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202113450: Raised ranch located just outside of Sharon Springs. Close enough to everything you need, yet far enough away for peace and quiet! 2 bedrooms, with an extra space downstairs that could also be a bedroom. Beautiful views off the back of the property. Close to state land. With a little TLC, this home could be the perfect getaway! **\$85,000**



202120313: Looking for tranquility in the city of Amsterdam? This 2-family home is a hidden gem! Relax in the spacious yard with the sounds of running water flowing through the Chuctanunda Creek out back. Originally an 1880 farmhouse, it features much of the original woodwork, has newer replacement windows & vinyl siding & a two car garage. A large, private yard area, with distant neighbors & a two-way driveway. Would make a wonderful owner-occupied dwelling or keep as a desirable investment property. **\$139,900**



202122523: You will drive into this home that is set off the road & enjoy the quiet. 56.85 acres with trails throughout along with mature fruit trees, berries. Watch the wildlife out your window Also a pond with a camping area to spend these hot summer nights. This is a must see. **\$275,000**



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202111043: Looking to relocate from the city & work from home, or just quiet country living? This could be the place for you. This home has been well maintained: asphalt roof 2 yrs old, pellet stove 4 yr. old, hot water tank replaced 2019, septic pumped summer of 2020, Trex built deck 6/20, heat vents professionally cleaned 11/20. New refrigerator & stove. Don't hesitate, this will not be on the market long. PCD has been updated to reflect leechfield issue with septic. The seller will put the money in escrow at closing to cover the cost of extension. **\$175,000**



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202120768: 2-story, 2 possibly 3 bedroom home with a deep yard. Many improvements have been done to this home including new kitchen & baths! Yes it does need finishing work, but the price is right. **\$39,900**



202121758: Cute 3 bedroom home located in the quaint Village of Canajoharie. Beautiful hardwood floors lead you through this open & bright floor plan. Large kitchen & back patio for entertaining your guests. Fenced in backyard. **\$119,000**



202123562: Perfect location comes with this meticulously cared for ranch home located walking distance to the award winning East Hill School. We are excited to present this ranch home in an outstanding location. Hardwood floors throughout the 1st floor. The finished walk out basement is very well presented & could easily be used as a master suite. The inground pool with a natural bluestone patio complete the package! **\$179,900**



202117592: Brick Victorian style home with a huge detached garage. Features high ceilings, open staircase, hardwood floors, stained glass windows, large formal living rooms, French doors, & many nooks & crannies. Two front porches. Paved driveway with carport. **\$169,900**



202122893: Looking for country living, this 3 bedroom modular with a 2 car detached garage & 1 car garage under the house. Located on Pickle Hill Rd. just 2.2 miles from the Village of Fort Plain. Two large lawn areas on each side of the home. Large deck in the back & the yard is completely fenced in for kids or pets. It has a newer metal roof. **\$139,900**



202120364: 2-story, 2 family home fully rented. Each unit two bedrooms. Front porches. **\$79,900**



202122226: Cozy seasonal cottage located in Sacandaga Park. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with a bonus room. Open living room & dining room area. Updated kitchen & appliances. Upstairs comes fully furnished & downstairs furniture is negotiable. Beach access is only a short walk from the cottage. **\$229,900**



## Letter to the Editor ~ July 4, 2021

The 34th annual 4th on the 3rd Celebration has ended. In this first post-pandemic community event, the weather was unsettled and cool Saturday when crowds came and enjoyed an "Old Fashioned" Fourth of July at Wiles Park, Fort Plain.

This celebration was made possible because of our dedicated volunteers, financial donors, municipalities and donors of goods and services, too extensive to list individually in this letter. Thank you to the chairpersons who worked many extra hours. They are: Mayor Mark Nearbin and Jerry Ward (field logistics), Ron Paradiso (parking), Sandy Ward and Tom Armitstead

(barrel drive), Lori and David Fredericks (concession stand), Jamie and April Sharp (sanitation), Cindea Bradley (social media), April Johnson (treasurer and volunteer coordinator chairperson) and Jim Katovitch and Todd Smith (consultants). The chairpersons recruited over 100 volunteers to work the barrel drive, concession stand, traffic control, bounce houses, sanitation, setup and cleanup of the event. These people are your friends, neighbors, civic organization members and local businesses who all shared the common goal of community spirit and pride.

A big thank-you goes to AMVETS' Joe Ballas who planned the Veterans Helping Veterans ceremony. Bag piper Chris McGurk and his son performed patriotic tunes. Congressmen Antonio Delgado and Paul D. Tonko, and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara honored the event by speaking to a full house in the entertainment tent. Mr. Ballas led volunteer participants in 22-pushups in recognition of 22 veteran suicides every day. The Brad Schrell Memorial Squad did a 21-gun salute with Taps.

With a budget of \$20,000, our financial supporters deserve a huge thank you. The Big Bang Club, Firecracker Club and Corporate Sponsors together raised \$9,300. This generosity enabled us to provide a family fun day with little or no cost to attendees and showed us that everyone strongly supports this event.

We also want to thank the stewards of our safety: The Fort Plain Police Department, the Public Works Department, the Fort Plain Volunteer Fire Department and the GAVAC Ambulance who all did outstanding jobs.

Most importantly, we thank our families and neighbors who came together to join us in this celebration of our independence and freedom. Thank you for patronizing the civic organizations and local businesses, watching juggling and acrobatics, learning about our non-profit agencies and enjoying the music, ceremony and food. Thank you to all of the you who enjoyed the Majestic fireworks from Wiles Park and surrounding hillside areas (in part paid for by the \$6,330 raised through the community barrel drop toward the \$7,750 cost of fireworks). The celebration has grown to become a premier attraction for our communities in the Mohawk Valley. Seeing families and neighbors enjoy this event makes all the effort worthwhile.

My mentor, Jim Katovitch, shared with me the experience and knowledge he has gained over 20 years. Thank you, Jim! Without your help, I could not have chaired this event.

The Fort Plain Community Activity Council is proud of its accomplishments in bringing a unique, high quality and free entertainment to people in our communities. We thank everyone for the help and support they have given us this year and in past years.

*Peace,*  
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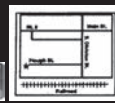


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Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site in Fort Hunter is excited to announce the return of the annual Not Just for Kids Storytelling series on Sunday evenings in August, starting at 6 p.m. This storytelling performance each week is open to the public of all ages. Local tellers with well-crafted tales will perform during the 29th year of this program at Schoharie Crossing.

