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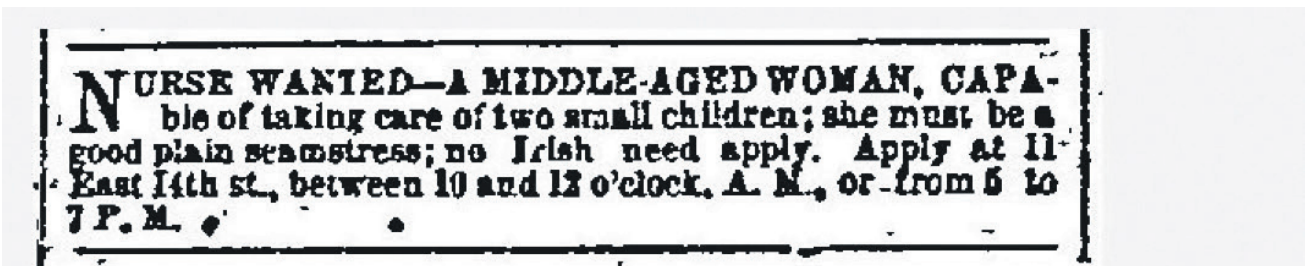
## 'No Irish Need Apply' event set for Feb. 23

Is the "No Irish Need Apply" construct fact or myth? Very few signs still exist that once read "No Irish Need Apply" and the ones that do exist were often proven to have been made up reproductions. Searches of classified ads from that time, however, tell the story that there was indeed a significant level of discrimination of Irish and many other nationalities emigrating to the U.S.

The political cartoons by Thomas Nast and published in Harper's Weekly and other print media of the day depicting Irish immigrants as violent, ill-tempered simians

played no small role in fueling the discrimination fires. It was not the landed-gentry class that made up the majority of Irish immigrants, but rather the agricultural laboring class fleeing famine and anti-Catholic discrimination by the British ruling class. These depictions were not new but followed the Irish across the sea – the British press were equally cruel.

Presenter Mike Carroll will show examples of 19th century cartoons and political pamphlets that indeed fomented the mid-19th century discriminatory practices towards the Irish and



Wanted advertisement displaying the qualification "No Irish need apply." The New York Herald, Vol. XXVIII Issue 186, Page 11. 7 July 1863.

other immigrants. We will further see how the Irish overcame this discrimination taking up powerful positions as civic leaders and fueling American progress.

The Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley current COVID policy re-

quires proof of vaccination. You will be notified via Eventbrite email of any change in our COVID policy prior to this event. Changes to our COVID policy will be published

on our Facebook page and through other media outlets.

This "No Irish Need Apply" event will take place Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Irish Cultural Center of the

Mohawk Valley Museum, 623 Columbia St., Utica. This event is free. Register through Eventbrite at [eventbrite.com/e/no-irish-need-apply-tickets-258558684987](https://eventbrite.com/e/no-irish-need-apply-tickets-258558684987).



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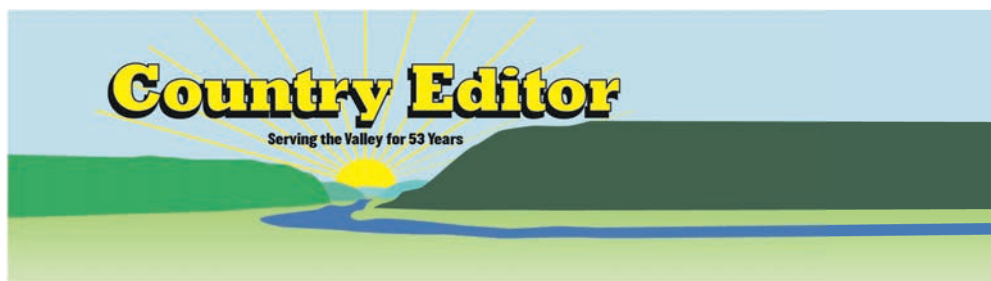
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## Virtual Black History Month event

A free virtual Black History Month event called “The Revolutionary World of a Free Black Man: Jacob Francis: 1754-1836” as presented by William Larry Kidder will be presented on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. This is a free Zoom event. Registration is required. Visit [tinyurl.com/2bhxv6nd](http://tinyurl.com/2bhxv6nd) to register.

In addition to this free event, the Fort Plain Museum is running an online book sale to celebrate and honor George Washington’s birthday and Black History Month. Save 10%

off your entire purchase plus free shipping by using code FEB2022. Visit the museum’s online bookstore at [fortplain-museum.square.site](http://fortplain-museum.square.site).

### About the Talk/Book

This is the story of a free black man, Jacob Francis of Amwell township, Hunterdon County, NJ, who was indentured out by his free black mother to the age of 21.

Five different men “owned his time” during his indenture and each provided a different experience for him. The last man lived

in Salem, MA, and Francis lived there between 1768 and 1775 during the buildup to fighting in the American Revolution.

Francis enlisted in a Massachusetts Continental regiment in October 1775 and served through the siege of Boston, the New York campaign and the Battle of Trenton. When his enlistment expired on Jan. 1, 1777, he left the army and went back to his birthplace to find his mother and learn his family surname. He established himself in Amwell and turned out

for active militia duty for the rest of the war.

In 1789 he married an enslaved woman named Mary whose master sold her to him on their wedding day. He freed her and together they raised a family of nine children. After their life of farming, Jacob and Mary moved into the village of Flemington about 1811 and lived there the remainder of their lives.

### About the Author

William “Larry” Kidder was born in California and raised in

California, Indiana, New York and New Jersey. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Allegheny College. A U.S. Navy veteran with service in Vietnam, he considers teaching to be both his vocation and avocation, continuing in retirement after having taught for 40 years in public and private schools. For 30 years, Kidder has been a volunteer historian, interpreter and draft horse teamster for Howell Living History Farm.

