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Do you have an interesting story? Perhaps a trip you took with photos you'd like to share? How about a special event or award you received that you'd like your friends and neighbors to learn about? If you've seen a good movie recently, why not contribute a review?

Please, don't be shy! We'd love to hear from you. Submit your articles and photos via email to **beaversoncc@seniorpub.com.**

Here is a list of some articles we are looking for:

- **Vacation Spots**
- **General Interest**
- **Movie Reviews**
- **Restaurant Reviews**
- **Recipes**
- **Original Artwork**
- **Achievements**
- **Sports Recaps**
- **Club Events**
- ***And more!***

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Hello Community! Jo Gallo here, resident of Holiday City Berkeley and an independent Medicare Broker with NJ Life and Health Insurance Group in Toms River. At our office, many local seniors have been educated on various Medicare Plans by the members of our team, including the truly knowledgeable O'Hara Family, who own the business and have over 30 years of experience in the Medicare field. We are here to provide you with an unbiased education and answers the community needs to know about Medicare – at no charge to you!

Medicare – What?? FHEB Benefits are ending on December 31, 2024??

Per the OPM (Office of Personnel Management), the Postal Service Health Benefits (PSHB) Program is a new, separate program within the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) which will provide health insurance to eligible Postal Service employees, Postal Service annuitants, and their eligible family members starting in 2025. The PSHB Program coverage will replace Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Program coverage for these groups.

What do I need to do? Nothing immediately. Employees, annuitants, and eligible family members may continue to participate in the FEHB Program for the remainer of the 2024 plan year. Their current FEHB enrollment will continue unless they make any changes prior to January 2025. OPM and the Postal Service will continue to provide updates leading up to the 2024 PSHB Open Season to help ensure a smooth transition for all eligible employees and annuitants.The first opportunity to select a new PSHB plan will take place during Open Season in late 2024, and coverage under the PSHB health benefits program coverage will begin January 1, 2025.

Eligible Postal Service employees and Postal Service annuitants must enroll in a PSHB plan during the PSHB Program Open Season in late 2024. Postal Service employees and Postal Service annuitants currently enrolled in FEHB plans who do not enroll in a new PSHB plan during Open Season in 2024 will automatically be enrolled in a PSHB plan. Please be diligent in responding regarding your plan or you may not have the doctors or facilities you want or require in the auto-enrollment plan.

FYI: Enrollment in a PSHB plan will not disrupt enrollment in other insurance and benefits programs, including:

- Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)
- Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS)
- Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI), or
- Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)

What do you need to do? BE DILIGENT IN PLAN SELECTION! When the new PSHB plans are presented to you and your family, it will be time to check the benefits! The biggest concern with a major change such as this is that the benefits you currently have may not be the benefits you get going forward. Plan comparison will be most beneficial for you and your family if this change is affecting you. We here at NJ Life and Health are here to help!

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APRIL FOOL'S DAY

Celebrated on April 1 each year, this holiday has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery.

HISTORIANS SPECULATE

The holiday dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar, in which the new year began with the Spring Equinox around April 1, to the Gregorian calendar.

People who failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to Jan. 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools."

16TH CENTURY PRANKS

WERE VERY DIFFERENT FROM TODAY'S PRANKS

These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

TODAY'S MOST COMMON PRANKS

Mind game pranks, like moving someone's furniture around and acting like nothing looks out of place.

The classics: scaring someone, lying pranks and prank phone calls. Spice it up by filming your elaborate prank and posting it on YouTube.

Try food-related pranks, like filling donuts with mayonnaise.

Or make things inaccessible, like the stapler in Jell-O prank from "The Office."

Another classic would be toilet humor pranks, such as covering the bowl with cellophane.

Sources: https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day
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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

THIS DAY

It's no secret the Earth is facing its fair share of issues. With global warming, pollution and biodiversity decreasing, it's more important than ever to help show our support for our planet. With Earth Day approaching April 22nd, there are all kinds of ways we can help bring awareness to the importance of taking care of the planet, not just for Earth day - but every day.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

As we all know, knowledge is power. While we're aware of the issues facing our planet, it can never hurt to further educate ourselves about what exactly is going on.

DONATE TO AN ECO-FRIENDLY CAUSE

There are so many causes connected to the Earth that need our support. You can choose to support these causes by volunteering your time and investing in items where proceeds go to help the cause.

MAKE LIFESTYLE CHANGES

One of the best ways to show your support is through your actions. Making simple changes within your home and throughout your lifestyle can easily help the environment.

How do you plan on showing your support for the Earth this Earth day?

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Blurring The Background

Having a soft background is a nice effect when photographing a solitary subject. A cluttered or busy background will detract from your subject. Having your subject stand out from the background will give your image some pop.