On Aug. 1, Kate Dudding will perform "Pandemic Ponderings: Stories of How I've Been Coping and Finding Joy." Dudding is a storyteller from Saratoga County and has won several regional and national storytelling awards such as the Northeast Region ORACLE Award from the National Storytelling Network.

Aug. 8, Joe Doolittle of Scotia will be at the site to

tell "If the Waters Could Talk, the Stories They'd Tell..." This storyteller delivers with his humorous, good-natured style for audiences throughout upstate New York. He loves to tell personal and family stories and has developed many historically based tales about the early history of the Hudson and Mohawk valleys and the Erie Canal. Doolittle is also co-producer of Story Circle at Proctors in Schenectady.

Margaret French will perform the program "Nudging Reality" on Aug. 15. She is a regular storyteller at Caffè Lena and at Woodlawn Commons in Saratoga. French is also a member of the StoryCircle of the Capital District, LANES (the association for storytellers in the Northeast) and the National Storytelling Network.

Aug. 22, Jeannine Laverty will tell "Summer's on the Move." Laverty lives in Saratoga and has been telling international folk tales since 1979. She has taught weekend workshops in storytelling for adults at Sagamore and other Adirondack sites since 1980 and performs as part of the storytelling ensemble, SweetLand Storytellers.

Wrapping up the 2021 series on Aug. 29, Sandy Schuman will perform "New York's American Anthems:

The Stories of 'Yankee Doodle,' 'Take Me Out To The Ballgame,' 'God Bless America' and More." Schuman is a winner of the Susquehanna Folk Festival Liars Contest and the St. Louis Jewish Storytelling Contest and has been featured at the Northeast Storytelling Conference, Riverway Storytelling Festival, Caffè Lena, Proctors, Tellabration and Limmud Boston.

Not Just for Kids Storytelling will be held outside, under a tent near the Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie St., Fort Hunter. We encourage you to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket to sit on. The program begins at 6 p.m. and is free to the public due to the generous support of a Saratoga Arts Community Arts Grant that has been made possible with funding by the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature. Karen's Produce and Ice Cream is also another wonderful supporter of these programs.

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## Fort Plain Museum announces Mohawk Valley events

Moses Quinby Beekeeping Conference & Public Field Day, Young Pioneers Summer Camp and hours of operation all announced.

- The Moses Quinby Beekeeping Conference & Public Field Day will take place July 24 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fort Klock, 7214 NY-5, St. Johnsville. Contact 518.599.2450 or mosesquinby62@gmail.com for more information.

- The Young Pioneers Summer Camp will take place Aug. 3 - 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day at Fort Klock, 7214 NY-5, St. Johnsville. Contact 518.568.7779 or fortklockrestoration.org for more information.

The hours of operation for local attractions are as follows:

- The Fort Plain Museum - open six days a week (closed Tuesday), 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 389 Canal St., Fort Plain

- 1747 Nellis Tavern - open Sundays through September, 1 - 4 p.m. and by appointment at 315.866.2619, 7355 NY-5, St. Johnsville

- Fort Klock Historic Restoration - open Saturdays and Sundays - Call 518.568.7779 for hours and more information, 7214 NY-5, St. Johnsville

- Van Alstyne Homestead Museum - open Saturdays, 1 - 4 p.m., 42 Moyer St., Canajoharie

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## Calendar of events

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### July 24

Palatine Bridge. Friday 1-4 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-noon.

**Stone Arabia Preservation Society Quilt and Artisan Show.** 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.

**Moses Quinby Beekeeping Conference and Public Field Day** Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

### July 26-30

**Herkimer Vacation Bible School: "Jesus: Man of Mystery" Explore the "I AM" statements of Jesus** online or in-person with our multi-church collaboration! Pre-register at [www.HerkVBS.weebly.com](http://www.HerkVBS.weebly.com).

### July 30

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

### Aug. 1

**Not Just for Kids Storytelling Series** 6 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Kate Dudding will perform, "Pandemic Ponderings: Stories of How I've Been Coping and Finding Joy." For info call the Visitor Center at 518.829-7516 or [www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing](http://www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing).

### Aug. 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.

### Aug. 6-7

**Rummage Sale** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stone Arabia, Rte. 10N,

### Aug. 6-8

**American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference.** Visit [fortplain-museum.org](http://fortplain-museum.org) email [info@fortplain-museum.org](mailto:info@fortplain-museum.org) or call 518.774.5669 for more info.

### Aug. 6-9

**Washington D.C. Bus Trip.** Sponsored by American Legion Post 168. For more info contact Tony Susi at 518.332.1556.

### Aug. 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](http://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.

### Aug. 8

**Not Just for Kids Storytelling Series** 6 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Joe Doolittle of Scotia tells about "If the Waters Could Talk, the Stories They'd Tell..." For info call the Visitor Center at 518.829-7516 or [www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing](http://www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing).

### Aug. 9-13

**"Circle of Friends Ranch" Vacation Bible School** 9 a.m. - noon. at White Park, Montgomery St., Canajoharie. For five years olds through 6th grade grads. School breakfast and lunch provided. Call 518.673.5128 to sign up.

### Aug. 15

**Not Just for Kids Storytelling Series** 6 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Margaret French will perform the program, "Nudging Reality". For info call the Visitor Center at 518.829-7516 or [www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing](http://www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing).

### Aug. 22

**Not Just for Kids Storytelling Series** 6 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Jeannine Laverty will tell, "Summer's on the Move." For info call the Visitor Center at 518.829-7516 or [www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing](http://www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing).

### Aug. 29

**Not Just for Kids Storytelling Series** 6 p.m. Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter. Sandy Schuman will perform, "NY's American Anthems: The Stories of Yankee Doodle, Take Me Out To The Ballgame, God Bless America, and More." For info call the Visitor Center at 518.829-7516 or [www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing](http://www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schoharielcrossing).

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

### Sept. 18

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

**Montgomery County Rabies Clinic** 9-11 a.m. at St. Johnsville Town Barn, 7431 Route 5, St. Johnsville. For more information call 518.853.3531.

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## Former dairy farmer Teddy Wojcicki remembered

Tadeusz (Teddy) Wojcicki, 88 of Little Falls, and formally of the Town of Danube, Little Falls, NY passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 4 at Little Falls Hospital, with his devoted children by his side.

Teddy was born November 21, 1932 in Little Falls, the son of Peter and Victoria (Czech) Wojcicki. He was educated in Fort Plain schools.

His marriage to Stella (Rugla) took place on June 10, 1961 at the Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church in Little Falls. Teddy and Stella shared a blessed union for 58 years, until her passing on No-

vember 24, 2019.

