



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Springtime Delights Birdwatchers as Flocks Return to Highland Lakes

BRENDA FLANAGAN, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

You can hear birds chirping all year around Highland Lakes, but spring really cranks up the volume. Robins and cardinals pick nest sites and yell challenges at intruders who violate their territories. Ducks and geese chatter along the waterfront, and red-winged blackbirds perch on cattails to sing sweetly.

But for Christine Alber, it was a flash of ivory, a jet-black head, and a splash of vibrant rosy red, that caught her attention — for life.

"I was walking around the lake and I saw a bird. I was like, oh my God, that's so amazing looking! It's so beautiful! I took a picture of it," she says, and went to look it up, thinking, "It must be so rare. And it was a male rose breasted grosbeak, one of the most common songbirds in the northeast! And I thought, are you serious?"

That was 15 years ago, and she was hooked. Alber's grown up living along the big lake here, and inherited her dad's love of hiking on woodland paths. This area is graced with watersheds and preserved wilderness and sits at the nexus of migratory routes that draw all kinds of birds.

"Most people think, you only ever see blue jays and cardinals and robins, that's all that's really around. And it's not true. There's so much variety around you," she explained. "You could just walk around the big lake and, and you'll get literally a ton of birds — everything from the eagles to small warblers."

Alber advises, bring along an illustrated guidebook, like Sibley's, and some decent binoculars. If you're willing to walk it, "We have an access point here in Highland Lakes, to the woods and to the overlook in Vernon. Only Highland Lakes members can park there at the very top of the mountain over Lake One, on Shomokin Road, that gives you access into Wawayanda." There's a trail there called the Highland Lakes Nest Trail. Along one of those trails, Alber spotted a spectacular little bird sporting a neon orange face — the Blackburnian Warbler.

A dedicated birdwatcher, Alber also spends hours online monitoring two eagles nests via remote cameras installed by the State of New Jersey (she won't say precisely where the nests are located.) Folks interested in bald eagles can check out the Duke Farms Eagle Cam at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_j90TwxTi0 that livestreams a nest in Hillsborough.

For all its rich bird habitat, the Highland Lakes Country Club lacks a formal Birdwatchers Committee but Alber's keen to hatch a local group. Folks can also find experts at the Sussex County Birding Group and Orange County Audubon Society — which can offer info about seasonal migration events, including hawk watches (Mount Peter in Warwick and Sunrise Mountain in Sussex County.)



Blackburnian Warbler.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRISTINE ALBER



Pileated Woodpecker

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRISTINE ALBER

But you don't need to go that far, Alber says. She delights in a simple walk around the local lakes, and notes you might see an osprey, a great blue heron, a pileated woodpecker or a short-eared owl. Eastern phoebes peep and tufted titmice do a techno-pop rasp. A brilliant scarlet tanager might knock your socks off. Loads of apps can help you identify them all by sight and sound. Be quiet, but mindful — bears are awake, now.

Hungry bears poach birdseed — that's why officials discourage residents from setting up bird feeders. But Alber urges, plant native bushes like wild black cherry, and you'll end up hosting flocks of cedar waxwings.

For Alber, it's all a natural resource to guard, and to cherish: "I've walked all the roads in Highland Lakes, and it's never failed to show me birds."

If you're interested in starting a Birding Club — reach out to Alber via the Club's office.

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The Voting Board requests your support on May 26, 2024

Please vote Yes on Clubhouse 2025

Upcoming Events

- May 11 – Muffins with Mom
- May 24 – Camp Out
- May 25 – Comedy Night
- May 26 – Breakfast
- May 26 – Special Meeting and Vote on Clubhouse 2025
- May 27 – Memorial Day Ceremony



Memorial Day Holiday Schedule

Extended Office Hours

The Club Office and the Activity Center Office will be open Saturday, May 25, Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27, for your convenience from 9 am to 3 pm for payment of dues and badge pickup over the Memorial Day weekend. Please make sure to bring the necessary paperwork if required for proof of residency and copies of vehicle registrations to the Club Office in the event you need to add/change badge and parking permit information.