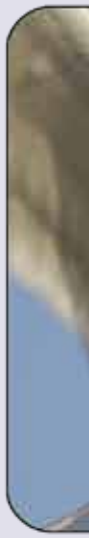
In a controlled situation simply choose a background that is very bland. Most of the time we don't have the luxury of a controlled situation!! In those cases try to position yourself so the background is as uncluttered as possible.

If your camera has an aperture priority setting, choose the smallest aperture number your lens allows. For example F4 will blur the background better than F16. If your camera has the icons for different scene modes choose the sports icon (it looks like a runner) or the portrait icon (it looks like a person's head). These settings will help blur the background.

If you do change the settings to blur the background, make certain you change them back to your normal settings after the shoot so your camera is ready for your next project,

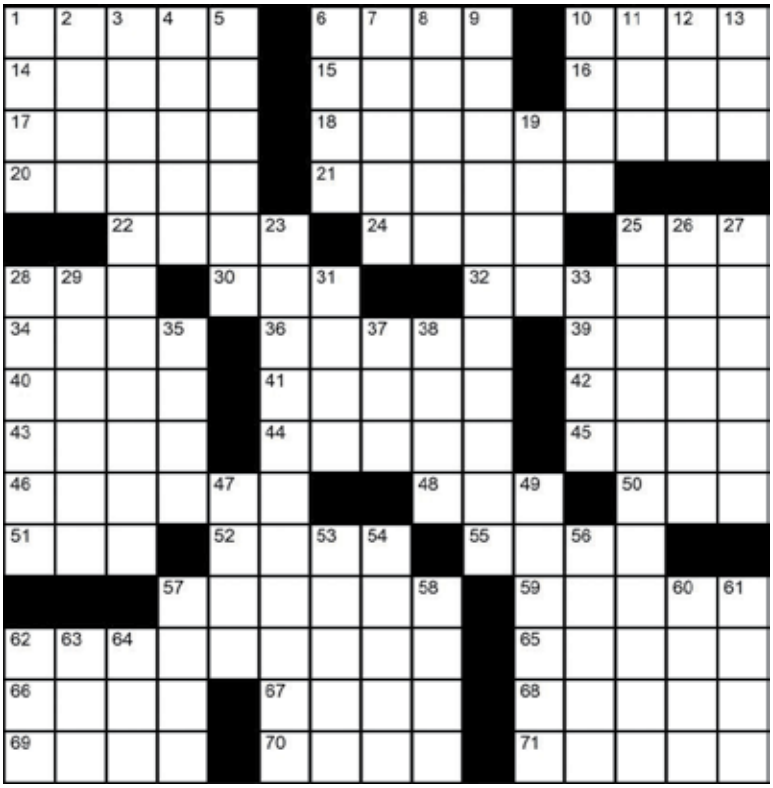
That's it for this month. As always you can send me an email at **bill@kirmsphotography.com**. If you'd like to see more of my images, visit my web site at **www.kirmsphotography.com**. Keep shooting and trying to improve your images, but most importantly, have fun with your camera.

Sea Gulls



Crossword Puzzle

Answers on page 13



Across

1 "The Chew" co-host --- Hall
6 Thick slice
10 Half of quatorze
14 Body of salt water
15 Cash box
16 Sax type
17 Drop by
18 Out of favor
20 "The Age of Innocence" author --- Wharton
21 Ecce
22 Tinted
24 Coral Gables county
25 Marbled ham feature
28 Consumed
30 Mr's mate
32 Suitcase
34 Quartz grains
36 1980s sitcom "Kate & ---"
39 Terrible Russian autocrat
40 Former Yugoslav chief
41 Abandoned-lot growth
42 Reminder
43 Spectacular
44 Superstars, to fans
45 WWII general --- Bradley
46 Be logical
48 Alpha wave chart, briefly
50 Outs' counterparts
51 Zip
52 Ova
55 Sprinkler target
57 Use a mouse wheel
59 Surgical bypass
62 Alexander's birthplace
65 Courtyard
66 Correct
67 "Hold --- your hat!"
68 Choose
69 Dog docs
70 Catholic service
71 Student tables

Down

1 Place to drop anchor
2 Sour
3 Type of area dotted with homes
4 Flock
5 Start of many a ball game
6 Ticket leftover
7 Like a musical staff
8 1st letter of the Greek alphabet
9 Vein
10 The House of ---, Arabian rulers
11 90° bend
12 Bake sale grp.
13 Rocky crag
19 Entreaty
23 Parlor
25 Reagan said he would start bombing after this period
26 How Shakespeare's Rosalind dresses
27 Some Met stars
28 If your boat's facing west, it's to the east
29 Capital of Taiwan
31 "Rosebud," for example
33 "Stretch" car
35 Creations in Word, informally
37 The Lion
38 Doing nothing
47 International trade gp.
49 Showed shock
53 "--- Fly Now" ("Rocky" theme)
54 Narrow openings
56 The largest of this type of mammal is blue
57 Observes
58 "Land of a million elephants"
60 Barbershop mishap
61 Small children
62 Cable channel
63 "... how I wonder what you ---"
64 Sever

SUDOKU

ANSWERS ON PAGE 13

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

Sudoku requires no calculation or arithmetic skills. It is essentially a game of placing numbers in squares, using very simple rules of logic and deduction.