For many years, along with his wife Stella, they owned and operated the family dairy farm on Fordsbush Road, Fort Plain, until their retirement in 1990. After their retirement from the dairy farm, Teddy along with his loving wife Stella enjoyed traveling, especially to Stella's homeland of Poland.

Teddy was a member of the Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks #2621, and during his membership received the honor of being Elk of the Year, for his dedication to the Elks organization and his local lodge.

He is survived by his son Mark Wojcicki, of Little Falls, and a daughter, Tammy Heiser and husband Steve, of Fort Plain, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and in-law family. Teddy had been predeceased by his sister, Wanda Wieczenski, and in-laws John and Mary Pawelek.

In honoring the family's wishes, there will be no calling hours. Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service for Teddy and Stella on Saturday July 17 at 11 a.m. at the Holy Spirit Polish National Cemetery, Town of Herkimer. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Vincent A. Enea Funeral Service, 527 E. Albany Street, Herkimer, NY 315.866.1500. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks Lodge #2621, PO Box 3, Fort Plain, NY 13339.

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## Family Counseling Center welcomes new staff members

The Family Counseling Center in Gloversville is happy to welcome 10 new staff members during the second quarter of 2021. The group joins an organization focused on building a healthy community through support, engagement and empowerment and includes the following individuals:

- Emily Blow, MHC
- Emilia Hahn-Zollo, MSW
- Kristen Hunt, MSW
- Emily Schopf, MSW
- Megan Seaman, MSW
- Erin Smith, (L)MHC
- Kelly Wentworth, MSW

They join an organization that has worked with the communities of Fulton County and surrounding areas for over

40 years, and is currently transitioning into an expanded 27,500 square foot space that, once complete, will house the Center's over 90 employees under one roof, recognizing that clients benefit when programs are co-located.

"We are excited to welcome our new team members to the Family Counseling Center," said Michael Countryman, Executive Director of the organization. "Their work is valued by us and by the clients they serve. Each of them is helping to build a healthy community."

For more information about the Family Counseling Center and its services, visit [www.thefamilycounselingcenter.org](http://www.thefamilycounselingcenter.org).



## Kale for autumn harvest

by Nadie VanZandt, Extension Master Gardener, University of Vermont

If your kale plants succumbed to cabbage worms, don't fret. You can start a second planting in midsummer to enjoy a bountiful harvest in the fall.

Kale is a good choice for succession planting because it thrives in cool weather, tolerates frost and matures quickly (40-65 days). This also applies to other plants with the same attributes such as collard greens, Swiss chard and leaf lettuce.

Before you begin, check the average frost date for your USDA hardiness zone at [planthardiness.ars.usda.gov](http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov). Using this information, you can compute an appropriate planting schedule.

After the summer solstice, the days get shorter and the air gets cooler. This causes plants to grow more slowly than in the spring. For this reason, it is important to include a couple of extra weeks to the "days to maturity" listing on your seed packet to determine a suitable planting date.

To find your midsummer planting date, add 14 days to

the days of maturity, and use this sum to count back from the average frost date.

As usual, remember to choose disease-resistant varieties. If you have kale seeds left

over from spring, use them.

Otherwise, this is a great time to try a new variety, such as red Russian kale (*Brassica napus* var. *pabularia*) with light blue-green leaves and purple

stems. With 50 days to maturity, this colorful variety is a good choice for direct seeding in midsummer and makes a stunning addition to any vegetable plot.

To prepare your planting

area, begin by pulling the early-season plants that have bolted or look tired.

Weed the area and remove the roots from the previous crops. Next, add some compost to replenish the nutrients and turn over the soil.

Direct seed the kale in a space previously occupied by a different vegetable plant. This practice of crop rotation helps balance soil nutrients and avoids propagating plant-specific diseases.

Once your seeds are in the ground, protect your seedlings from the sun. Add a layer of mulch, and keep the soil moist. If possible, use a shade cloth to keep the soil cool or take advantage of tall vegetables nearby to provide natural shade.

A shade cloth that completely covers your seedlings also can stop white butterflies from laying eggs on your plants. Later, this will prevent an infestation of cabbage worms.

During the cool days of autumn when other plants begin to slow down, kale continues to grow and develop a sweeter taste. You also may find that you will reap a better harvest in the fall since most insects do not survive cold temperatures.



*Kale can be planted in midsummer for a fall harvest as it grows well in cool weather, matures quickly and tolerates frost.*

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## Getting the garden ready for vacation

by Andrea Knepper, Extension Master Gardener Intern, UVM

As we finally begin to emerge from the pandemic, and travel options are opening up, many of us are planning to be away from home this summer or fall. Just as we need to make arrangements for the care of our homes and pets, our gardens also will need some attention in our absence.

Other gardeners in your neighborhood may be planning trips as well, so it may be worthwhile to ask around. Take turns checking in on each other's gardens. As an added bonus, you can see how other gardeners manage their space and what they are growing.

There are some things you can do to ensure your garden is thriving when you return, even if you are fortunate enough to have a neighbor or friend who is willing to check periodically.

If your planned absence is a month or more in the future, begin to water your garden more deeply and less frequently now. This will help the plants adjust to going longer periods without water.

You also can try adding mulch to those beds that require more water. Straw is a great option for this. Avoid using hay as it can contain weed seeds.

You can make a simple drip irrigation watering system out of used plastic water bottles for plants that need to be watered regularly. Dig a hole near the plant to hold the upside-down bottle upright. Use a nail to poke a few holes in the lid of the bottle. Fill the bottle with water and place upside down in the hole you dug. Water will slowly drip out and keep your plant watered. This also is a great solution for containers that dry out quickly.



Planning ahead when leaving on vacation will ensure that container plants and gardens will continue to thrive. Photo by Andrea Knepper

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One to two weeks before travel, begin to work on clearing your garden of weeds. Getting the weeds out will maximize the water available for your garden plants and ensure smaller plants are not blocked from sunlight.

This is also the time to harvest everything that is ripe. Remove all the ripe vegetables from your garden and eat, share or preserve them. Those ripe vegetables will start to rot and make more to clean up on your return.

Keep an eye on the forecast just before you leave. If it looks like it will be dry during your trip, water the garden well in the days leading up to your departure.

Resist the temptation to fertilize plants just before you go. The plants will need more water because of the increase in growth.

Herbs, tomatoes and other vegetables planted in containers typically need frequent watering throughout the season so can suffer in your absence. Move them into a shady spot that is protected from wind.

