels and vinegar around the perimeter of the yard (pans of vinegar also work). Cover exposed ground in garden beds with river rock to discourage digging.

Second, raise awareness in the community. Spread the word about the damage cats do, and what owners can do to prevent it. Do this by talking with your neighbors and speaking at town or HOA meetings. Get the word out so the entire community can address the problem.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Herkimer College appoints academic support center specialist

Herkimer County Community College has appointed Gillian Perry to the role of Academic Support Center specialist.

Perry of St. Johnsville is a Herkimer College alumna, earning an associate degree in business administration in 2017. She went on to earn a bachelor's in accounting and an MBA in technology management with a concentration in accounting and finance from SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

Perry previously served as a professional tutor for accounting, business and mathematics in the college's Academic Support Center (ASC) since 2017. She also worked as an Embedded Tutoring Program assistant and was named the program's lead embedded tutor in February 2020. As a program leader, Perry helped assess the ETP by collecting, analyzing and presenting data about its success and worked to recruit new faculty and tutors to the program.

In her new role, Perry will manage all front desk operations in the ASC, including supervising student receptionists, coordinating room reservations and reviewing security and all hardware/software functions related to ASC services. The ASC specialist is also responsible for all departmental data collection, analysis and reporting and provides administrative assistance to the ETP. She will continue to serve as the lead embedded tutor.



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ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: The event has been held annually since 1984, and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. National Night Out began simply with neighbors turning on their porch lights and sitting in front of their homes. The first National Night Out involved 2.5 million residents across 400 communities in 23 states; National Night Out 2016 involved 38 million residents in 16,000 communities across the United States. Please join us in the 2021 National Night out... Help us keep a good thing going and help us beat the record!

Herkimer College announces President's List for spring 2021

Herkimer County Community College awarded honors to 387 students for the Spring 2021 semester. Of those students awarded honors, 174 were named to the President's List, including the following local students:

- Santino V. Aceto, Herkimer
- Vincenza Mary Aiello, Frankfort
- Meadow Marie Arduini, St. Johnsville
- Erica Ann Baldanza, Little Falls
- Emma Christine Bilinski, Dolgeville
- Anna Lynne Bowers, St. Johnsville
- Allyson Elizabeth Brandow, Johnstown
- Jordan Lee Brelinsky, Little Falls
- Mary Anne Briggs, Herkimer
- Scott Wade Christman II, Palatine Bridge
- Frank Angelo Cimo III, Ilion
- David Patrick Cook, Little Falls
- Isabella Marie Coriale, Middleville
- Kody Curtis, Frankfort
- Hollie Lynn David, Dolgeville
- Coreena M. DeJohn, Frankfort
- Janet M. Dodson, Dolgeville
- Darya D. Don, Jordanville
- Braeden Dutcher, Amsterdam
- Mikayla L. Evans, Ilion
- Kurstin Lynn Gay, Herkimer
- Paul M. Gleba, Ilion
- Cassandra J. Goldy, Amsterdam
- Nicholas Joseph Grant, St. Johnsville
- Monica Hartlieb, Canajoharie
- Katelynn Hermanowski, Little Falls
- David Emery Hight, Mohawk
- Trevor James Howard, Canajoharie
- Maria Rose Humble, Herkimer
- Kaitlyn Nicole Jenks, Canajoharie
- Matthew Franklin Kelly, Herkimer
- Ross Michael Klein, Herkimer
- Ethan Knickerbocker, Fort Plain
- Laura Colleen Krowicki, Little Falls
- Amanda J. Lawrence, St. Johnsville
- Megan Linart, Fort Plain
- Sydney Mae Loux, Gloversville