During weekends in June, regular Club office hours will be Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm. The Activities Center Office will begin opening on Saturdays and Sundays starting June 1 from 10 am to 3 pm and weekdays starting June 24 from 9 am to 3 pm.

If you are a new property owner, require additional family badges, or a property owner registering your property as a rental and/or your tenants/lessees as Associate Members, the Club Office staff only will be able to assist you on Saturday, May 25, and every weekday from 10 am to 3 pm thereafter.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Monday, May 6 – 7 pm
 Clubhouse Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
 Communications Committee – Saturday, May 11 - 10 am
 Ecology Committee – Wednesday, May 22 – 8 pm
 Fish Committee – Thursday, May 16 – 7 pm
 Road Committee – Thursday, May 2 – 7 pm
 Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
 Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, May 8 - 7:30 pm
 Voting Board Meeting – Friday, May 17 – 8 pm
 Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club Office prior to the meeting time.



About Changes in your Recorded Deed

In planning changes to your ownership of property that would be reflected in the recorded Deed, contacting the Club Office before you do so for guidance is advisable and will eliminate any misunderstandings.

The Club's By-Laws, in part, define Active Members as those who own property in Highland Lakes. When persons take title to property in Highland Lakes when they do not own other Highland Lakes property at that time, even when they join in the ownership of property with someone who currently owns property in Highland Lakes, they automatically become an active member and are required to pay the Initiation Fee. If you are considering adding anyone to your Deed, a wife, parent, child, friend, etc., please be aware of these By-Law requirements.

Sometimes members form a living or family trust as part of their estate planning. However, even this type of trust is a different, and therefore new, owner of property, and the payment of the Initiation Fee is required.



Next Newsette: May 25, 2024

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club Office at info@hlcc.org. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!

Voting Board Roster

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Vernon Township Housing Market Report - March 2024

"Having grown up in Highland Lakes, I understand the value in this thriving, active community. Contact me today to discuss a no-cost comparative market analysis for your property."

# Beds	Avg. Sales Price	Avg. Days on Market	Sale / Listing Price
1	\$141,250	94	87%
2	\$263,441	42	102%
3	\$355,995	40	102%
4	\$591,600	45	96%
5+	\$0	0	0%
TOWN	\$329,306	46	100%

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Family Fit and Fun Nights

ANDREA COTTRELL

Wednesdays – 5-7 pm

Come out on Wednesdays during the months of June, July and August and meet some other local families over at Canistear Park (off of Glenridge Road). A group of young family volunteers are organizing kickball games, basketball games, chalk drawing and bubble blowing for all ages to enjoy. Bring your dinner, chairs, blankets, etc., and enjoy a relaxed evening out where you and your family can eat and play. Kick off for this event will begin Wednesday, June 19. If you are interested in more details, please contact Andrea Cottrell at 551-697-6355 or email akc.rrr@gmail.com.

BBQ Dinner

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EVENTS COORDINATOR AND RAY ZIMMERMAN, PRESIDENT

Our first Friday night dinner with a traditional BBQ was a big success. We had about 90 people in attendance. The grill was cooking non-stop for the lineup of hungry members anxiously awaiting a burger or dog with all the fixins. Hope to see as good a turnout for our next adventure. Watch our social media outlets and Newsette for the next Friday Night dinner.

Photos courtesy of Sue Buruchian



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Eclectic Evening Thrives

DENNIS DALELIO, COORDINATOR

Thanks to everyone who came out to our Eclectic Evening of the Arts! As always, the HL Artist Group and their guests threw a great party full of original creations, great conversations, and good food, drinks, and music! Thank you to all of the visual artists who shared their talents and to those who performed poetry or songs on the Open Mic! Thank you to all of the kids who showed their works of art in our Kid's Corner! Thanks to all those who came out to experience it all!

