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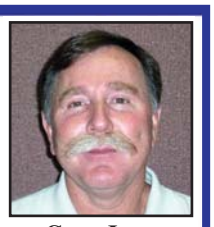
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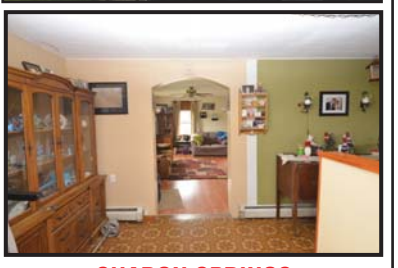
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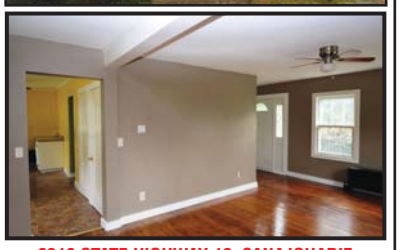
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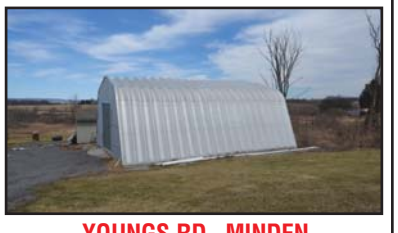
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Hello Again,

One of the dirty half dozen plus one fell and busted a muscle in his right get-a-long. I think he was hoping for a pity party. Well, he does have another unbroken one. Better luck next time.

When I was at the cashier's station to pay for my breakfast I offered to pay for a group pity party breakfast but I had put my wallet away before the thought came up.

I asked the other five members to cough up $4 each. In unison they said the café would not accept credit cards for less than $5.

Well ole wounded one. As they say in the entertainment field as a good luck salute — "break-a-leg."

One of the remaining five came in complaining of a sprained neck muscle. With all of the painful trouble you two dear friends are having I was reminded of a guaranteed cure. Old Charlie Hearn in his store in Middlefield was a strong supporter of using Ida-ca-cones-sa-salve. It's relatively simple to prepare. Go up to the chicken house of your friend and collect some of the white chicken droppings, mix them with a little turpentine and brown molasses. Stir them together with a wooden spoon. Heat the Ida-ca-cones-sa-salve under a heat lamp. Then spread an ample portion around the busted or sprained muscle — it creates instant relief, it will pull all of the pain out. However it works best if you reapply the salve for a couple of days, and drive with your car window open, plus stay home for a day or so. You will keep more friends that way.

Charlie Hearn passed away back in the sixties. Naturally I could not get permission to pass on his cure. If he was still alive I think he would enjoy hearing about your reaction or how long it took you to decide you did not need it anymore.

Time for a little bit of Irish Blarney. Did you hear that a Cabinet in Greece met to consider the nation's grave financial condition? One of the Cabinet members suggested Greece should attack the United States and continued with, "Naturally we will lose the war with the U.S. in a hurry. Based on U.S. Policies — they will shower and supply us with all of our needs. We will then be over our troubles in a hurry."

But one of the older Cabinet members interjected, "What would we do if we won? Then we would be in worse shape."

Words are born from thinking. Thinking is the product of experience. Experiences come from everything a person does in life.

Our country and possibly most of the countries of the world seem to be treading on black ice. One slip could create a disastrous fall. What would happen after the fall?

What kind of leadership will the United States need to steer around the deadly black ice? This writer believes it will take unshakable moral principles coupled with devout religious beliefs gained from a lifetime grounded in the teaching of the Holy Bible. To paraphrase what George Washington said: Only a person grounded in a belief in God can possibly lead this country.

Would it make common sense when listening to the presidential hopefuls to ask yourself: Does this person willingly state that he believes in God? Is his personal and public motto "In God I trust"? What will you do on election day if his motto is: "I will do anything to win. God has no room in our so-called modern government plan? And I am with the minority when they say no God in government buildings or in our classrooms? Should that person be your choice for president?

It appears that Mrs. Hillary Clinton has accepted and is enjoying the fruits of our capitalistic system becoming a very rich person while preaching a socialist big government program.