- Brianna Marie Lynch, Ilion
- Carla Jayne Lyon, Dolgeville
- Evan M. Maiorano, Herkimer
- Anna Grace McDonald, Frankfort
- Antonio C. McKoy, Little Falls
- Emilie Rose Monahan, Newport
- Erica Monica Monohan, Herkimer
- Jamie Lynn Muir, Salisbury Center
- Samantha Jean Murphy, Mohawk
- Hannah Faith Napier, Dolgeville
- Michael Joseph Newberry, Ilion
- Tiffany L. Nitka, Ilion
- William R. Pocyntyluk Jr., Frankfort
- Andrea Beth Ray, Herkimer
- Carliza E. Roark, Cold Brook
- Alyssa F. See, Herkimer
- Jamie Burton Seymour, Mohawk
- Michele Lee Sheldon, Little Falls
- Alexis Leigh Smith, Salisbury Center
- Anne Storm, Little Falls
- Jacquie Barbara Sweeney, Ilion
- Haley NicoleAnne Thomas, Frankfort
- Theodore Connor Upson, Newport
- Tanner Hayes Vogel, Ilion
- Matthew M. Voorhees, Mohawk
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<p>Ames - Sprout Brook UMC 613 Latimer Hill Rd. Ames, NY 13317 518-673-3495</p> <p>Pastor Jan Markle Sunday Service 9 AM</p>	<p>Ephratah Reformed Church 140 Co. Hwy. 140, Ephratah, NY To live and share Jesus Christ both locally and globally. Everyday. Everywhere. Everyone.</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Hindlriter Sunday School for all ages 10 AM September-June Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM Prayer & Praise Thursdays 7 PM</p>	<p>Grandview Baptist Church 15 Washington St., Fort Plain 518-993-9929</p> <p>Pastor Dan West Sunday School 10 AM Morning Service 11 AM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Paines Hollow United Methodist Church Intersection of 167 & 168, Paines Hollow</p> <p>Pastor Peg Donaghy 518-568-7604 Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship Hour to Follow</p>	<p>Seeker's Fellowship 14 Park Place St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-7700</p> <p>Pastor Mike Yezierski Sunday Worship 6 PM, Tues. Prayer 7 PM, Bible Study 7 PM (Wed., Thurs. & Fri.) We teach the fullness of God's Word, a life of holiness for the believer, and salvation for all who trust in Christ's sacrifice.</p>	<p>Stratford United Methodist Church Route 29A 315-429-9085</p> <p>Rev. Lynn R. Lockwood Worship 9 AM</p>
<p>Bethesda Fellowship 34 S. Division St. St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-2678</p> <p>Summer Schedule Sunday Worship 10 AM Wed. Worship and Prayer 6 PM</p>	<p>Everlasting Joy Believers Fellowship 14 Park Place (in with Seekers Fellowship) St. Johnsville, NY 13452 315-858-2112</p> <p>Pastor Carolee Coye Sunday Service 10 AM</p>	<p>Holy Family Parish Little Falls, NY 315-823-3410</p> <p>Saturday 4 PM Sunday 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Randall Christian Community Church NY Rte. 55 Sunday Service 10:30 AM</p> <p>Worship Leader Darlene Spaulding</p>	<p>St. John's Lutheran Church 774 St. Hwy. 163, Fort Plain, NY 518-705-7552</p> <p>Rev. David A. Johnson, Ph.D. Sunday Worship 9 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Ladies Aid W.E.L.C.A. Handicapped Accessible</p>	<p>The Christian Church of Rural Grove 170 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers, NY 12166 518-922-7831</p> <p>Pastor Joshua Fetterhoff pastorjosh@ruralgrovechurch.org Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 AM, Morning Service 11 AM, Eve. Service 6 PM, Wed.-Family Night 7 PM, "Where Bible Teaching is Fundamental"</p>
<p>Cherry Valley Assembly of God 37 Alden St., Cherry Valley, 607-264-3306</p> <p>Pastor David Carpenter, Jr. Sundays 9:30 AM</p>	<p>Faith, Hope and Love Church Rev. David W. Bowley, Pastor Sundays, 5 PM at the Upstate Chapel 63 Cliff St, Canajoharie Call 518-673-5128 or see Facebook "Faith, Hope and Love Christian Church" and our website http://faithhopeandlovechurch.com</p>	<p>Joy Fellowship 296 Co. Hwy. 119 St. Johnsville, NY 13452 518-568-3217</p> <p>William Hayes, Pastor Joyce Loughran, Assistant Pastor Sunday School 9 AM, Morning Worship 9:30 AM Wednesday Evening Worship 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Reformed Church of Canajoharie 15-19 Front St., Canajoharie 518-673-2816</p> <p>Rev. Matt Draffen Sunday 9 AM Christian Education 9:20 Choir Practice 10 AM Worship Nursery provided Fellowship hour follows worship</p>	<p>St. John's Reformed Church 68 W. Main St., St. Johnsville 518-568-7396</p> <p>Faithfully Following Jesus Christ Sunday Worship 10:30 AM</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church 618 E. Gansvoort St. Little Falls, NY 315-823-0793</p> <p>Father Rafal Dadelo Mass at 11 AM on Sunday www.holyspiritpncc.org</p>
<p>Church of Christ Uniting PO Box 896 Richfield Springs, NY 13439</p> <p>Rev. Mark Ioset 315-858-1553</p> <p>Service: Sunday 9:15 AM Church School: Sunday 10:30 AM</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Springfield Center, NY</p> <p>Rev. Terence Brant 607-264-3035</p> <p>Sunday School 10 AM Morning Worship 11 AM Wed. night Bible Study 7 PM</p>	<p>Lassellseville United Methodist Church State Hwy. 29</p> <p>Pastor Robert A. Lindsay Worship: Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School to start soon</p>	<p>Reformed Church of Fort Plain 165 Canal St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-4302 • fortplainrca@yahoo.com</p> <p>Rev. Nancy E. Ryan Worship 11 AM, AA meetings Mon. & Tues. 7 PM, Emergency Food Pantry 518-993-4302</p>	<p>Rev. David A. Johnson, Ph.D. Sunday Worship 9 AM, Sunday School 10 AM, Ladies Aid W.E.L.C.A. Handicapped Accessible</p>	<p>The House of Zion, Inc. 580 Dillenbeck Road, Palatine Bridge 518-577-3069</p> <p>Pastors Richard & Denise Allen Saturday Morning Worship Service 11:30 AM Listen to UMT on live radio 97.5FM the 1st Sunday of every month 3-4 PM</p>
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<p>Church of the Nazarene 3316 State Route 29 W Johnstown, NY 12095 Offices: 518-762-2982 Cell: 857-523-8417</p> <p>Pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler Sunday Morning Service 11 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10 AM</p>	<p>Fort Plain United Methodist Church 39 Center St., Fort Plain</p> <p>Audie Miller, Lay Supply Pastor Church Office 518-993-3863 Kitchen 518-993-3464 ALL WELCOME, Worship Service 11AM</p>	<p>National Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine and Indian Museum 3636 St. Hwy. 5, PO Box 627 Fonda, NY 12068-0627 518-853-3646</p> <p>Weekly Masses: Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 10:30 AM friars@katerishrine.com www.katerishrine.com</p>	<p>River of Jubilee Church 5057 State Highway 5 S Sprakers, NY 12166</p> <p>Pastor: Gail Adamoschek Pastor: Steve Adamoschek 518-322-1427 / 518-224-4455 Sunday Service 10 AM Children's Church Available Other Learning Opportunities Available Visit us on Facebook</p>	<p>St. Mary's Episcopal Church 7690 Rt. 80, Springfield Center 315-858-4016</p> <p>Fr. Kyle Grennen, Priest-in-Charge Sunday Eucharist, 9:30 AM Coffee - Fellowship follows service Holy Days - as announced</p>	<p>Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Stone Arabia 5430 St. Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge, NY</p> <p>Pastor A. Elisabeth Aurand Remote Sunday Worship 11 AM; email for link office@stjm-canajoharie.org 518-673-2224</p>
<p>Cornerstone Baptist Church 7274 St. Hwy. 10, Ames 518-673-3405</p> <p>Sunday School 10 AM, Adults & Children Morning Worship 11 AM, Youth Ministry 5:45 PM, Evening Worship 6 PM, Wed. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM, Family Night Select Sundays</p>	<p>Freysbush United Methodist Church Freysbush Rd., Fort Plain 518-842-1357</p> <p>Rev. Cindy Leonard, Officiating Worship 9 AM, Sunday School 10 AM ALL ARE WELCOME Coffee hour to follow service</p>	<p>New Beginnings Bible Church 63 Cliff St., Canajoharie, NY 13317</p> <p>Pastor Larry Alkinburgh 518-848-4816 pastor@newbeginningsbc.org Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Sacred Heart Catholic Church 111 3rd Ave., Tribes Hill 518-829-7301 Mass Saturday 4 PM</p>	<p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church 36 Lydius St., Fort Plain, NY 13339 518-993-2040</p> <p>Pastor Jonathan Litzner 405-250-8395 Church Service 11 AM</p>	<p>United Methodist Church of Canajoharie 50 E. Main St. 518-673-2717</p> <p>Jesus says - "Come Unto Me" Join us - Special Music Ministry, Beautiful Surroundings, Friendly People Sunday Service 10:30 AM Email: umc673@frontiernet.net Communion Last Sunday of the Month</p>
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<p>Dolgeville Christian Fellowship 3 Elm St., Dolgeville, NY 13329 315-429-9142</p> <p>Dr. Marvin Isum, Pastor Worship Sunday 10:30 AM Midweek Fellowship Tuesday 7 PM www.dolgevillechristianfellowship.org</p>	<p>Glen Reformed Church State Hwy 161 in the Hamlet of Glen 4 miles South of Fultonville glenreformed@nycap.rr.com Sunday Worship at 9. Sunday School immediately following Children's Message</p>	<p>Oppenheim United Methodist Church Route 29</p> <p>Rev. Jack Ford 315-429-7381 Worship 9:30 Sundays, Totally Awesome God-TAG time 6:30 PM Wednesdays beginning in Oct., Sunday School 9 AM beginning September 18th</p>	<p>Salisbury Center United Methodist Church 2545 St Rt 29, PO Box 104 Salisbury Center, NY 13454 315-429-9085</p> <p>Rev. Lynn R. Lockwood</p>	<p>St. Paul's Universalist Church 565 Albany St., Little Falls 315-823-2284</p> <p>Service Sunday 10 AM Coffee hour following service. Our Church is a home to inquisitive, spiritual free thinkers with diverse religious beliefs. All are welcome.</p>	<p>Victorious Life Church RMI Fellowship 104 Main St. & 431 St. Hwy. 80 Fort Plain, NY 518-993-3102</p> <p>Sunday School 9 AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM, Youth Group 5 PM, Evening Worship 7-8 PM</p>
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To Your Good Health