Here are the photos I made of the night. Feel free to share them as you wish! https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tdCeuyy2vp_XGgyKMYv0bsrq-mkpZhAS?usp=drive_link



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DENNIS DALELIO



Planning a Project

Now is the time to plan your home projects for the upcoming season.

- Identify potential projects:
 - Replacement (boiler, hwh, roof)
 - Energy efficiency (windows, insulation)
 - Room remodel (kitchen, bath, basement)
 - Addition (new room, second floor, garage)
- Budget: estimate the cost of each project
- Schedule: determine the time for a project
- Prioritize: identify an order for activities this year and subsequent years
- Plan: How the work will be executed

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Featured Artist of the Month

JILL WALLACE

Pure, Uncomplicated Joy



Pure, Uncomplicated Joy is a mono print done with acrylic paint. The subject is flowers in a mason jar. What could be simpler or more joyful than that? A mono print is done by painting on a nonabsorbent surface, in this case yupo paper, with acrylic paint. While the paint is still wet, a piece of paper is placed on top and immediately removed, creating a mono print. It is a fast, spontaneous medium resulting in some surprises and interesting textures, and is a lot of fun to do.

It has been accepted into the 36th Annual Skylands Regional Juried Art Exhibition at the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Gallery, 133 Spring Street in Newton. The Exhibition runs from May 16, 2024, to June 13, 2024.

I enjoy being a part of the Highland Lakes Artists Group, a group of artists and creative people who share ideas and inspiration. We meet once a month at the clubhouse. I have also been fortunate to have the support and encouragement of my husband and family, for many years, to keep working as an artist.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing my work.

Get Ready for the 64th Annual Art Show

CHRISTINE ALBER, ART SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21

Art is not usually something that happens in a few minutes. It can take days or weeks or even months to create it, no matter the medium. Painting, ceramics, sewing, and other mediums can take a long time to produce. Even a photograph may take time and effort to print, mat, and frame in your artistic style. We are excited to announce the details for the 2024 Art Show and look forward to seeing your creativity on display at this special Highland Lakes tradition. Join us for a "Meet and Greet" with our professional artist exhibitors on Saturday, July 20 from 6-9 pm in the Lake Room. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception while you view the beautiful artwork on display, talk with the artists, and think about perhaps making an art purchase.

All of our Club's talented artists are invited to display their art and compete for prizes on Sunday, July 21. Members should bring their submissions to the Clubhouse between 9-10:30 am. Each submission needs a registration form (we will publish this in the Newsette before the show, and will have blanks available at registration) and a nominal registration fee of .50 cents per piece. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE make sure your drawings and paintings are framed or matted and ready for display. We have a short window to arrange the art before the judges begin their review to find our winning pieces and are not able to frame or mat the art.

Members of all ages are invited to participate, and we encourage art in all forms. There are many categories for prizes recognizing the work from children, teens, and adults

in all different mediums, including painting, sculpting, drawing, ceramics and pottery, photography, textiles, quilting and more. The doors open for members to view the amateur exhibits in the Seckler and Craft rooms at 2 pm and prizes will be awarded at 3 pm. Our special theme this year is FISH OF HIGHLAND LAKES.

Come one and all and enjoy the wonderful creations of the talented artists in Highland Lakes! We hope to see you there and personally greet you on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21st. With best regards, the Art Show Committee.

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Comings and Goings

DAVID MARTIN, GENERAL MANAGER

I would like everyone to join me in welcoming our new Recreation Manager, Melissa Hardin, to our staff. As many of you may already know, Melissa has been a long-standing volunteer over the years, getting her feet wet many years ago running our 5 and Under Gang Playgroup, then the Easter Bunny Brunch and helped out with countless other events and activities. Most recently she was the Section 6 Trustee on the Voting Board. Melissa will have the responsibilities of coordinating Athletics and Water Safety, as well as the planning and implementation of activities and events here at the Clubhouse. If you see her running around, please wish her good luck.