Consider setting up drip irrigation using the plastic bottle technique discussed above. Watering spikes, which work in the same way, can be purchased at your local gardening center.

These tips will still apply for travel during September and October as the growing season winds down. You should prioritize being aware of the forecast and adjust watering accordingly. With the cooler temperatures of autumn, you will likely want to water less intensely before you leave.

When you return from your trip, check for ready-to-harvest vegetables and tidy up any that have fallen or rotted. Water as needed.

Follow these tips, and your garden might not even notice you were gone.



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## To Your Good Health

by Keith Roach, M.D.

### Chronic vs. Acute Pain

**Dear Dr. Roach:** What is the difference between chronic pain and acute pain? How can I best describe my chronic pain when it is variable in intensity but negatively impacts so much of my life and my activities? Are there things my doctor should consider or suggest in my treatment or in communicating with me? - P.P.C.

**Answer:** Acute pain is usually due to an injury or infection, and we expect healing to occur relatively quickly. Chronic pain is expected to go on for at least six months. In some people, acute pain is not treated adequately at the time of injury, and the brain and body learn to be in pain chronically.

The reason for pain is perfectly obvious in some cases, but in others, it is not possible to identify the exact cause of pain. Most times, pain is due to damaged nerves (neuropathic pain), injury or degeneration in the musculoskeletal system (osteoarthritis and many kinds of back pain), inflammatory pain (due to infection or inflammatory diseases like rheumatoid arthritis) and compressive pain (such as kidney stones or cancer).

Chronic pain affects many parts of your life, and an experienced doctor will ask about the effect of pain on your social life, mood (depression is very common), relationships, sleep, exercise and occupation. People with more severe problems will have limitations in their activities of daily living.

Many people with chronic pain have almost given up communicating the scope of the problems they have, as they don't like "complaining" all the time, or they feel their loved ones are tired of hearing about it. However, getting a thorough history of the effect of all these dimensions of pain is important for your doctor. Questionnaires like the Brief Pain Inventory address more areas

of function than a typical 1-10 pain scale and may be useful to monitor response to treatment. Experts in pain management are more likely to have the knowledge and experience to communicate about pain effectively, and truly effective treatment for chronic pain requires understanding it.

There can be pain without suffering. Suffering is the emotional component brought on by fear: "How bad am I going to hurt today? Will I ever be able to work again? All of my relationships are suffering." Learning to live a function-centered life is key in the treatment of chronic pain. It isn't easy and requires a multidisciplinary approach.

The time of prescribing pain medications, especially opiates, without a comprehensive plan for long-term pain management, should be over.

**Dear Dr. Roach:** I'm a 79-year-young female and take one 200-mg tablet of magnesium oxide before bedtime to keep leg cramps at bay. I sleep really deeply and wonder if it has side effects or long-term consequences? I'm generally not a sound sleeper, so taking the MagOx daily seems to help me get a good night's rest. - J.L.

**Answer:** Magnesium oxide in the low dose of 200 mg is quite safe for most people. It is often used as an antacid at up to four times that dose. Diarrhea is the major side effect. In people with kidney disease, magnesium should be used with caution, and only at the advice of a physician.

It doesn't help everyone with leg cramps, but it is effective for some people, anecdotally. I have not heard of it making people sleep more deeply.

**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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# Herkimer BOCES honors local adult students



Some of the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Education Literacy Program graduates from the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years pose during a graduation ceremony in June at the Herkimer BOCES Complex. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

Fifty-two local adults were recently recognized for earning their diplomas through the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Education Literacy Program over the course of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

The Herkimer BOCES adult students graduated either by taking the National External Diploma program or the high school equivalency test known as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

They were then honored at the Adult Literacy Graduate Recognition Program on Wednesday, June 23 at the Herkimer BOCES William E. Bussacker Complex in Herkimer.

Herkimer BOCES wasn't able to host a graduation ceremony last summer for the 2019-20

graduates due COVID-19, so the 2019-20 graduates were invited to join the 2020-21 graduates at this year's ceremony.

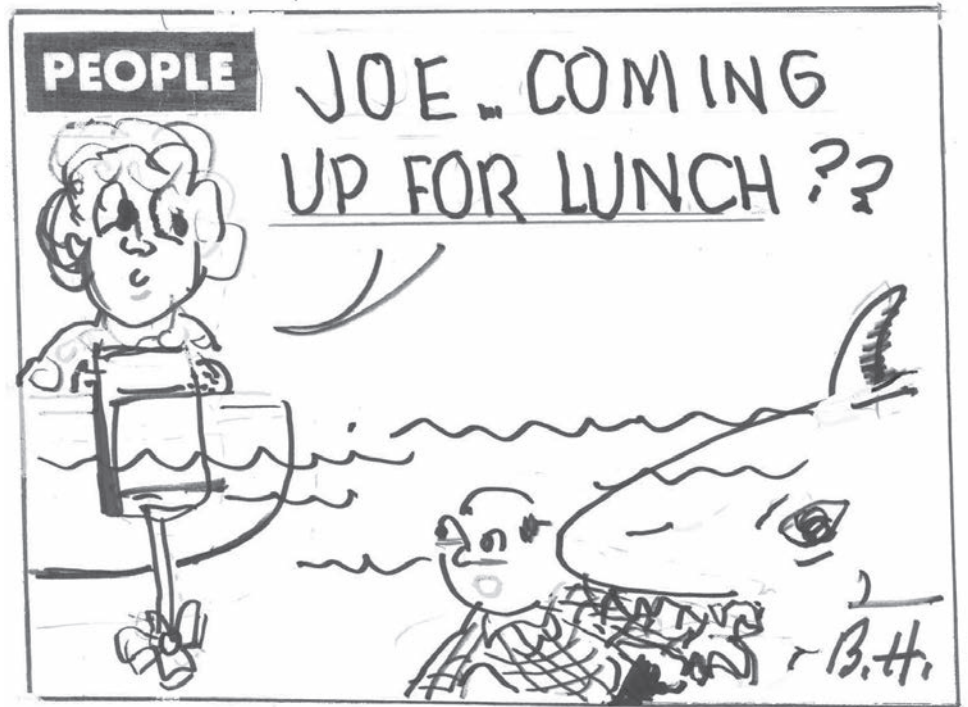
The following is a list of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 adult literacy graduates:

- National External Diploma graduates: Christine McLean, Manesha Miner, Kaylee Nichols, Lori Seeley, Alyssa Smith and Stephanie Winn