by Keith Roach, M.D.

Poison Ivy? Gardener Shares Home Remedy

Dear Dr. Roach: Quite by accident, I have found a home remedy for poison ivy and poison oak. As an avid gardener, I get poison ivy once or twice a year. I always wash my hands, arms and any affected area with liquid soap. However, this time I was out of soap and used a liquid detergent with a degreaser. I put a small amount on my arm, rubbed it down my arm and added water to wash it off. I have tried different detergent degreasers over the past several months, and any of them will work. It makes sense, because poison ivy and oak have urushiol oil, and of course a degreaser would dissolve it and wash it away. I hope you can

pass this on to your readers! – F.C.

Answer: I appreciate your writing, and I agree with your take on the issue. Poison oak, ivy and sumac all have the same irritating oil, urushiol, which is one of the few substances that can cause a severe hypersensitivity reaction the first time a person is exposed to it. Repeated exposures are often worse.

The most important advice on these poisonous plants is not to get exposed in the first place. That means removing it if it's in your yard, if possible, and knowing how to recognize and avoid it. Protective clothing is essential if you must be near it.

If you are exposed inadvertently and recognize it, then removing the oil is urgent: Within 10 minutes is best, but washing off will help even if it's two hours after exposure. Washing after the rash shows up isn't helpful. Warm water with soap or detergent is recommended, but don't over-vigorously scrub, because damaging the skin can make the rash worse. The oil can stay under the fingernails and on clothing. Clean under the nails carefully and wash clothing in hot water.

Dear Dr. Roach: I was receiving testosterone injections for a diagnosed low testosterone level (96, with the normal 300 - 720). I received testosterone injections for a number of years, as directed by my doctor at that time. Ultimately, I changed doctors and the new one prohibited the testosterone injections as "too

dangerous to continue." I objected then and am about to object again, since my symptoms in the past year continue to point to low testosterone, in my mind. I have low energy level, low libido and erectile dysfunction. – M.J.