After 34 years of service to the Club, Jim Zabrieski our Maintenance Supervisor retired effective April 8. Jim dedicated many years to fixing and repairing anything that needed attention as well as setup and cleanup of our various events. He was heavily involved with our dock system every season. Jim also worked Security for many years and snowplowed our roads and parking lots. If you needed something, he was your go-to guy. Jim will be enjoying tending to his massive garden at home and taking care of his dogs and property. We wish him well in his retirement, he will be greatly missed.

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Security & Compliance Activity Summary Report – March 2024

SEAN JARON, SECURITY MANAGER

Below is a summary of recent Security calls/incidents and Compliance Officer activity. We provide this information to keep you informed of the important work being performed on behalf of the community. Please get in touch with security@hlcc.org or call 973-764-4266 with any questions concerning Security or Compliance operations.

Calls/Incidents	3/31/2024	YTD
Police Assist	0	3
Traffic Assist	1	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	4
Medical Response/Assists	6	26
Fire Response/Assist	4	14
Vandalism/Criminal Activity	0	0
Amenity Checks	356	1044
Badge Violations (Members)	0	0
Trespassing	9	20
Parking Violations	1	4
Prohibited Vehicles	3	5
Dock/Rack Violations	0	0
Noise Complaints	1	4
Domestic/Disorderly	0	0
Animal Complaints	4	13
Property Violations	0	3
Rental Violations	1	5
Tree Removal Inspections	3	4
Tree Preservation	1	2
Staff and Volunteer Direction	0	0
Exterior Lighting	0	1
Road/Right of way	0	1
Open Cases	1	4
Closes Cases	1	10
Current Case Load	36	36
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS







CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

 **MAY 26, 2024**
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Country Club and Community Association

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2024 Swim Team Parents Meeting

SHERIF FAHMY, PRESIDENT, SWIM TEAM PARENT BOARD

Welcome to another season of the Highland Lakes Swim Team!

For those new to the community, the Highland Lakes Swim Team has a rich tradition of competition and camaraderie. Our coaches will start working with children as soon as they can successfully swim the length of a 50-meter lane. We are a summer team that places a strong emphasis on developing confident competitive swimmers. Our team accommodates both first-time swimmers as well as highly-competitive swimmers, all levels are truly welcome. We compete in the Lakeland Swim Conference which is comprised of 7 other primarily lake-based communities in North Jersey.

We invite all new and returning parents to please join the Swim Team Parent Board in the Lake Room on Saturday, June 1, at 9 am for our pre-season Parents Meeting.

We'll be going over all topics related to the 2024 HL Swim Team season including: practice and meet structure presented by our coaches, meet schedule, volunteer expectations, introductions to each of our Parent Board Chairs, the B Invitational, and various other topics. This is a great forum for parents of new swimmers to come ask any questions and meet other parents on the team. Coffee, juice, and bagels will be served!

For any parents that are not able to attend in person, we will be distributing a Zoom meeting link to facilitate virtual attendance. Please email hlccswimteam@gmail.com to be included on our Team distribution list to receive the Zoom meeting link prior to the meeting.



Don't forget to get the kids signed up using the Swim Team Registration and Permission Slip which can be found online (see Activities & Athletics => Swim Team section of the Club's website) or in person at the Club office. Please note that you still must complete a current-year form even if you were a swimmer last year.



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Earth Day Celebration – Native Trees

CLIMEEN WIKOFF, COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR AND MIKE O'NEILL, ECOLOGY CHAIR

This year's Earth Day event, hosted by the Ecology Committee, again offered members the opportunity to participate in an expanded Earth Day celebration with a roadside clean-up in the morning followed by lunch and a presentation in the afternoon. Members of all ages turned up for the morning clean-up, once again organized by Barbara Jaggi with assistance from a half-dozen volunteers. Vernon Township DPW provided vests, gloves and garbage bags and is scheduled to pick up the litter and garbage collected early this week. At noon, members returned to the Clubhouse for a lunch of sandwiches and wraps with side salads and dessert put together by Melissa Hardin, our new Recreation Manager, with the help of volunteers. There were also Earth Day related arts and crafts available for the children who attended organized by Karen Dolci.