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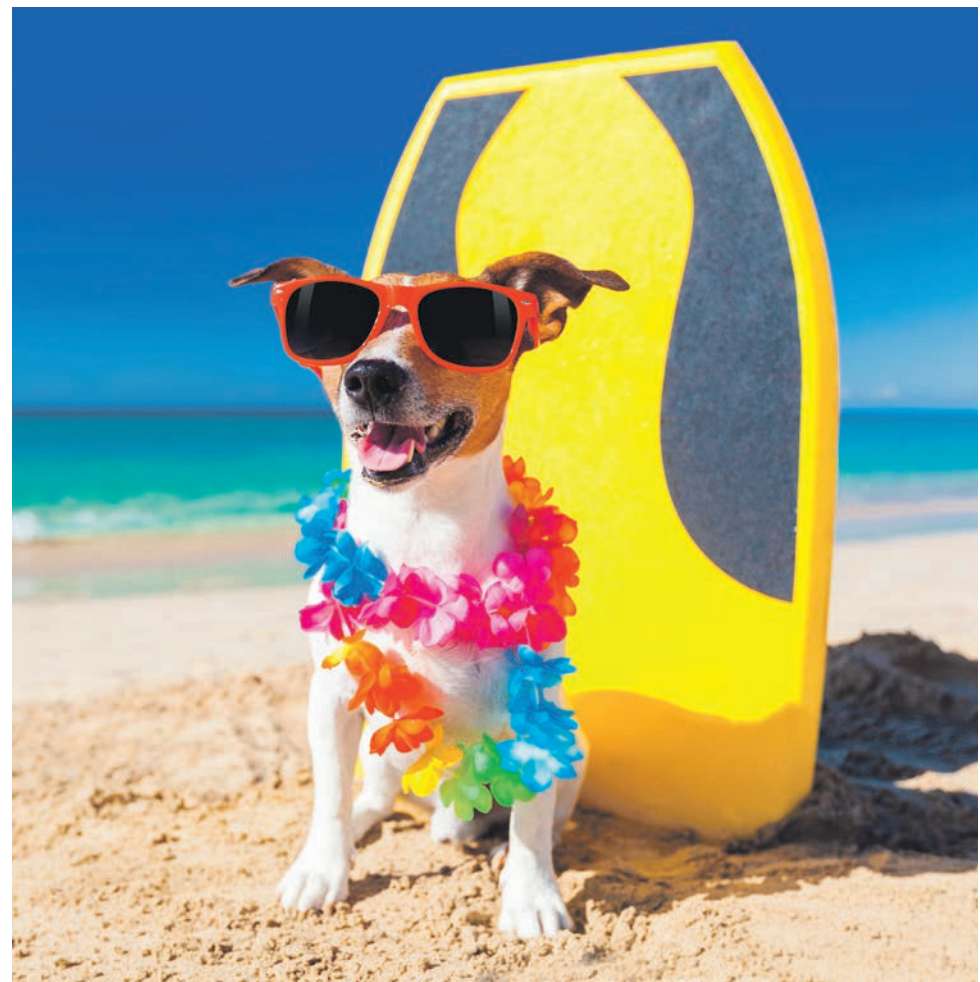
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## Safety first when clearing land

New homeowners often see their homes as blank canvases. Looking at a home as a blank canvas is typically associated with its interior, but it also can apply to landscaping.

Homes are empty of furniture and decorative items like photos and art on the walls when new homeowners move in. That makes it easy to see the interior of a home as a blank canvas. But that's not always so easy in the garden or the yard, where brush, overgrown plants or trees and other eyesores might have been left behind by the previous owners. A landscape must be cleared out before it can be seen as a blank canvas. Though clearing land may seem like a straightforward process, no one knows what lies beneath overgrowth or neglected areas of a yard or garden. Do-it-yourselfers can typically clear land on their own, but some safety strategies should be kept in mind to ensure the process goes smoothly.

- Wear appropriate PPE. Personal protective equipment should be worn when clearing land. The appropriate PPE when clearing land includes attire and other gear that many homeowners likely already have on hand. A long-sleeve shirt, puncture proof pants and gloves and slip-resistant work boots should be worn when clearing land. Homeowners also may want to invest in a hard hat if they will be cutting branches off of trees or cutting trees down. A face shield also may be a good bet depending on the scale and potential dangers of the project.



Carefully inspect the area to be cleared prior to starting the project.

- Contact your utility company. Overhead power and telephone lines are visible to the naked eye, and homeowners should be conscious of those lines as they cut any high branches. But underground lines are not visible, and that can make clearing land dangerous. Homeowners are urged to contact their utility companies before they begin to clear any land so they can determine if any underground lines are beneath areas they intend to clear out.

- Get a lay of the land. Carefully inspect the area to be cleared prior to starting the project. Inspections can reveal the density of any vegetation that may need to be removed and reveal if there are any harmful plants like poison ivy growing. Many DIYers can remove small trees on their own, but a professional tree service may be necessary for large trees or those located close to

the house. Homeowners won't want to cut down a tree, even a small one, if it can potentially fall onto the house. In addition, homeowners who are unfamiliar with chippers or stump grinders may be better off hiring a tree service to clear trees.

- Don't go it alone. No one should clear land alone. Even small projects are best tackled by at least two people. Should someone get injured during the project, the presence of another person ensures someone can immediately call for help. In addition, clearing land can be more difficult than it appears, and having at least two people to pull old shrubs or carry tree branches reduces the risk of injury.

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by Lucie Winborne

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- Master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock was an ophobe, or someone who is frightened of eggs.

- Children of identical twins are genetically siblings, not cousins.

- Notwithstanding the fact it has no feathers, beak or talons, the Goodyear Blimp is the official bird of Redondo Beach, CA.

- James Cameron sold the film rights to "The Terminator" for \$1. It went on to earn a worldwide total of \$78.3 million at the box office in 1984.

- The comb jelly, aka the warty comb jelly, sea walnut or *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, is the only known animal to have a transient anus - or, in more common parlance, a disappearing butt.

- The green code in "The Matrix" was actually created from symbols in the code designer's wife's sushi cookbook.

- Comic Sans, designed by Vincent Connare in 1995, has been labeled the world's most hated font. Even its creator isn't much of a fan, admitting that he has only used it once, to write a complaint letter to his internet provider. At least he received a refund.

- Australia's Lake Hillier and Hutt Lagoon are known for their vibrant pink and lilac hues, due to the presence of the algae *Dunaliella salina*.