This event is made possible through an anonymous donor.



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*The March 5 issue will have two sections spotlighting Ilion, Frankfort and Mohawk and Johnstown and Gloversville! Small business make the world go 'round! Deadline February 25.*



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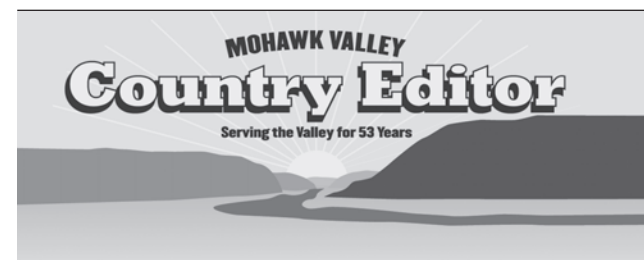
## OUTDOOR LIVING & LEISURE

*The March 5 and March 12 issues will highlight landscaping, patios, decks, sheds, outdoor furniture, boats, RV's & recreational vehicles. Deadline February 25 (March 5 issue) Deadline March 4 (March 12 issue).*



## NYS MAPLE SYRUP WEEKENDS

*The March 12 and March 19 issues will have information on locations and activities during the fun-filled weekends. Deadline March 4 (March 12 issue). Deadline March 19 (March 19 issue).*



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## New Herkimer BOCES LPN class aims to meet demand for more nurses

There are 15 local adults on their way to potential careers in healthcare thanks to an additional class started by the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program this winter.

The decision was made in late 2021 to add a part-time nursing class starting on Jan. 3, 2022, in order to boost overall enrollment and provide more opportunities for adults looking for nursing careers.

The class filled up quickly with the maximum of 15 students accepted into the program in just three weeks, Herkimer BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program Coordinator Sara Nicolette said.

"That's all I could fit in the room," Nicolette said. "There was such a demand that we had some people that weren't able to take the entrance test because all available test slots were taken."

The Herkimer BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program, located at the Herkimer BOCES Remington Educational Complex in Ilion, provides education and training for adults in the region to become licensed practical nurses. In addition to

this one-time new class, there is a full-time class that starts in July and part-time day and evening classes that start in September.

Nicolette said she believes the new class filled up so quickly because of the need for more nurses in the healthcare industry.

"Currently, there's a tremendous shortage of nurses at all levels – especially LPN – so the salary has gone up with the demand," Nicolette said. "I think people have realized in our current economy that this is a field that gives them some financial stability."

Nicolette said the deadlines to apply for the next classes are June 1 for full-time and Aug. 1 for part-time day and evening.

"Based on current phone call volume, we are anticipating next year's classes to fill just as quickly," she said. "I am anticipating wait lists for the next classes, so people who are serious about it need to apply now."

The first step to apply is by calling 315.867.2206 to schedule an entrance exam. More information is available by visiting [www.herkimer-boces.org](http://www.herkimer-boces.org) and clicking on the "Adult LPN Program" button on the homepage.

new class will integrate with the second-year part-time evening students in September 2022 and then will graduate as LPNs in June 2023.

"Especially with our part-time classes, it allows people to pursue a nursing career and still work and take care of their family," Nicolette said. "It's off to a great start, and these people will graduate in 18 months."

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Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Adult Practical Nursing Program students in a new part-time class that started on Jan. 3 participate in class on Jan. 31, at the Herkimer BOCES Remington Educational Complex in Ilion. More information on the nursing program is available by visiting [www.herkimer-boces.org](http://www.herkimer-boces.org) and clicking on the "Adult LPN Program" button on the homepage. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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## Robert A. Payack

**Monday, October 31st, 1960 - Saturday, October 23rd, 2021**

Robert A. "Bob" Payack, 60, of Schenectady, New York unexpectedly passed away on October 23rd, 2021.

Born Robert Andrew Payack on October 31st, 1960, in Denville, NJ, and was the beloved son of the late Walter and Mary Payack.

Bob will always be remembered as a kind man with a gentle spirit, a devoted husband, a loving and inspirational father, and an accomplished machinist and business owner who served his community and had genuine compassion for people. He was a member of Cobleskill Full Gospel Church. He loved the Lord and enjoyed playing the trumpet with the worship team.

Bob grew up in Branchville, NJ, and was a graduate of Sussex County Vocational and Technical High School, class of 1979 with a major in Drafting and Mechanical Design. He was a Varsity Soccer player and a member of the National Honor Society. He relocated to Fort Plain, NY in 1983 to help run the family dairy farm. Bob focused his career on mechanical design and worked for several Fortune 500 companies, occasionally traveling to Europe on business, and held a U.S. patent for one of his designs. Bob's entrepreneurial spirit led him to open his own business that his father Walt started at the "Farm Shop" Diversified Machine & Tool, which would later move to Canajoharie.

Bob's specialties were machine repair and design, and supported many local businesses and their large industrial equipment. He also welcomed many farmers in need of machine repairs and fabrication of new parts. Bob had acquired specialty laser aligning equipment and was quite often in demand to set up and align complex production process line equipment to very critical tolerances and had established himself as a leader in moving multi-ton machinery with precision. Big jobs, small jobs, Bob was always ready and often traveled much of the Eastern U.S. and Canada aligning, setting up, commissioning, and troubleshooting complex machinery lines. He had a real knack for getting the job well done and earned the respect of many over his years of service.

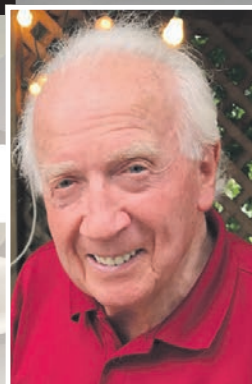
Bob meant so much to so many. He touched the lives of many people on numerous levels. He always loved a challenge and had a God-given gift for finding solutions to problems. He could fix what most others would have called nearly impossible. He was a humble, gracious, and giving man who would help anyone with anything. That was his nature, often putting his own needs aside.