Answer: If a person with normal testosterone takes a large amount of extra testosterone, such as athletes looking for a performance boost, there are significant risks. Scientists used to worry that a similar issue would be the case if a person with low testosterone took a replacement dose to get him into the normal range, but the fears of testosterone replacement therapy have been proven largely unjustified.

Given your symptoms and your definite low level, experts would agree that you are a good candidate for long-term testosterone replacement therapy. The risks and benefits are not known with certainty, but the evidence so far suggests no serious risks and some potential benefits on heart health even beyond improvement in symptoms. I would suggest consultation with an expert on testosterone replacement, such as a urologist.

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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Now Here's A Tip

by JoAnn Derson

Groceries and food shopping can eat up a tremendous portion of your budget if you aren't careful. The best and most serious money-saving tip for home economists is to ALWAYS use a list. It really does make

a difference to have a plan. Here are some more tips to save money while feeding your family. – JoAnn

- Most stores list the unit price on the shelf tag. Use it to compare the cost of different sizes and brands of the same item. Just because a package is bigger doesn't necessarily mean it has the best price per unit.

- "A secret of busy moms: Cook once, eat twice (or three times, if you plan well)! When you prepare favorite recipes that will freeze well, or even just elements of those recipes, make a double or triple batch. Then a few nights of the month, you can just pop something in the oven easily. I cook taco meat once for the month, and we have tacos every week. I just freeze three portions of the meat, and the rest is easy to assemble." – K.S. in Florida

- "If you know you're going to make a purchase soon from a specific store, search online for discounted gift cards to that store. Many people get gift cards for places they don't shop, and they sell them at a discount for cash. That's a percentage off your purchase just for preplanning." – E.S. in Virginia

- Remember that, typically, the higher shelves and the lower shelves at the grocery store house the better deals.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803.

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How heartworm affects household pets

Pets are beloved members of many families, so it's no surprise that so many pet owners place such a great emphasis on raising healthy pets, often going to great lengths to provide nutritious foods for their furry friends and protecting them from a host of dangers, including heartworm.

What is heartworm? The American Veterinary Medical Association notes that heartworm is a serious and potentially fatal disease caused by a parasite that primarily infects dogs, cats and ferrets. According to the American Heartworm Society, the heartworm is one foot in length and lives in the heart, lungs and blood vessels of affected pets.

What happens if a pet is infected with heart-

worms? Heartworms can cause severe lung disease, heart failure and organ damage.

Geography is not a factor that affects heartworms. The AVMA said heartworms pose a threat to pets in every state in the U.S. and various countries across the globe.

According to the AVMA, all dogs are susceptible to heartworm infection. Indoor and outdoor cats also are vulnerable to heartworm infection. The AVMA noted that heartworm is spread from animal to animal via mosquitoes, which can easily get into homes, potentially biting pets, including indoor house cats.

Do cats and dogs infected with heartworm react differently? The AHS

noted that heartworm manifests itself very differently in cats than it does in dogs. In fact, dogs with heartworms whose conditions have not yet been treated may have several worms in their bodies, while cats with heartworms typically have three or fewer worms and may not have any adult heartworms. The AVMA noted that diagnosing heartworm in cats is more difficult than diagnosing it in dogs, perhaps due to the smaller number of worms in infected cats than in infected dogs. Various tests may be needed to determine the likelihood of heartworm infection in cats, but such tests are not always conclusive. But potential warning signs of heartworm

in cats include coughing, respiratory distress and vomiting.

The AVMA indicated that dogs may show no signs of illness if they were recently or mildly infected with heartworms. Signs may only develop when the worms reach adulthood. Dogs may cough, become lethargic, lose their appetites or experience difficulty breathing. In addition, the AVMA indicates that dogs with heartworm infections may tire rapidly after only moderate exercise.

The good news for pet owners and their pets is that heartworm is entirely preventable. Various preventive medicines are available, and pet owners can speak with their veterinarians to determine which product is best for their pets.

Heartworm is a serious yet preventable disease. Pet owners who suspect their pets are infected with heartworm should report those suspicions to their vets immediately.



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Strange But True

by Lucie Winborne

- In Tikrit, Iraq, there's a six-foot-tall monument of a shoe that journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi threw at then-President George W. Bush.
- Speaking of shoes, a collector of same is called a

Sneakerhead.

- Researchers were able to mimic the voice of a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mummy by re-creating much of its vocal tract using medical scanners, 3-D printing and an electronic larynx. The mummy had little to say, however, even after all that time, as they produced just a single sound somewhere between the vowels in "bed" and "bad."
- Magnolia plants are so ancient that they're pollinated by beetles, as they existed prior to the appearance of bees.
- A study by psychologists found that when four- to

six-year-olds pretended to be Batman while doing a boring but important task, it helped them resist distraction and stay more focused. (We're trying this the next time we wash the dishes.)

• Tootsie Rolls were added to soldiers' rations in World War II due to their ability to withstand all weather conditions.

• In medieval games of chess, pawns that had been promoted to a queen were given the title of "adviser," so as to not imply that the king had more than one queen or was guilty of adultery!

• Those tears you see in the Tin Man's eyes in "The Wizard of Oz" were made of chocolate syrup, as machine oil didn't photograph well.

• Ancient Egyptians loved their cats so much that household members would shave their eyebrows as a sign of mourning when the cat died. Mourning ended when their brows had grown back.