A presentation by Kevin Rodriguez, from Bartlett Tree Experts, on the "Importance of Native Trees in a Lake Ecosystem" followed in the Lake Room. He discussed the many ways trees benefit our community and the importance of native trees as well as the threats to our trees from insects and disease and how best to care for them.

Kevin offered some keys actions we can take in our own yards to improve the tree ecosystem for us and our neighbors. These include:

1. Removing Invasive trees carefully
2. Planting native trees
3. Proper pruning of trees (alleviates need for spraying

and treatments)

4. Mulching around trees but not up the trunk of the tree (mulch volcano)
5. Avoiding mechanical damage from landscape equipment
6. Protecting against deicing salts that may be necessary in winter
7. Taking soil samples so that you know what will thrive in your yard

After his presentation, Kevin gave a demonstration of caring for tree saplings. Three types of saplings (River Birch, Silver Maple, and White Flowering Dogwood) were provided by the Women's Auxiliary for members to take home and plant. Many thanks to Lorryne and Tom Castiglione for organizing the sapling give-away. The day ended with a tour of the rain garden by Jason Tribiano.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and staff who came together to make this day so successful. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to organize and prepare for events like these.

There's more to come! Join us on July 14 for our second annual Lake Appreciation Day. There will be lots to learn and plenty of fun to be had. Please mark your calendars!

For more information about native trees and plants, please follow the link to the Native Plant Society of NJ <https://npsnj.org/>.



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We'll be auctioning off donations in June (date TBD), with the proceeds going to the Goodwill Community Outreach Fund. Email hlccboatauction@gmail.com or text 917-232-2365 for information on how to contribute to your community with a boat donation.



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KIDS CHOICE Dance

JUNE 1

7:00 PM

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Team Massimo Warriors

CAROL HASTIE

Calling All Golfers

Team Massimo Warriors Foundation will be hosting a Benefit Golf Outing on Thursday May 30, 2024, at Farmstead Golf & Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. Shotgun start is at 1 pm. We are accepting 4-somes, 3-somes, 2-somes and singles for golf. Cost is \$135.00 per golfer, which includes golf, prizes, dinner, basket raffle and hours of fun in the great outdoors! If you don't golf, come to the dinner at 6 pm for \$45 a person. If you want to donate a basket or gift or sponsor something, please call me. I would love to hear from you. For more information about registering for golf and/or dinner call Carol or Steve at 973-764-6521 or 973-670-0538.

About Massimo

Massimo was born at 23 weeks, 1lb. 6oz. In the delivery room, the doctors said that they did not expect much when he was born, and unless he showed any signs of a fight, they would just let things run their course and not help him. He came out fighting and crying as loud as he could, and the doctors went to work. Massimo spent 4.5 months in the Morristown NICU, growing, gaining strength, taking steps forward and backward. When he was finally released to come home, he was almost 5lbs.

Throughout his journey in the NICU, there was incredible support. The support came from family and friends, local fire departments and motorcycle clubs, and people from across the country who did not know the family but willingly sent supportive messages. They did so much to support the family that can never be repaid, and it was this support that kept them going, kept them fighting, and kept Massimo fighting.

Over the last nine years, they have traveled to Philadelphia, Delaware, St. Louis, and West Palm Beach, searching for experts to help Massimo. They have met some incredible doctors, nurses, and families going through various procedures and treatments on this journey.

Massimo is a very strong boy. Those of you who know him, know he is very determined and wants to do things himself. If you haven't met him yet, you can usually find him at Swim Team practice or at Beach 1 enjoying the water and with his friends. Come on and meet him. You will be glad you did!

The mission of Team Massimo Warriors Foundation is to help other families of children with special medical needs, give back to local volunteer organizations, and provide local scholarships. Thank you for your support.