Bob is survived by his beloved and loving wife of over 36 years, Nancy, devoted and loving father of his beloved daughter, Judith, his brothers Walter Payack Jr. of Carmel, IN, Andrew Payack of Fort Plain, NY, Michael Payack of Little Falls, NY, his sister Laura Payack of Coeymans, NY, and numerous nieces and nephews.

At this time, we would like to send our sincere gratitude to our devoted friends and family for the outpouring of love and support during our devastating loss. We sincerely appreciate your kindness and all you have done.

We were truly blessed to have Bob and he will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him. Due to COVID, there were no public services held.

*With Sympathy*



## Obituary of Milton Krutz

Mr. Milton Krutz, 88, of Shultze Street, Canajoharie, New York died peacefully Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady.

Born on May 24, 1933, in New York City, he was the son of Milton and Kristina Yurik Krutz. He was a graduate of Canajoharie High School, class of 1950 and had been a lifetime area resident, wintering in Punta Gorda, Florida from 2008-2019.

Milt was a born salesman. He started Milt's Electrical and Plumbing Contractor Business, then he went to work for Wimble Real Estate in Sloansville which started his real estate career. Taking what he learned from this job he became the Real Estate Broker and Owner of Krutz Properties, which he started in 1991 which he sold and retired from in 2006.

He was of Methodist faith.

Milt was the President of the Fort Rensselaer Club and was a member of the Eccentric Club in Gloversville. He had a love for aviation and was a talented woodworker. He was a natural handyman. He loved traveling with his beloved wife, Barbie. He enjoyed barbequing and spending time with friends and family.

On October 6, 1990, at the United Methodist Church of Canajoharie, Milton was married to Barbara Perkins.

His sons, Brian Scott Krutz, Alan J. Krutz; great-grandson, Ellis Ganter; and half-sister, Joyce Dillenbeck predeceased him.

Mr. Krutz is survived by his wife, Barbara Krutz; sons, Duane and Sue Krutz, Shawn and Anne Krutz, Darrin Krutz; stepdaughters, Linda and Scott Blomquist, Donna and David DeLuca, Julie and John Washburn, Laurie and Tom Weingart; 16 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in memory of Mr. Milton Krutz to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Memorial and Honor Program-F, 501 St. Jude Place, TN 38105-1905.

## Central Valley CSD Foundation recognizes employees of the second quarter

The Central Valley Central School District Foundation recently named the district's employees of the second quarter.

"These employees have really made a lasting impact on our students," said JoAnn Duga, Foundation president. "We're so thankful for these women and are glad to let them know their dedication to our entire district doesn't go unnoticed, especially as they continue to adapt to such a challenging educational environment."

The recognition program acknowledges students and employees each quarter with the hope that there will be recipients from each school building: Fisher and Barringer elementary schools, Jarvis Middle School and CVA High School, as well as at the district level and CVCS bus garage. If no nominations are received for a building, an additional student or

employee from another building may be recognized.

The employee recipients include Karen K. Casler, office assistant II at CVA; Karen Crouse, teacher at Jarvis; Betty Keeler, teacher aide at Fisher; and Virginia Knapp, teacher aide at Jarvis. No nominations were received for Barringer Road, the CVCS bus garage or for the district level.

While the Foundation did not receive any nominations for student recognition, Duga acknowledged the hard work students have put in this school year.

"Our students continue to make us proud in the classroom and in all of their extracurricular endeavors," Duga said. "They work hard every day and are great representatives of the Central Valley district."

Community members who would like to nominate a faculty or staff member for the quarterly recognition can find the nomination form at [cvalleycsdfoundation.org](http://cvalleycsdfoundation.org) or on the Central Valley Central School District Foundation Facebook page. Selected employees and students will be announced near the end of each marking period.

For more information about the Foundation, contact Duga at 315.894.3116 or [joanndugaCVAFoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:joanndugaCVAFoundation@yahoo.com).

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## Conferences are back for 2022 at Fort Plain Museum

The Premier History Conferences are back for 2022 at the Fort Plain Museum. Events will include the ninth annual Conference of the American Revolution, March 18 - 20; the American Revolution Conference in the Mohawk Valley, June 9 - 12; and Sir William Johnson and the Wars for Empire, Oct. 21 - 23.

The American Revolution Conference in the Mohawk Valley registration opens on March 1, including conference and bus tour. Visit [tinyurl.com/yd6kkew9](http://tinyurl.com/yd6kkew9) for more Revolution War Conference information. You may also contact [info@fortplainmuseum.org](mailto:info@fortplainmuseum.org) or call 518.774.5669.

Speakers/topics include:

- Fireside Chat with John "Jack" Buchanan and Guest Host Bruce M. Venter - "Rice Kings, 'Pack of Beggars' and Smelly Continentals: Revolution in the Deep South with the Swamp Fox, the Gamecock and Other Characters 'Agile, Mobile and Hostile'"

- Edward G. Lengel - "Enigmatic Warrior: Light-Horse Harry Lee and the Southern Campaign"

- William M. Fowler Jr. - "The Revolution's Odd Couple: John Hancock and Samuel Adams." This talk is supported by the Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation.