Thought for the Day: "I never thought in terms of being a leader. I thought very simply in terms of helping people." – John Hume

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July 13

July 30

7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville.
 Call 518.568.7779.

Montgomery County Rabies Clinic 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Johnsville Town Barn, 7431 Route 5, St. Johnsville. For more information call 518.853.3531.

Stone Soup Concert 7 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

August 3-5

Young Pioneers Program. This day program offers youth ages 9-13 an opportunity to experience a bit of colonial life first hand. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

July 17

Cycle the Erie Canal PitStop at Schoharie Crossing 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Visitor Center & along the site.

July 23 and 24

Stone Arabia Preservation Society Quilt and Artisan Show. Friday 4-9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. At the Stone Church, 5414 State Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge. For more info or questions call 518.774.1998 or 518.993.4983.

July 24

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July 26-30

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American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference. Visit fortplain-museum.org email info@fortplain-museum.org or call 518.774.5669 for more information.

August 7

Paddle the Mohawk Valley with The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Launching from the Schoharie Aqueduct Boat-launch, arriving at Riverlink Park in Amsterdam. Find out more by contacting: www.eriecanalway.org.

Montgomery County Rabies Clinic 9-11 a.m. at Rural Grove Fire Department, 1192 Rt. 162, Rural Grove. For more information call 518.853.3531.

September 11-12

47th Annual Fort Klock Craft Fair 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fort Klock,

September 18

Evening at the Tavern 4-7 p.m. at 1747 Nellis Tavern, St. Johnsville. Reservations only 518.568.2997.

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October 9

Montgomery County Rabies Clinic 9-11 a.m. Florida Town Highway Department, Fort Hunter Rd., Minnaville. For more information call 518.853.3531.

October 15 - 17

Sir William Johnson and the Wars for Empire Conference presented by the Fort Plain Museum. Registration details TBA.

November 6

Montgomery County Rabies Clinic 9-11 a.m. at Mohawk Town Barn, 2-4 Park Street, Fonda. For more information call 518.853.3531.

December 5

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Fourth Hatchet Hardware location opens in Palatine Bridge

Hatchet Hardware of Palatine Bridge is an authorized Ace Hardware dealer located at 6133 State Hwy 5 in Palatine Bridge. Formerly Dutchtown Ace Hardware the previous owners sold the business in June of 2020 to retire and the Grasso trio consisting of brothers Angelo and Giovanni, and Giovanni's wife Erika decided to open their fourth Hatchet Hardware location (now there are five). The family has shops in Troy, Brunswick, Waterford and now Niskayuna, NY.

Hatchet Hardware strives to break the mold of the average hardware store, and Ace Hardware being a co-op gives the family the opportunity to do just that. With a few renovations to the space, they have been able to bring in a large home goods and gift section, houseplants, garden plants and flowers and in the winter they even have Christmas trees.

The family and the Hatchet Hardware of Palatine Bridge team celebrated their official grand opening weekend at the beginning of June where they were able to finally introduce themselves to the community. They look forward to many more exciting events to come at the shop and plan to add a greenhouse to the property in the coming months.



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Hatchet Hardware is located at the former Dutchtown Ace Hardware in Palatine Bridge. The previous owners sold the business in June of 2020. The store become the fourth Hatchet Hardware location in or near the Capital District region. Now there are five. The family also has shops in Troy, Brunswick, Waterford, and now Niskayuna, NY as well.

Class graduates from Herkimer College Pre-Employment Police Academy

After taking part in the Pre-Employment Police Academy in Herkimer this past year, 12 individuals are on their way to becoming police officers, having wrapped up their final courses in the certificate program this summer.

The 2021 graduating class is:

- Karl Baia, Amsterdam
- Jeffrey Chase, Ilion
- Thomas Chase, Johnstown
- Michael Inman, Utica
- Adam Johnson, Little Falls
- Garth Joseph, Ilion
- Emily Lincoln, Cherry Valley
- Dustin McCartney, Vestal
- Tyler O'Connor, Lake Pleasant
- Justin Richards, Fort Plain
- Timothy Scharett, Mohawk
- Jordan Zaccagnino, Cherry Valley

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Herkimer College's Pre-Employment Police Academy debuted in autumn 2018. In partnership with the Little Falls Police Department, the program covers Phase I of pre-employment basic training and puts graduating students in a position to secure employment in a police department. Coursework covers topics such as criminal investigations, community relations, emergency preparedness and more.

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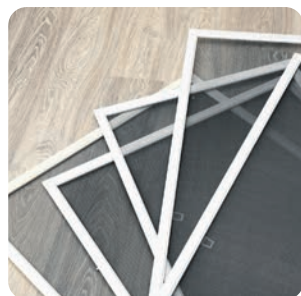
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Outdoor televisions up the ante in
outdoor living areas

Outdoor living areas provide a great way for homeowners to spend more time outdoors doing the things they love. That includes watching their favorite shows. Many homeowners take TVs designed for indoors outside when hosting game watches or movie nights under the stars. While such televisions can function outdoors, unless they're specifically designed for outdoor use, chances are they are not protected against the elements. Special enclosures built to protect indoor televisions can do just that, but homeowners also can consider TVs designed for outdoor use.

Outdoor televisions have become more popular as more and more homeowners look to extend their living spaces outdoors, and these uniquely designed televisions can often withstand elements

like rain without losing their functionality. Many outdoor TVs also are designed to handle reflection from the sun, ensuring that homeowners won't have to limit their outdoor viewing experiences to evenings or late nights when the sun has set.