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square
Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

Every Sudoku games begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the
difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are
narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

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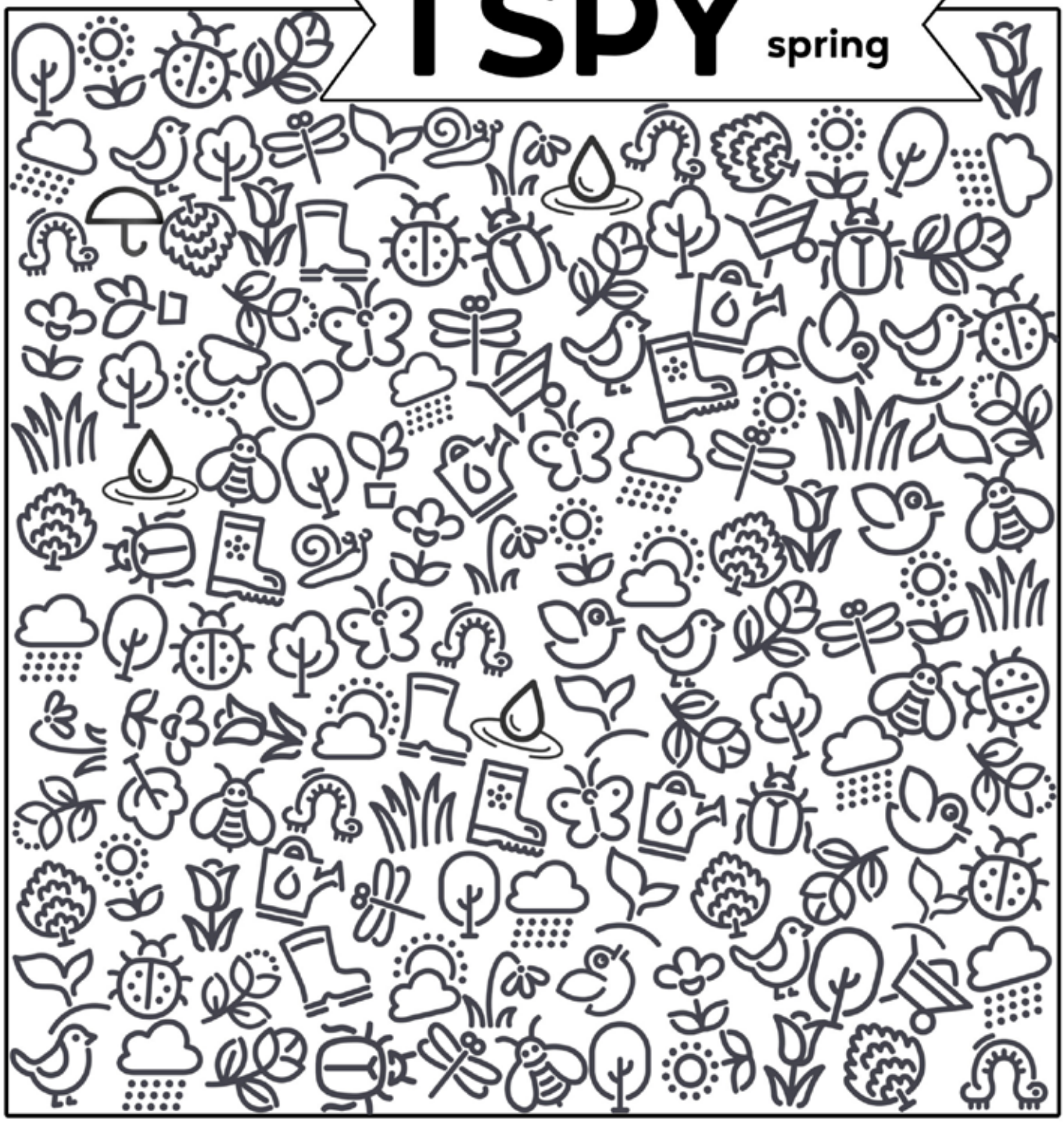

2 4 4 5 4 5 7 4 6 5

1 6 7 1 3 6 7 4 7 5

3 3 4 6 2 7 5 9 6 3

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