- James Kirby Martin - "A Contagion of Violence: The Human Slaughter in Frontier New York: 1775-1783"

- Mark Edward Lender - "John Brown's Raid on Fort Ticonderoga in September 1777"

- Ricardo A. Herrera - "Feeding Washington's Army: Surviving the Valley Forge Winter of 1778"

- Eric H. Schnitzer - "Brave and Gallant: Black and African American Military Men at Saratoga"

- Lindsay M. Chervinsky - "Councils of War and the Cabinet: How the Revolutionary War Shaped the Presidency"

- Craig Bruce Smith - "The Interests of Our Dearest Country: Honor and the Continental Army"

- David Head - "George Washington and a Very Mysterious Business: Tracking Down the Newburgh Conspiracy"

- Christian McBurney - "Dark Voyage: An American Privateer's War on Britain's African Slave Trade"

- Glenn F. Williams - "Leadership from Both Sides During the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign of 1779"

- Robert A. Selig - "The Road to Yorktown: Moving the Army from Newport, RI, to Yorktown, VA"

The Sir William Johnson and the Wars for Empire Conference registration is now open. Visit [tinyurl.com/bdft92vh](http://tinyurl.com/bdft92vh) to register. The conference includes nine speakers and a bus tour. David L. Preston, an award-winning historian of American military history and author of "Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela" and "The Road to Revolution" is the conference's Head of Faculty.

The nine speakers and topics include:

- David L. Preston - "William Johnson's Shaping of the Operational Environment in 1755"

- Darren Bonaparte - "Wampum: Sir William Johnson and the Haudenosaunee"

- Ben Hughes - "The Siege of Fort William Henry, a Year on the Northeastern Frontier"

- Michael G. Laramie - Talk 1: "King William's War: The First Contest for North America, 1689-1697." Talk 2: "Queen Anne's War: The Second Contest for North America, 1702-1713."

- Jon-Eric Nelson - "Connecticut Provincials at the Battle of Lake George"

- Jon W. Parmenter - "The End of an Atlantic Life: The Death of Sir William Johnson (1774) in Imperial Context"

- Timothy J. Shannon - "Indians and Colonists at the Crossroads of Empire: A 20-Year Retrospective"

- Tim J. Todish - "A Most Troublesome Situation: The British Military and the Pontiac Indian Uprising

of 1763-1764"

- Glenn F. Williams - "William Johnson and King George's War (1744-1748)"

The bus tour is "Major General William Johnson's Victory, Sept. 8, 1755 - Oct. 21, 2022." Join tour leaders David L. Preston and Bruce M. Venter as they guide you along Johnson's victory on Sept. 8, 1755 at the Battle of Lake George. The battle was a significant event in the first year of the French & Indian War as it garnered evocative recognition for the Mohawk Valley resident. The tour will visit each site associated with this important battle: Bloody Morning Scout, the Lake George Battlefield and Bloody Pond. Time permitting, we expect to visit Johnson's home, Old Fort Johnson, on our return from the battlefield. Lunch will be provided at the Lake George Battlefield Park.

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This conference includes:

- Edward G. Lengel, Head of Faculty - "Some Desperate Glory: The Battles of Connecticut Farms and Springfield, June 1780"

- Michael Gabriel - "To Induce the Officers & Soldiers to Exert Themselves: Plunder and Trophies in the Revolutionary War"

- Michael Harris - "Germantown: The Battle for Philadelphia, October 1777"

- Cole Jones - "Captives of Liberty: British, German and Loyalist Prisoners of War and the Politics of

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# Herkimer County Youth Art Month Opening

The Herkimer County Youth Art Month Opening will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. at 403 Canal Place, Little Falls. Snow date is Feb. 17.

Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts in Little Falls will be home to more than 65 art pieces created by student artists ranging in age from kindergarten to seniors, and their teachers, from nine schools that make up six districts in Herkimer County.

The show is free and open to the public with an opening gallery viewing for families and administration Tuesday, Feb. 15 from 4:45-7 p.m. Snow date on Feb. 17. This is a great opportunity to visit the Arts Center and support the young artists from your communities.

March celebrates Herkimer County Youth Art Month, coordinated by Herkimer Jr. Sr. High School Art Teacher Heather McCutcheon. "The common theme is reflection. All of the student and teacher works are a reflection on what we learn from each other."

This event gives young artists an opportunity to show their

work outside of the school environment and inspires other artists of all ages. Art is a positive way for students to express themselves.

In 2022, Mohawk Valley Cen-

ter for the Arts celebrates 40 years of Art in the Mohawk Valley. MVCA Executive Director Mary Ellen McGillan said, "The Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts is delighted once again to participate in the NYS Youth Art

Month Exhibition - Reflections 2022. A special thanks to Linda and Alan Vincent for providing underwriting for this exhibition." The show runs now until to Mar. 14. Gallery hours are



Thursday-Saturday 12-4 p.m.  
**Schools participating**  
 • Little Falls Elementary, Middle & High School (Little Falls CSD)- Art Teachers Wendy Rockwell, Kara Milianta, Adrienne Watson and Christina Davis

• Herkimer Jr./Sr. High School (Herkimer CSD) - Art Teachers Leah Zorn and Heather McCutcheon  
 • Barringer Road Elementary School (Central Valley CSD) - Art Teacher Cheryl Hicks  
 • Richfield Springs Elementary (Richfield Springs CSD) - Art Teacher Karen Sportello  
 • Dolgeville Middle and High School (Dolgeville CSD) - Art Teachers Floretta Prestigiaco and Lisa Rohacek  
 • Mount Markham High School (Mount Markham CSD) - Art Teacher Meghan Pagano

**Participants include**  
 • 10 art teachers  
 • 6 districts (of the 10 districts in the county)  
 • Works from: Kindergarteners to 12th graders  
 • Works from the teachers also  
 • An Estimated of 65 pieces will be on display.  
 • There will be 2d and 3d works.

For more information, contact Mary Ellen McGillan at 808.282.7494 or Heather McCutcheon at 315.269.8730.