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Bible Trivia

by Wilson Casey

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

2. From 2 Samuel 11, who received a letter from David telling him to put Uriah into battle? Gideon,

Ahab, Isaac, Joab

3. In Luke 12:27, what did Jesus say are better arrayed than King Solomon? Lilies, Angels, Trees, Sheep

4. Matthew, the tax collector, was known by

what other name? Levi, Felix, Reuben, Jehu

5. Who was the baby born of Zacharias and Elizabeth? Daniel, John the Baptist, Noah, David

6. Which king of Judah had his eyes gouged out? Uzziah, Ahaz, Jeconiah, Zedekiah

Answers: 1) Old; 2) Joab; 3) Lilies; 4) Levi; 5) John the Baptist; 6) Zedekiah

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Poison ivy: a troublesome native

by Nadie VanZandt, Extension Master Gardener,
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In summer, while vegetables and flowers thrive in the garden, so does poison ivy in backyards, woods, disturbed areas and anywhere else it can get a toehold. Challenging to recognize due to its changing shape in different environments, careful observation and some knowledge of poison ivy could help you avoid a nasty rash.

Poison ivy belongs to the diverse *Anacardiaceae* family known for plants that produce a highly toxic resin. *Anacardiaceae* consists of over 70 genera and over 800 species of trees and shrubs including sumac, cashew, pistachio, mango, Chinese lacquer tree and poison oak.

This North American native has an interesting history. In 1624, explorer John Smith described it as resembling English ivy and causing redness, itching and blisters.

As an exotic plant, it was exported to Europe for cultivation in royal gardens, notably flourishing in those of Empress Joséphine Bonaparte. During the 18th century, medical practitioners, intrigued by its adverse effect on the body, used it in misguided medical experiments.

In the 1920s, Rikó Majima, a Japanese chemist studying the sap of the lacquer tree (*Toxicodendron vernicifluum*), isolated the toxic compound and determined its chemical composition. He named it urushiol after urushi, meaning lacquer in Japanese. The Latin word *Toxicodendron* denotes the genus of the poisonous plants in this family.

Urushiol, found in all parts of the plant, is an oily resin that sticks to surfaces and easily penetrates the skin. It causes mild to severe cases of dermatitis in humans from reddening and itching, to extensive swelling and oozing blisters. Burning the plant causes urushiol to volatilize in smoke which, when inhaled, can lead to a serious adverse reaction and even death.

People highly allergic to urushiol also may react to fruit and nuts of the *Anacardiaceae* family. Urushiol, present in the skin of mangoes, can cause a blister rash on the lips.

Identifying and avoiding contact with poison ivy is the only way to prevent the rash. However, contamination from garden tools, and even pets, is a valid concern.

Both species of poison ivy, *Toxicodendron radicans* (a woody perennial shrub or vine) and *Toxicodendron Rydbergii* (a woody shrub or groundcover) thrive in the northeast. They grow best in full sun and moist, fertile soils but tolerate shade and adapt to a wide variety of conditions.

You can identify poison ivy by its alternate compound leaf with three leaflets. The central leaflet has



Poison ivy, recognizable by its leaves of three, thrives in a number of different habitats from backyards to wooded areas.

Photo by Nadie VanZandt

a longer stem at the base of a leaflet than the lateral leaflets. The leaflet's edge may or may not have lobes or notches but is not serrated. In addition, stems of poison ivy have no spines or thorns.

Wild raspberries and blackberries often are mistaken for poison ivy because they also have "leaves of three." The leaves of these bushes have serrated or saw-toothed edges, and their stems have thorns.

Poison ivy vines use aerial roots to cling to a host. They don't use twining petioles to climb. Their deep and fibrous roots grow from creeping underground rhizomes that can be found on the surface or six inches deep in the soil.

In June and July, poison ivy has flowers with five petals that grow in loose clusters. In September, it produces small round green drupes (fleshy fruit with a central stone containing the seed) in grape-like clusters. As a native plant, it provides a food source for many birds, small mammals and even livestock.

The best advice is to heed the words of the familiar adage, "Leaves of three, leave it be."

For more information on poison ivy and its control, consult the guidelines at bit.ly/3xoWrAB.

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When shopping for a home, buyers often try to envision themselves living in a given property. Images of family gatherings and holidays may instantly come to mind, but prospective homeowners also may begin to envision changes they would make to a property if they were eventually to call it home.

Changing an existing structure or building an entirely new home on an empty plot of land can be exciting. Such changes typically require excavation, which is a complicated process that may be necessary for projects big or small.

What is excavation?

Excavation is the process of extracting material from the ground by digging. Earth, rock and other materials may be moved during the excavation process.

Can do-it-yourselfers excavate?

Skilled DIYers who have participated in excavation projects in the past may be able to handle a project on their own. However, it's important that homeowners recognize that excavation is about more than just digging in the ground.

It's a complicated process that requires the use of specialized tools and equipment. In addition, a strong understanding of the land that will be excavated is required for the project to be safe and go smoothly.

Why hire an excavation professional?

Even the most skilled DIYer might be better off

hiring an excavation professional than going it alone. That's true for a number of reasons.

- **Liability:** Homeowners who hire a fully licensed and insured professional excavation firm can rest easy knowing that they will not be responsible for any damages or injuries that may occur during the project.

- **Permits/requirements:** A professional excavation firm typically files all the necessary paperwork for work permits or can advise which permits homeowners will need to go forward with the project. In addition, professionals will know the local laws regarding building and excavation. For example, homeowners

may be unfamiliar with the concept of lateral support, which refers to landowners' right to have their land physically supported in its natural state by adjoining land and underground structures. This is an important concept to understand during an excavation project, and professionals can advise homeowners if a project they want to undertake will violate lateral support laws.