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Memorial Day SUNDAY Breakfast

MAY 26

9:00 AM

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The first town hall meeting on April 21 regarding Clubhouse 2025 had approximately 170 members in attendance.

Summer Pickleball Hours Begin

KATHI TAYLOR

Our Highland Lakes pickleball players have been known to play in all conditions but the first weekend of April found us on the courts playing through an earthquake,



then some light snow, and then two days later playing during the eclipse. Never a dull moment on the courts! The month of May is the start of our summer pickleball hours. We are now playing on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 pm and Fridays at 10 am, weather permitting. As always, sneakers are required and everyone must have a badge or guest wristband. Ages 16+. The courts are on Glen Wild Way. Any questions, contact me at 973-513-5472.



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Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hello, my Senior Club family! Greetings to HL Seniors we haven't met! I like to share things I've read. Here's something you may know about. It's written by Kenneth Petersen entitled READY TO GO...

The book HIDDEN FIGURES tells preparations for John Glenn's flight into space. Computers were newfangled items in 1962, subject to glitches. Glenn didn't trust them and worried about calculations for the launch. He knew one brainy woman in the back room could run the numbers. He trusted her. "If she says the numbers are good, I'm ready to go," Glenn said.

Katharine Johnson was a teacher and a mother of three. She was blessed with a remarkable mind. NASA got her in the late 1950s to help with the space program. She was Glenn's "brainy woman", one of the "human computers" NASA hired.

We may not be a brilliant mathematician, but we are all given gifts and are led to certain paths. Katharine Johnson's calculations certainly were a gift, but she also was gifted by being a wife, mother, teacher and more.

Ask yourself what gifts you have, whether big or small. Are you "ready to go" exercising those gifts for a life with purpose?

So, my friends, here comes May and the start of our evening meetings. HL Senior Club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings from May through Sept. There will be occasional changes to our meeting dates due to guest speakers coming. Come to our meetings starting May 14 at 7 pm in the Lake Room. There will be a short business meeting, "coffee and", calendar updates, guest speakers, special events. Questions? Give me a call or text: 845-544-3749...Love you, Joyce

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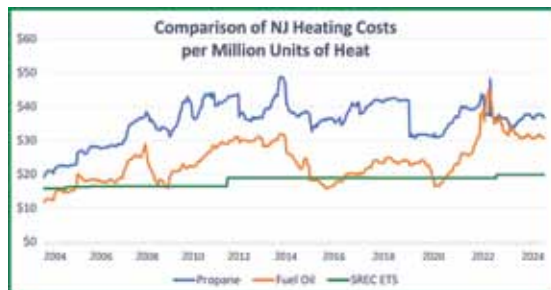
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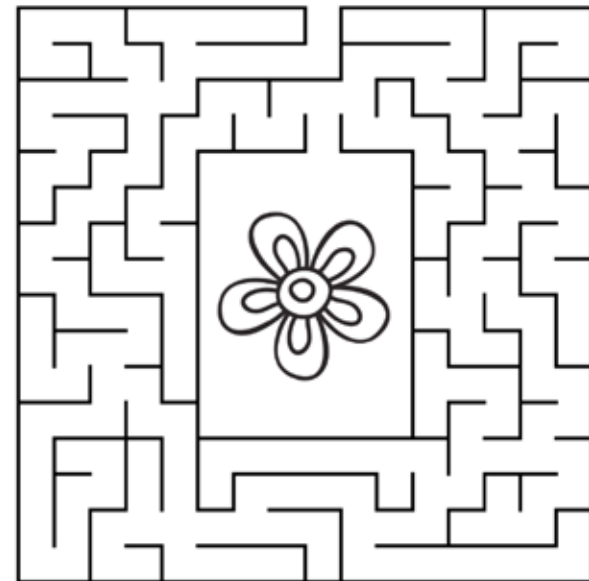
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RIDDLE ME THIS

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Q. What did one lamb say to the other?

I love ewe.

Q. Why is Yoda from Star Wars a good gardener?

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