Conferences from 11 - Vengeance"

• Larry Kidder - "Ten Crucial Days: Washington's Campaign Against Trenton and Princeton"

• Mark Edward Lender - "Cabal! The Plot Against George Washington"

• James Kirby Martin - "Reconciliation or Independence: Understanding the Rebel Insurgents of 1775-1776"

• David Preston - "General George Washington: Echoes of the Seven Years' War in the Revolutionary War"

• Eric Schnitzer - "Make Way for New Interpretations: Don Troiani's Campaign to Saratoga - 1777"

• Gary Sellick, Dr. Robert J. Christen Emerging Scholar - "Black Men, Red Coats: The Creation of the Carolina Corps in Revolutionary South Carolina"

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## Tax warrants now searchable on the NYS Tax Department website

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance on recently announced the availability of a new search tool on its website to ease access to information about open tax warrants.

By making this already public information more easily accessible, news media, researchers and others who may be interested now have more efficient access to the latest balances owed by tax debtors.

“We are continually striving to enhance the way in which we interact with taxpayers, the news media and all New Yorkers,” said Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. “This new search tool, which can be used by anyone at any time to access public information, is another step in our effort to improve the taxpayer experience.”

The NYS Tax Warrants search tool is available 24/7 and doesn't require a log-in or account to access. It's updated regularly to provide current warrant balances, which was previously unavailable online and could only be obtained through an official request to the Tax Department Public Information Office.

This new search feature provides access to data on open tax warrants only. When a tax debt is paid in full, the warrant is satisfied and no longer accessible using the search tool. For information on a satisfied warrant, visit the NYS Department of State's Tax Warrant Notice System.

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## Center for Family Life and Recovery, Inc. includes suicide prevention services

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The pandemic has played a huge factor in people experiencing anxiety, depression, or other mental health disorders and it has been harder for mi-

norities to access mental health and substance-abuse services. Suicide rates have increased among Black adolescents in recent years. Black girls in ninth through 12th grades were 60% more likely to attempt suicide compared to white girls the same age.

The Center for Family Life & Recovery, director of Prevention Services, Jodi Klostrich urges "Let's talk about it, ask the questions, get involved, be supportive and lessen the stigma surrounding mental health. Everyone struggles in their life with something, no one is im-

mune to life's challenges and there is no discrimination regarding mental illness or addiction. What is critical to saving a life is recognizing someone is struggling and really having a difficult time and asking them questions while being supportive. When someone is having an increased risk of mental health challenges this can increase the risk of suicide."

If you know or feel you or a loved one is struggling with a mental health condition, there is something you can do. If you or your loved one needs immediate help, call: 911, MCAT at 315.732-

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## -ATTENTION-

The Dolgeville Central School District will be conducting public informational meetings for its proposed Capital Improvements Project at the following municipal locations:

- Salisbury Town Hall - Thursday, February 10th @ 6:30 p.m. •
- Stratford Town Hall - Thursday, February 10th @ 7:30 p.m. •
- Manheim Town Hall - Monday, February 14th @ 7 p.m. •
- Dolgeville Village Hall - Tuesday, February 22nd @ 5:30-6 p.m. •

There will also be a **Public Hearing** held at the Dolgeville Central School Sam Camardello Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, **February 15th @ 6 p.m.**

The **Public Vote** will be held at the Dolgeville Central School High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, **March 1st** from 2-8 p.m.

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the corridor, it counts. Sign up for a 15-mile Challenge and log your miles by Feb. 28 to earn your badge.

Sign up now at [eriecanalway.org/explore/challenge](http://eriecanalway.org/explore/challenge)

**Ideas for Logging Miles**  
 • **Hike at a local, state or national park.** Take in the beauty of the season

on winter trails. See some of our top suggestions below and visit the New York Canals Map for more.

• **Skate outside.** Take a spin at the outdoor rinks in Albany or Schenectady. Estimate miles based on the time you spend or use a fitness app to track them.

• **Take a walk at a lock**

**park.** You'll get a fascinating glimpse of the structural "bones" of the canal when it is not full of water.

• **Try the Canalway Trail.** Cross country ski, snowshoe or hike. Check conditions as some sections may be icy.

• **Reward yourself.** Enjoy your favorite beverage or treat yourself

to a special snack after your workout.

• Try our top picks for parks:

(from east to west)  
 Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site, Fort Hunter

Fort Stanwix National Historical Park, Rome  
 Old Erie Canal State Historic Park, DeWitt to

Rome  
 View the canals map [nycanalmap.com](http://nycanalmap.com)

### Stay in touch

Stay up to date with all things 'February 15' and connect with other challengers in the Canalway Challenge Facebook Group at <https://m.facebook.com/groups/CanalwayChallenge/>.

## Upcoming events at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

So far this year we have offered a couple of online programs, both of which you can view on our Schoharie Crossing YouTube site along with other great videos. Check them out by visiting [tinyurl.com/5329ptmk](http://tinyurl.com/5329ptmk)

We had a good turnout for both Katy's program on the Broom Factory in Fort Hunter, as well as OCHC's presentation on the Cheese Factory System. We'll continue in February with online programs with our Lunchbox Lesson series and Third Thursday Winter Lectures. The remaining lecture will be held on Feb. 17. This Winter Lecture will be at 7 p.m. and the topic will be Child Labor on the D&H Canal with Bill Merchant

We've also scheduled an in-person program on Feb. 23. Take a Winter Walk with us at 1 p.m. from the Visitor Center

to Yankee Hill Lock. You can opt to walk back or you can leave a vehicle in the parking area there. This is a 2.5-mile excursion along the old Towpath of the Erie Canal.

### Aqueduct Stabilization:

The project moves forward and is under review by engineers. Final permits and plans should be issued shortly. More information after an upcoming meeting.