- **Experience:** Perhaps the best reason to work with excavation professionals is their experience. A lack of excavation experience can result in

damage to a homeowner's property and surrounding properties, which can prove costly. DIYers may not know the type of soil they have on their property nor recognize the different types of challenges each type of soil can present during an excavation project. Such knowledge comes with experience and is often invaluable.

Skilled DIYers can tackle many home improvement projects on their own. However, the complex nature of excavation makes these types of projects the kind that are best left to skilled professionals.



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Stems, roots and rhizomes: Learn your produce

Fresh fruits and vegetables can be grown at home with relative ease. Home gardening also puts complete control into the hands of individuals who want to know how the foods they eat were grown and treated, providing a greater measure of control over their diets. A sense of pride also comes from having a thriving garden in the backyard.

When gardening at home, gardeners may not know which parts of the plant are edible and which must be discarded. The following rundown can answer those questions and help people become better gardeners.

Tubers

Certain plants have underground storehouses of nutrients. Tubers are modified plant structures that are enlarged to store nutrients. These subterranean caches actually are the edible part of the plant. Potatoes, sweet potatoes, cassava, jicama, yams, and Jerusalem artichokes are some examples of tubers.

Taproots

Taproots seem similar to tubers, but they are actually quite different. While tubers are a modified and engorged part of a stem system, taproots are the central root of a plant. Carrots, radishes, beets, and parsnips are popular examples of taproots.

Stems

When munching on a stalk of celery or roasting freshly picked asparagus, people may not realize that it's the stems of these plants that are being prepared and consumed. The stem enables water and minerals to travel up to the leaves. Rhubarb is another popular stem vegetable.

Leaves

Sometimes referred to as "greens," the leaves of many plants can be quite tasty. However, some leaves are simply edible all on their own. Spinach, parsley, chicory, lettuces, kale, arugula, and even dandelion leaves

are part of many different salads and recipes. Cabbage heads also are the leaves of the plant, but some people also define these tightly compacted leaves as shoots.

Rhizomes and bulbs

The Spruce defines rhizomes as modified stems that run underground horizontally and strike new roots out of their nodes into the soil. Certain produce, including ginger, arrowroot, ginseng, and turmeric, is often mistaken as a root vegetable, but is actually a rhizome. Bulbs also are mistaken for roots, but are short stems enclosed by layers of fleshy leaves, says the food resource NutriNeat. Garlic, onion, fennel, leeks, and quoniam are types of bulbs.

Fruits and flowers

Flowers turn into fruits in many cases, but some flowers are edible as well. Believe it or not, broccoli is a flower bud, as is artichoke and cauliflower. Fruits are more commonly recognized because they are fleshy foods that contain seeds. Tomatoes are fruits and not vegetables.

Learning more about produce can help people diversify their gardens and make for tastier meals.



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Annuals only grow for one season, produce seeds and then die. However, perennials die back to the ground every autumn and their roots survive the winter. So the plants reemerge in the spring, according to The Farmer's Almanac. Some perennials are short-lived, meaning they will come back a few consecutive years; others will last for decades.

Though planted perennials require less maintenance than annuals, they are not completely maintenance-free. Certain care is needed to help perennials thrive, and that starts with the soil. In fact, soil is the single most important factor for growing healthy plants. Penn State Extension says most perennials grow ideally in well drained, fertile soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0. In addition, organic matter can improve soil texture and water-holding ability.

When including perennials in the garden, make sure you wait for the right time to plant them. The ideal time is during the spring or fall. Perennials come as container-grown perennials, which already have been established in

How to care for perennials

the soil. Bare-root perennials are just roots that are often packed in peat moss. In order to plant bare-root perennials, soak the roots in water for several minutes before gently planting in the ground, indicates the how-to resource Tip Bulletin.

Perennials should be watered deeply, especially during the first growing season. However, the soil should never be overly dry or wet. Most perennials do not need to be fertilized heavily. A single application in the spring typically is all that's needed.

Care along the way can include deadheading spent flowers so that plants can use their energy on seed production and reblooming. Perennials should be divided when they grow large, every three to four years when the plants are not in bloom. Perennials produce fewer flowers or may look sickly when the time has passed to divide them. Early spring often is a good time to divide perennials, advises The Farmer's Almanac.

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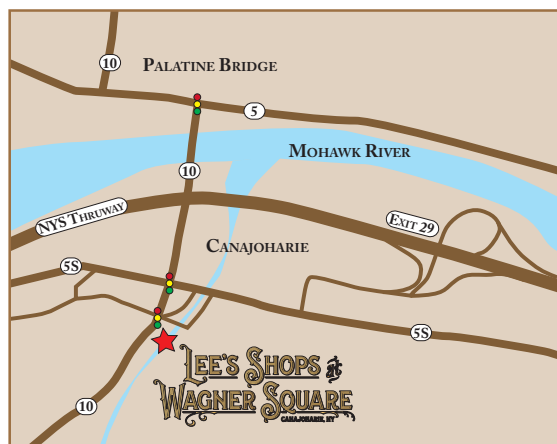
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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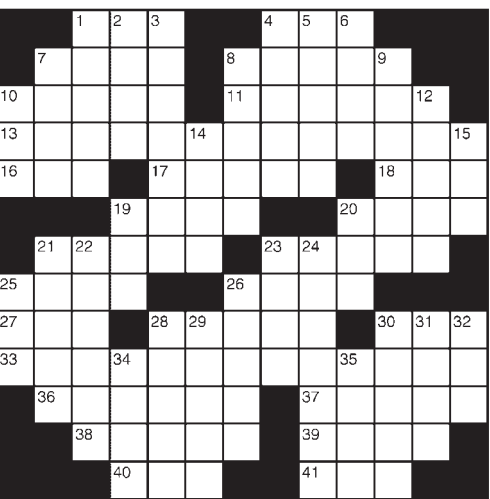
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Choose
4 Scale amts.
7 Diving duck
8 Diner workers
10 Dijon darling
11 Removes, as a brooch
13 Winter Olympics event
16 "— Clear Day"
17 Bolivian city
18 "Ulalume" writer
19 Favorites
20 Roman emperor
21 Drivers with handles
23 Battery part
25 Persia, today
26 "What's — for me?"
27 Lincoln or Ford
28 Accord maker
30 Baseball execs
33 2016 Best Picture nominee
36 Net defender in hockey
37 Separated
38 Island near Java
39 Apple variety