Thought for the Day: "There is something beautiful about all scars of whatever nature. A scar means the hurt is over, the wound is closed and healed, done with." – Harry Crews



## Now Here's A Tip

by JoAnn Derson

- Dill planted near tomatoes will draw caterpillars away from the fruits, and it's delicious.
- Potato salad will have more flavor if you whisk together all the dressing ingredients and add it to the potatoes when they are warm. The potatoes will absorb the ingredients better, and the flavor will develop even more during refrigeration.
- "I love to grill, and when it's nice out, we grill every weekend. I always put on extra and use the leftovers through the week. Chicken in salad, a nice flank steak for fajitas, etc. And it means less cooking for me!" - Y.L.

in Maryland

- Here's a great recipe for an icy treat: Freeze orange juice or apple juice in ice trays. Throw a handful in the blender for a fruit slush that can't be beat on a hot day.
- "A lot of smoke was coming off our grill, and our patio doors were wide open. Long story short: It swamped the living room with smoke. The smell was a little overwhelming. After we closed the door, my neighbor doused a kitchen towel with white vinegar, wrung it out and waved it around the room. It cleared out the smoke smell right away and the vinegar smell

went away just as quickly. What a miracle!" - F.F. in South Carolina

- Got poison ivy? The maddening itch might find relief from coffee grounds or a cooled cuppa. It contains anti-inflammatories.

## Good Housekeeping

### Grilled Lobster Tails with Nectarine Sauce

A simply prepared dish that's sure to impress, perfectly grilled lobster with a sweet, spicy, citrusy sauce makes a complexly flavored and delicious main dish.

Ingredients:

- 2 nectarines
- 1 scallion
- Juice of 3 limes
- 1 lime
- 2 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon finely minced seeded habanero pepper
- 4 lobster tails

Directions:

1. In a food processor, puree nectarines, scallion, 2 tablespoons lime juice, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt and habanero pepper. Transfer to a medium bowl and set aside.
2. Heat grill to medium-high. In a small bowl, whisk together re-

maining lime juice, olive oil and salt. Split lobster tails lengthwise, remove membrane if desired and brush meat with the lime-oil glaze. Place lobsters on grill, meat side down, and roast for 4 minutes; turn over to shell side and grill until meat is opaque and cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes more.

3. Transfer to a platter, garnish with lime wedges, and serve with reserved nectarine sauce. Serves 4.

# Summer Vacation



## Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

### Cat Owner Defends Free-Range Felines

#### Dear Paw's Corner:

As an owner of six indoor cats, I would like to respond to your recent article ("Cats shouldn't get free pass to poop"). In the past two years we have had to pay over \$300 for damage done by chipmunks to our car. We cannot have a raised garden here due to rabbits, groundhogs, deer and chipmunks.

When my cats used to be outdoors, I saw very few birds killed by them. Generally, it was mice and moles. My cats would kill snakes and scare off the squirrels.

I brought my cats indoors because of coyotes in the area. Also, one of my cats was attacked by a neighbor and had to be put to sleep.

If there were no cats, you would be totally overrun by mice and rats. How would you like that? I suggest that you print

this letter, that you do not shorten it, that you apologize for what you said about cats and that you think twice before you put something like this in writing again. Thank you. - Debra in West Virginia

**Dear Debra:** I will apologize ... for shortening your letter, as we have limited space. You raise many good points based on your personal experience. Cats do keep many rodents at bay, because they are incredibly good hunters. But they are at grave risk being outdoors, from coyotes, from feral cats carrying diseases and from humans who do evil, foul things.

The article that offended you raised many good points about the damage that outdoor cats can do to neighbors' property, and the danger they pose to small creatures. I'm glad you're keeping your cats safe indoors. Doesn't your experience prove the point that cats are safer inside?

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## 5 ways to pamper yourself more often

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many people scrambling for ways to unwind without risking their health or the health of others. For more than a year, opportunities to let loose and have fun have been stymied by the cancellation of concerts, theater shows, sporting events, family holidays, and so much more in the name of public safety. Individuals can look to coping strategies to find silver linings. Pampering oneself can be a healthy and enjoyable endeavor to explore.

Pampering means different things to different people. Pampering involves indulging in self-care strategies to improve mental, physical and emotional health. Pampering can provide a respite from stress, enabling one to switch off his or her brain for a bit. Rest assured that pampering doesn't have to involve big expenses, and many pampering sessions can take place right at

home. The following are five pampering ideas to explore.

### 1. Take a nap

Getting enough restful sleep is essential for your overall health. The Sleep Foundation says people who work multiple jobs or for extended hours may not have enough time for sufficient sleep, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates one in three American adults do not get enough sleep. Getting seven or more hours of sleep per night is important, but you also can add to your sleep bank by taking short naps in the early afternoon. A nap can reduce stress and elevate the mood. Stick to a snooze of 30 minutes or less.

### 2. Indulge in a luxurious practical item

Instead of splurging on something that is whimsi-

cal or unnecessary, allocate some disposable dollars to something functional — but put a luxurious spin on it. Think of buying a set of silk bedsheets or indulge on a high-end cut of meat for a family dinner. You'll feel rewarded without feeling guilty that you were wasteful.



### 3. Schedule a salon service

Hair, nail or skin services enable you to get away from home for an hour or more and devote time all to yourself. Plus, you'll have the benefit of walking out of the salon looking like the best version of yourself.

### 4. Take a hot bath

People may be pressed for time when engaging in their daily beauty and grooming routines. A 10-minute shower before work might not provide the relaxation and sense of escape you need. Set aside a time in the evening to soak in the tub and let stress as well as aches and pains melt away in the water. Scent the water with essential oils for a relaxing aromatherapy session.

### 5. Find a simple pleasure

Display fresh flowers on the table, listen to some favorite music while cleaning the house or plan a homemade meal for yourself accompanied by a fine wine. Planning for a simple pleasure once or twice a week gives you something to look forward to.