### Current Staff Projects:

Staff at the site is conducting research as well as planning for programs, educational field trips, outreach programs and more. There is also a re-organization project underway for our filing system and other storage. Building and Grounds crew member Jim has constructed new informational kiosks that will be installed once the weather

warms in the spring. Some minor painting in the office and staff use areas will also be occurring.

### Upcoming March Programs:

• A Lunchbox Lesson will be held on Tuesday March 8 with Kelly Farquhar on Women's Suffrage in Montgomery County. It will be offered online at 1p.m.

• A Winter Lecture will be held on Thursday March 17 with Craig Williams on Canal Contracts. Online at 7 p.m.

• A Winter Walk will be held on the March 30 for National Take a Walk in the Park Day at 10 a.m.

Spring Volunteer Days will be: Canal Clean Sweep, Saturday, April 23 and I Love My Park Day on Saturday, May 7. You can register on [www.ptny.org](http://www.ptny.org)

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# Home Country

by Slim Randles

**H**e almost gave heart attacks to two old ladies and a one-eyed cat the other day. It was a pleasant day for this time of year and they were just walking silently along the sidewalk here in town when the voice seemed to beam down from the heavens.

*"Okay now ... listen up! Ast yerself this ... has you had any good chopped stewy lately? No. Well, jest*

*haul it on down to the Gates of Heaven Chinese joint here in town and chow down!"*

The ladies smiled and waved at Windy Wilson as he drove past in the official loudspeaker announcement car of Del Chin's restaurant. Since it was the only Oriental restaurant for miles, the ladies wondered why the advertising. If you were craving chow mein ... you knew where to go on Main

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Doc stepped out of his office to wave at Windy and noticed that W.W. had borrowed a necktie from someone to wear beneath his whiskers and Stetson.

*"I know you been askin' yerself ... self ... how do I see to it that ol' Windy Wilson gits hisself a honorary college degree? One a-them good ones with Alphonse Wilson spelled out right on the front ... Well, you could allas start yerself a letter-writin' campaign to git it done, a-course.*

*"Let's face it, Pard, jest*

*how many experienced cowboy camp cooks you know with a honorary college degree? That there's what I thought you'd say, if you ever stopped and pondered it. Same as me ... none."*

Windy drove the car down to the park and turned around to bring the message back up. Kinda like driving a tractor, he thought.

*"And while yer figgerin' out the honorary degree thingie for Windy, you most as well be settin' down and makin' notes on the free paper napkins at that there Gates of Heaven Chinese joint while you bullsnake*

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*down some a-that Kung Pow Wow. So come on down to Del Chin's nice and clean Chinese joint and you can see right off that his plates are clean enough to eat off!"*

Doc was right, thought

Windy. Real Americans never quit.

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## Feeding our feathered friends

**S**ome of my fondest memories of my grandfather involved a not-so-silent war he was involved in for years. It

was Grandpa and the birds versus the scavenging squirrels. My grandpa loved passively birdwatching, seeing who

would flit up to the bird feeder throughout the year, noting all the different colors and sizes. The squirrels were constantly being thwarted, and then overcoming increasingly difficult obstacles.

The final battle involved a weight-sensitive bird perch. If a bird landed on the

feeder, no problem. If a heavier squirrel hopped on there, it was given a high-speed carousel ride and tossed away from the seed. My grandpa really enjoyed watching that show on a daily basis.

For the complete story, be sure to check out [countryculture.co](http://countryculture.co).

## Donna's Day: Creative Family Fun

by Donna Erickson

**M**any best cheese fondue memory goes back to a summer in Switzerland, the country of its origin. After hours

of hiking trails in the Alps with a French family, we arrived at a charming mountaintop chalet, where we dipped chunks of fresh, rustic bread into a classic cheese fondue to cap off a

perfect day.

The memory of the edible trek lives on when I prepare fondue on my home turf. While authentic Swiss Emmentaler and Gruyere cheeses are avail-

able stateside, they can be quite pricey, so I've Americanized and simplified the traditional recipe using condensed cheddar-cheese soup as the base.

Bring out your fondue pot, stir up this easy recipe and warm up with friends and family on a chilly winter evening. A tossed green or fruit salad makes a nice accompaniment.

### Mild Cheese Fondue

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed Cheddar cheese soup, such as Campbell's

1/4 cup dry white wine or apple juice

1 cup Swiss cheese, grated

1 cup Cheddar cheese, grated

Tabasco (optional)  
Salt and white pepper

1 clove garlic, halved  
French bread, cut into bite-size chunks, each with some crust on

1. Heat soup, wine or apple juice, and cheeses over medium heat, stirring

constantly until cheeses are melted. Add a drop or two of Tabasco and season to taste with salt and pepper.

2. Rub the insides of a fondue pot with garlic. Pour the smooth cheese mixture into fondue pot and keep warm. Serve yourself by spearing bread chunks with fondue forks and dipping completely into sauce. Make 4-6 servings.

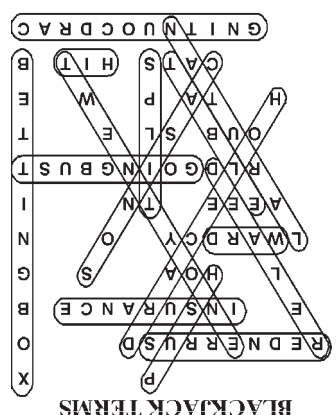
Extra idea: For preschoolers, dipping a long pretzel or bread stick topped with a chunk of French bread into their own bowl of the gooey cheese mixture is just as fun. Try veggies and apple slices for healthy dunkers.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.