DOWN

- 1 Alpha's opposite
2 Lima's land
3 Performer with a baton
4 Candymaker
5 November birthstone
6 Revue segment
7 Tibia's place
8 Points
9 Took potshots
10 Corp. money manager
12 Napper's racket
14 Comestibles
15 Earth (Pref.)
19 Calligrapher's instrument
20 Word of denial
21 007 portrayer
22 Legendary French actress
23 "The King —"
24 Falls on
25 German pronoun
26 Draw a conclusion
28 Big wheels at sea
29 Leek's kin
30 Metric measures
31 Simple
32 Retired jet
34 Lectern locale
35 "Once — a time ..."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8	2		5			9		
5				3			2	
		6			9			4
7			4					2
	6			1			5	7
		5			2	3		
		7			5		6	
4			8	9		1		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

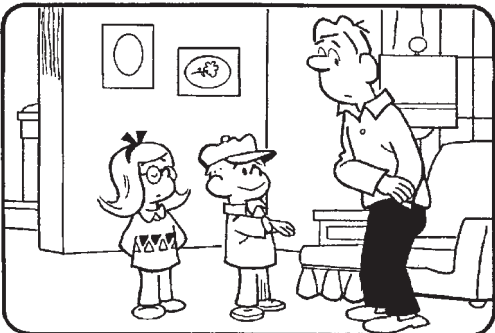
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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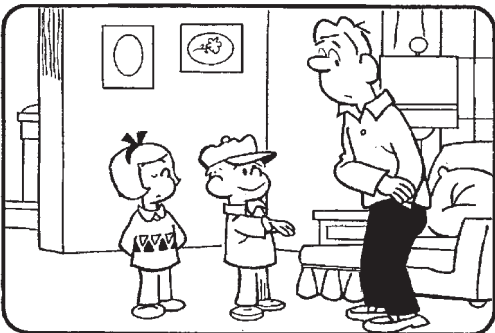
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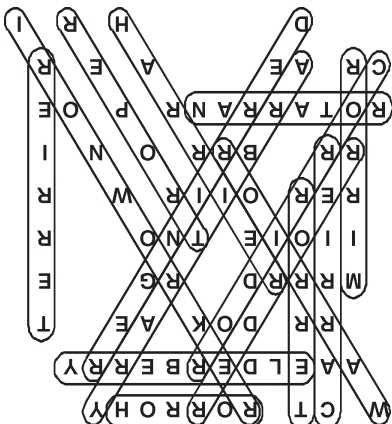
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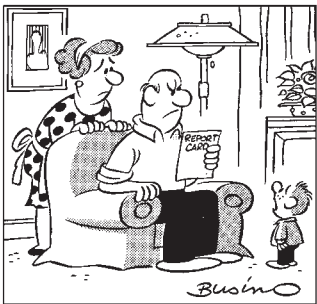
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is higher 2. Sweater is different 3. Glasses are removed 4. Hairstyle is changed 5. Pillow is added 6. Shoes are different



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Call	NECKBO		
Weapon	BEARS		

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a head-on collision with the leg of the couch. Charles expertly backed it away.

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"Both feet?"

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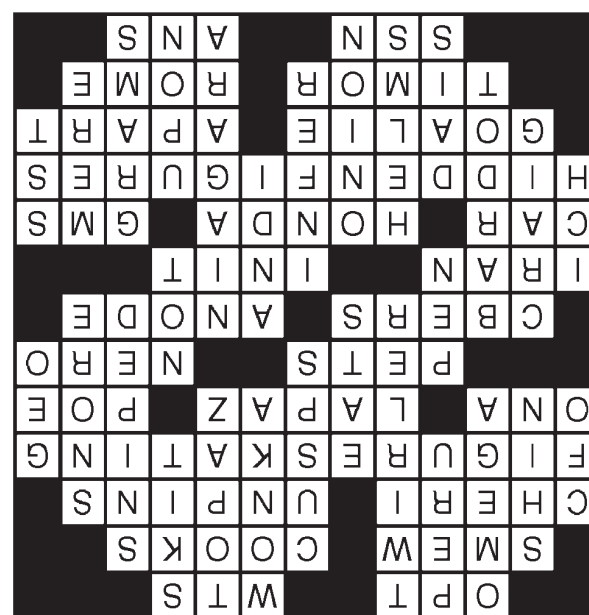
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PARENTS

Today's Word

1. Pierce 2. Piant; 3. Beckon; 4. Saber

solution

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