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## Bible Trivia

by Wilson Casey

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

2. From Genesis 21, who did Abraham banish to the desert in addition to Hagar? Laish, Haman, Ishmael, Laban

3. Which two disciples asked Jesus if they could sit on his right and his left? Philip, James, Thomas, John

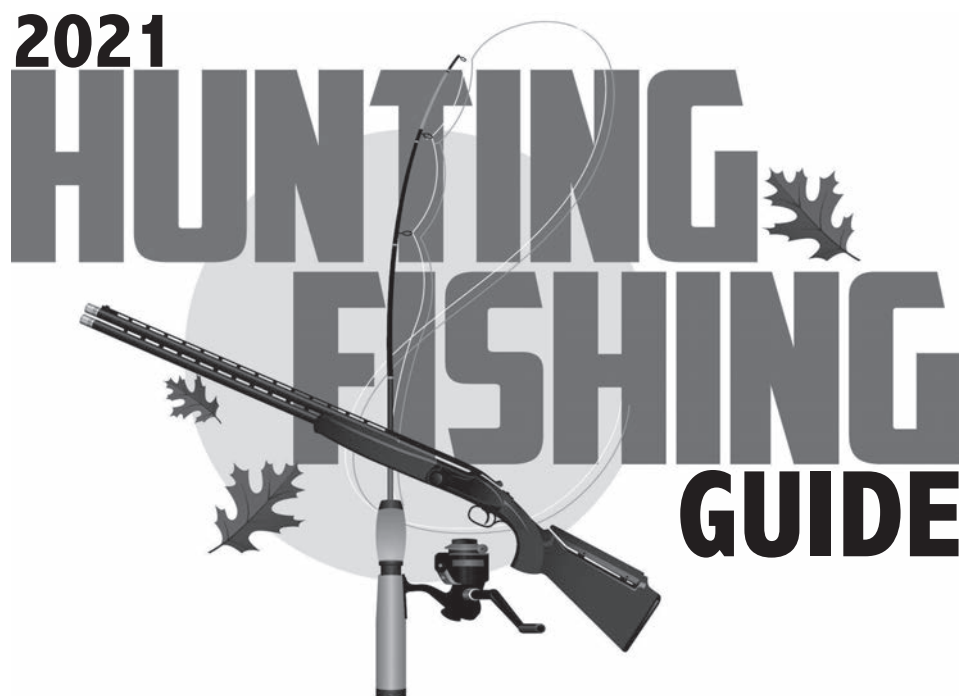
4. Samson was put into prison as a political ene-

my of whom? Romans, Israelites, Philistines, Assyrians

5. From Matthew 17, who did Jesus send fishing to find tax money? Andrew, Peter, Paul, Judas

6. After her first husband died, who did Ruth marry? Isaiah, Ahab, Boaz, Jehu

Answers: 1) Neither; 2) Ishmael; 3) James/John; 4) Philistines; 5) Peter; 6) BOAZ



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# Grilling turns the breakfast tables on a beloved staple

Grillmasters insist that just about everything tastes a little better when cooked over a flame. Even though grilling often is reserved for lunch or dinner, there's something to be said about preparing breakfast on those hot grates as well.

According to Andrew Schloss and David Joachim, authors of the cookbook "Mastering the Grill: The Owner's Manual for Outdoor Cooking" (Chronicle Books), there's reckless abandon involved in standing by an open fire in a robe preparing breakfast. It can turn a mundane morning into one right out of a camping expedition. For their "Grilled French Toast," the extra crunch and slight char grilling provides catapults this breakfast staple to another level of flavor.

### Grilled Stuffed French Toast

#### Makes 4 servings

- 1 loaf Italian bread
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 3/4 cup blueberries
- 5 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half or milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of kosher salt
- Oil for coating grill grate
- 1/4 cup Orange Honey-Butter Glaze (see below)

1. Cut off and discard a small diagonal slice from each end of the bread. Cut the bread on the diagonal into about eight 1 1/2-inch-thick slices. Cut a slit through the top crust of each slice to form

a deep pocket.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, 3 tablespoons of the confectioners' sugar, and the almond extract. Stir in the blueberries and spoon the filling equally into the bread pockets. Lay the stuffed slices of bread in a shallow 4-quart baking dish, such as a 15-by-10-inch dish.

3. Clean and dry the bowl, then use it to whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, vanilla extract, salt, and remaining 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar. Pour the mixture evenly over the bread. Carefully tilt the pan and swirl the egg mixture to completely coat the bread. Let sit for 30 minutes, or cover and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.

4. Heat the grill to 350 F for a gas grill, medium ash for charcoal, and medium ash for wood.

5. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the French toast on the grill and cook until nicely browned and crisp on the outside, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter and, using a pastry or basting brush, brush both sides with the Orange Honey-Butter Glaze.

### Orange Honey-Butter Glaze

#### Makes 1/4 cup

- 2 tablespoons butter, well softened
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- Pinch of grated nutmeg

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# Fall in Love with a Shelter Pet

Loveable dog Rocky at  
MC-SPCA, recently  
diagnosed with cancer,  
looking for a new home  
Montgomery County SPCA  
searches for the right family

What would you do if you had 1,416 days to live? That is the heart-breaking question the staff at Montgomery County SPCA had to ask resident Rocky recently. Rocky is a mixed breed dog that has long been a favorite of the staff and volunteers at MCSPCA during his stay, due to his energetic nature and positivity.

"This week, we received the unfortunate news that a tumor that was removed from Rocky has come back positive for cancer," said Michael Buckley, Interim Executive Director of the MCSPCA. "Rocky has been diagnosed with Keloidal Fibrosarcoma, and has been given an estimated survival time of 2-3 years. We were all shocked to hear it, but it made us work harder than ever to find the right family for this wonderful dog. He deserves a loving home for these remaining years."

Buckley explained that since the tumor is only a grade one, Rocky's time

with his new family could be longer, and it is very unlikely the tumor will grow in other places. The tumor most likely will grow back in the original area and will require continued surgeries to remove it when it does come back.

The staff circulated a memo with an imagined response from Rocky to his news. "1,416 days?!

That is like 9,912 dog days, I could do so much! I could go for a long walk or go for a car ride to get a hamburger and go for another walk! I have endless energy, so I really like going for walks. Make more friends! I would really like to have a dog friend to play with, I bet I could make a lot of friends in all that time! But that still leaves me with so many days! Maybe my walks could turn into hikes, or boat rides? I have never been on a boat, but maybe I will love it! The world is just a beautiful place, and I want to be able to see it all!"

"More than anything, we want to see Rocky go

Rocky 25

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**Rocky from 24**

to a good home and be loved by his new family," Buckley said. "A diagnosis like this is never easy, but Rocky is a great dog and will give a lifetime of wonderful memories to the right people. Please share Rocky's story, we want to get this loving boy into a home as soon as possible!"