# Weekly SUDOKU

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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# King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 "Keep it down!"
- 4 Tax pro
- 7 Whizzes (by)
- 12 Horse chow
- 13 Owned
- 14 Emanations
- 15 Shred
- 16 Pennsylvania city
- 18 Guitar's kin
- 19 Symbol of freshness
- 20 Lancaster or Reynolds
- 22 "Blue Bloods" airer
- 23 Fly high
- 27 Flamenco cheer
- 29 Oliver Twist, for one
- 31 French composer Gabriel
- 34 Hilo hello
- 35 Snowman's nose
- 37 Links org.
- 38 Prop for Dr. House
- 39 Devilish laugh
- 41 Body powder
- 45 "I'm with you!"
- 47 Meadow
- 48 Pennsylvania city
- 52 Conditions
- 53 Boredom

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- 54 Kimono sash
- 55 Packed away
- 56 "The Dapper Don"
- 57 Fixed
- 58 Snake's sound
- 8 "Shoo!"
- 9 Acapulco gold
- 10 Gullet
- 11 Capitol Hill
- 17 Old U.S. gas brand
- 21 Baseball manager Joe
- 23 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 24 Discoverer's call
- 25 Satisfied sigh
- 26 Genetic letters
- 28 Summer sign
- 30 Cleaning cloth
- 31 TV watchdog
- 32 Small battery
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 36 Biblical pronoun
- 37 "Friends" role
- 40 Community spirit
- 42 Fake name
- 43 Some jobs
- 44 Attorney's load
- 45 Roman 1052
- 46 Skip
- 48 Plead
- 49 Rock's Brian
- 50 Potent stick
- 51 Shack

### DOWN

- 1 Bush
- 2 Japanese verse
- 3 High-strung
- 4 Sudan neighbor
- 5 Royal home
- 6 Extemporize
- 7 Madcap

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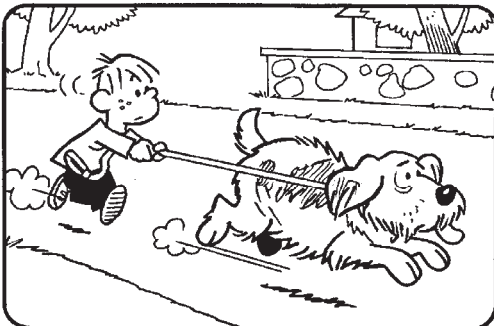
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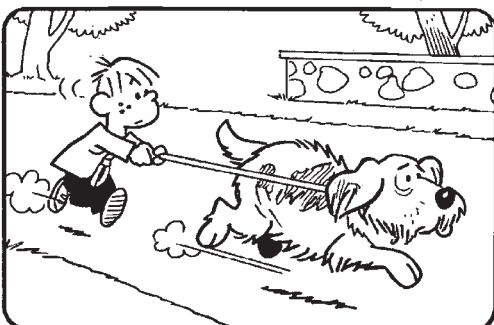
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



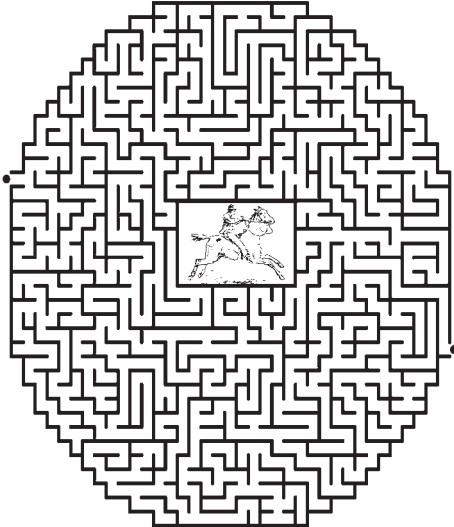
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leash is shorter. 2. Tail is shorter. 3. Wall is shorter. 4. House is missing. 5. Tongue is different. 6. Front paw is hidden.

## Mega Maze

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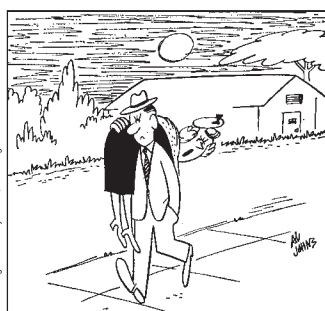
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- Sugar: COASTEL [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
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"Ethel and I were not through

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by Sam Mazzotta

### Training Your Cat May Save Its Life

**Dear Paw's Corner:** Is it possible to teach a cat to come when you call? I have a 2-year-old gray cat, Billy, who sometimes gets past my feet and runs out

the door. I worry that he will get run over by a car or attacked by a coyote. He will look at me when I call, but that is it. - Kelly in Fort Myers, FL

**Dear Kelly:** You can teach cats to respond to certain commands, and calling them is one of those commands. I know that Billy can learn to do it, because he clearly recognizes your voice. He just doesn't see the value in returning to you right away.

So it's important to help Billy "see" the value in returning when you call. You do this through training that uses positive reinforcement - a favorite treat or food. Here's how:

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"In the Traffic Survival Workshop, I focus on reducing the risk of collisions and citations while driving," says instructor Kelly Bunce, Transportation Coordinator at Arc Herkimer. "Drivers develop tactics to recognize current behaviors on the road and learn ways to alter aggressions and improve defensive driving."

Classes are open to the public on one Saturday

every other month. The 2022 schedule currently includes Mar. 5, May 14, Sept. 10, and Nov. 12. Each session costs \$38 and runs from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Arc Herkimer, 305 S. Washington Street, Herkimer in Training Rooms A & B.

For more information or to sign up, contact Kelly Bunce at 315.574.7982.

## Eating Well for Cancer Prevention

### A collaborative community event in honor of Colon Cancer Awareness Month

Eating a healthy diet and early detection are cancer prevention tools that are in your hands.