People who are interested in meeting Rocky can get in touch with the Montgomery County SPCA at 518.842.8050, to set up a time to visit the shelter. A full list of the adoptable pets can be found online at [www.mc-sPCA.org](http://www.mc-sPCA.org)

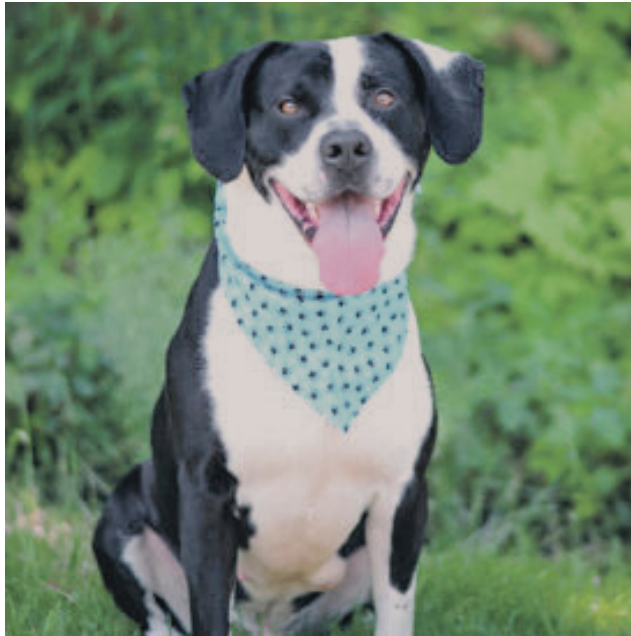
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by Linda Thistle

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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.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Consumer Alert: The Division of Consumer Protection and DMV warn of text message phishing scam

Scammers Use Fake Text Message to Try to Get Users to Click on Fraudulent Link

The NYS Division of Consumer Protection and the Department of Motor Vehicles recently warned New Yorkers of a text message phishing scheme. Phishing texts are fraudulent messages designed to obtain data or sensitive personal information to be used to commit identity theft or trick the recipient into installing malicious software onto a computer or mobile device.

The illegitimate text messages reference the Secretary of State NY Drivers License Facility and tells recipients they are required to update their data for their current NY Drivers License. Anyone who received such a text message should delete it right away.

To help protect against phishing or smishing (SMS phishing) scams, the NYS Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Division of Consumer Protection recommend the following precautions:

- DO exercise caution with all communications you receive, including those that appear to be from a trusted entity. Inspect the sender's information to confirm the message was generated from a legitimate source.

- DO keep an eye out for telltale signs of phishing - poor spelling or grammar, the use of threats, the URL does not match that of the legitimate site. If the message does not feel right, chances are it is not.

- DON'T click on links embedded in an unsolicited message from an unverified source.

- DON'T send your personal information via text. Legitimate businesses will not ask users to send sensitive personal information through text message.

- DON'T post sensitive information online. The less information you post, the less data you make available to a cybercriminal for use in developing a potential attack or

scams.

For more information on phishing scams, as well as steps to mitigate a phishing attempt, visit the NYS Office of Information Technology Services Phishing Awareness resources page at [its.ny.gov/resources](https://its.ny.gov/resources) or the Division of Consumer Protection Phishing Scam Prevention Tips page at [dos.ny.gov/identity-theft-prevention-and-mitigation-program](https://dos.ny.gov/identity-theft-prevention-and-mitigation-program).

The NYS Division of Consumer Protection serves to educate, assist and empower the State's consumers. For more consumer protection information, call the DCP Helpline at 800.697.1220, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or visit the DCP website at [dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection](https://dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection). The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nysconsumer](https://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer).

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## King Crossword

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- 4 Toy block name
- 8 Narcissist's love
- 12 Bashful
- 13 Cameo shape
- 14 Russian river
- 15 Home
- 17 Wheels of fortune?
- 18 One of the Fab Four
- 19 Doze
- 20 Con games
- 22 Facebook action
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- 31 Big D.C. lobby
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- 35 Swiss peaks
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| 51 Stately tree     | 19 Epidermis            | 36 "Adam Bede" author |
| <b>DOWN</b>         | 20 Rosebud, to Kane     | 37 Poet Teasdale      |
| 1 Leary's drug      | 21 Pisa farewell        | 38 Roasting spot      |
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| 4 Venue             | 25 Faucet problem       | 42 Wee dollop         |
| 5 Satan's forte     | 26 Letter holder        | 43 Sugary suffix      |
| 6 Lass              | 27 Ms. Brockovich       | 44 Moray, for one     |
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The swimming hole in Lewis Creek has been there since Indian times, of course, and the tire swing was probably preceded by simply a rope with knots in it. It is one of the summer lodestones of our existence. Each summer we have to make our pilgrimage in the hot sun to the hole below the little waterfall, to the place where Lewis Creek widens and deepens for the benefit of hot, dry people before becoming just a creek again. And in this widening of the creek, this sacred place in our summer lives, we also play witness to the passage of years.

Across the creek from the tree with the tire swing, the gravelly bottom extends gently with almost no current for 10 feet or so. This is the baby beach, where

squealing tots are allowed to cool off without benefit (or hindrance) of any more covering than the smiles of their parents. As the children grow, they venture farther out into the current of the creek and test their strength against the forces of nature. By the time a youngster is eight or 10, the seduction of the tire swing becomes overwhelming and the flailing of the arms and legs against the blue of the sky begin. Later still, when gangliness becomes fluidity and sleekness, and we want to make catlike moves to attract the opposite sex, the tire is used as a swinging platform for exquisite dives into the deep part of the creek where the big trout lie in cold holes.

And as we age, and we watch our children come to love the hole in Lewis Creek, and as we sip lemonade in the shade as our grandchildren work their ways up the swimming hole chain of life, we can look at the splashing of the creek and see, with each sleek dive, with each laughing bellyflop, the diamonds of the creek sent skyward, and the laughter stays with us and keeps us strong and makes us feel rich, and fortunate.



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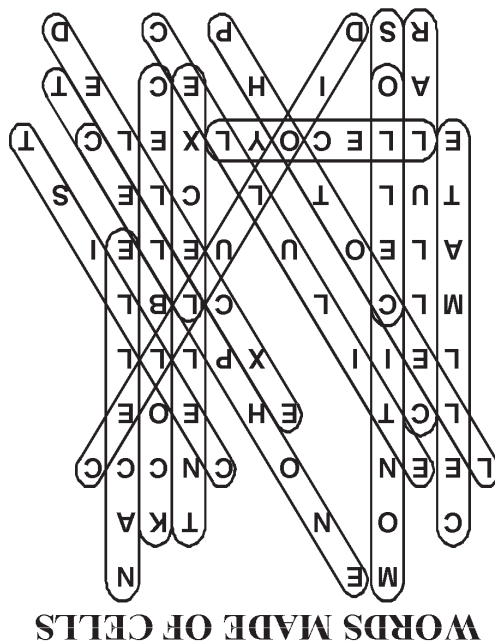
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