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Come learn about the basics of colon cancer and no-cost screen-

ing services available from the Cancer Services Program, and stay to help prepare and taste a delicious, healthy dish made with budget friendly ingredients and typical kitchen tools. Rebecca Hess of the Cancer Services Program of the Central Region will lead a talk and share an educational slide show. CCE of Schoharie and Otsego Counties nu-

trition educator Kimberly Ferstler will walk participants through the hands-on creation of a tasty, easy, nutritious dish that everyone can sample.

This informative, fun, supportive, interactive event will be held on Tuesday, March 1, at 6 p.m. in the Richfield Springs Community Center at 6 Ann Street.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and

those age 40-64 are especially encouraged to join in on this experience. Walk-ins are welcome and pre-registrations are appreciated. Those interested in more information should contact Kimberly at 518.234.4303 x 120 or email her at kmf239@cornell.edu. You can also register directly at [reg.cce.cornell.edu/EatingWellForCancerPrevention\\_243](http://reg.cce.cornell.edu/EatingWellForCancerPrevention_243).

## Smullen statement on mask mandate extension

"For the governor to continue forcing school children to comply with an unconstitutional mask mandate is irresponsible.

These misguided mask policies were designed during a pandemic and applied to the state in a one-size-fits-all fashion.

This type of New York City-driven policy should not be blindly applied to the rest of New York State. After two years on

the front lines fighting this virus, our school districts and local departments of health know what is best for their

people. These mandates are hurting our kids' academic performance and are taking the joy out of learning as we transition to an endemic that we have to learn to live with. Our children have suffered enough, and it is unthinkable that New York will be the only state to continue inflicting this trauma onto them."

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

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## Strange But True

by Lucie Winborne

• In 2009 the British zombie movie "Colin," on which writer/director Marc Price spent 18 months and a whopping \$70, won an award at the renowned Cannes Film Festival.

• Further on the subject of zombies, their fans are known as zombopiles, while fear of the ghoulish creatures is known as kinemortophobia.

• Nineteen-year-old Jonathan Parker, of Fort Loudoun, PA was charged with burglary after stealing two diamond rings and using the computer in his victim's house to check his Facebook profile, forgetting to log off from the site.

• Vikings believed a goat in Valhalla supplied an endless supply of beer from its udders.

• A football's shape (prolate spheroid) is that of an inflated pig's bladder, which is what the first footballs were made of.

• The 1934 mystery novel "Cain's Jawbone" by Edward Powys Mathers is printed with its 100 pages out of order. To solve the mystery, readers must determine the correct page order and the names of the six murderers and six victims. The mystery has only ever officially been solved by four people.

• Researchers in Japan have fitted a train with a speaker that barks like a

dog and snorts like a deer in order to prevent collisions with deer on the railway.

• Canadian radio stations are required by law to play Canadian artists on the airwaves at least 35% of the time.

• The Windows XP default background image of rolling green hills known as "Bliss" was historically a vineyard. The vines were taken out a couple years before the photo was taken due to a pest infestation.

Thought for the Day: "When one door of happiness closes, another

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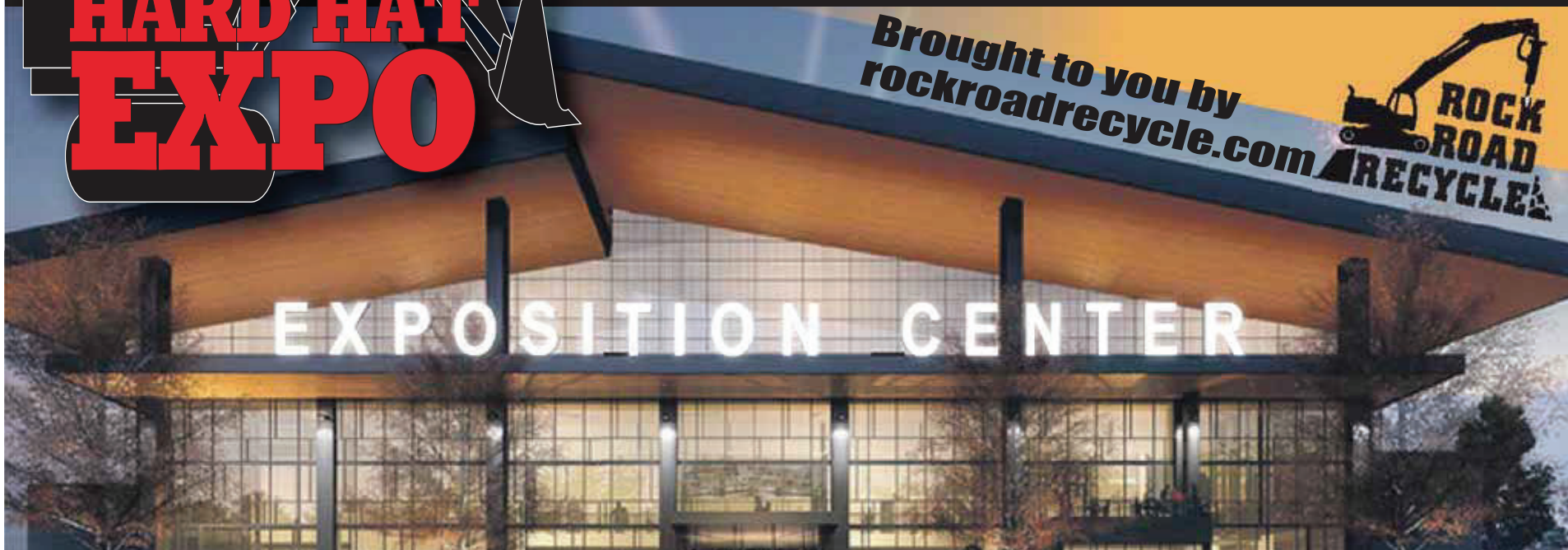
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