There is an old saying a house divide unto itself will fall. Is it possible, that strictly for political gain she knows preaching big government handouts will gain votes, while personally enjoying the fruits of a traditional non-socialist government? The only answer is yes.

Last year Hello Again offered the following statement, "If the voters of the United State are looking or hoping for a lady president I would like to throw Laura Ingraham's name into the ring."

The dust cover of a book titled "Power to the People" offers a quick preview of this lady. Laura Ingraham is one of the most influential women in American media. Host of her own syndicated radio show, she is heard by millions of faithful listeners coast to coast each day and regularly appears on Fox News.

In my wildest dreams I could not believe that Hillary would ever accept a challenge to a national TV debate with Laura Ingraham. To put it bluntly — that would be the end of Hilary Clinton's plans or hope to become president. In my opinion Laura Ingraham could become the Margaret Thatcher of our country.

Why do I keep on harping on Big Government? The larger the government becomes the more wasteful and costly it becomes and the more freedom you lose.

Just think about our public school systems. While we have many wonderful, highly trained teachers and administrators, we can no longer afford our school taxes and the teachers are being forced into puppet educators. Teachers have to teach what big government education employees mandate (most of them are not teachers). Our local schools are pawns of the government. I guess all I can say is, if we the people do not speak our minds and force our government agencies back into being servants of the people and not controllers based on their own desire for power the jig will be up. Read, talk, think for yourself. Pray and vote. Become an active, country loving citizen. Speak up! It's your right.

Even though some are denying the truth, this country was founded on God given principles and the majority of its citizens lived as Christians.

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Encounters with a wild grouse inspires first book for local author

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Andre' Jones did not expect to befriend a wild ruffed grouse when she went rabbit hunting with her dog, Lucy, 4 years ago. But that is exactly what happened — and that incident has brought her to fulfill a life long dream.

Local author Andre' Jones poses with Ruffles. Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Andre' says that her relationship with the grouse began suddenly, "a young ruffed grouse flew up on my four wheeler. It worked its way up to my steering wheel, and then flew up on top of my head. She was feisty and mean and began pecking me. I shooed her off of me, but she kept coming back to bug me!"

After their first meeting the grouse continued to find Andre' whenever she went out to the woods, which was frequently. "Thank goodness she became less feisty and just wanted to sit and visit. It became a regular meeting with her and so a friendship transpired."

Andre' says although she never feeds the wild game bird, as she does not want to tame her; the bird continues to find her. "Several times we have had close calls with hunters and a hawk in my presence, and so now we have our land heavily posted — and hopefully the hawks can read?"

Roughed grouse are birds of prey — naturally shy and elusive and the fact that Ruffles seeks Andre' out is quite unusual.

I had the opportunity to observe the way the grouse appeared out of the deep woods to greet Andre' when we traveled far into the forest surrounding Andre's home on a 4-wheeler, with hopes that I could meet Ruffles in person.

Andre' says after she posted online about her friendship with the grouse, which by now she had named Ruffles, people asked her repeatedly to write about the encounters. "I needed to tell the story. It's about an unusual friendship."

"I always loved to write," Andre' says. And although she admits that education is fine, she discovered how to write by reading classic authors such as Mark Twain and Ernest Hemingway. "I am by no means a great writer, but I am learning every day."

Andre', who lost her leg to a drunk driver in an accident when she was 18, has not let her disability hold her back. "I have never let it change my life as far as what I wanted to do," she explains. "Today, and everyday, I put my leg on just like anyone puts their clothes on before they walk out the doors. Everyone puts something on to get through the day, be it a smile, be it a good thought. Life is precious, you never know what you're going to see, feel or come across."

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An interest in vegetarianism

by Joseph Parzych

Times were tough during the Great Depression, but we raised most of our food on our little farm, both meat and vegetables. My father also worked in a paper mill periodically when he wasn't laid off, or sick with heart problems, so we got by much better than city dwellers.

My father derived a great deal of satisfaction from us raising vegetables for the table and for canning, sometimes selling crops like strawberries as well as wild blueberries that we picked. In addition to canning, my father smoked sausages and bacon which we hung in the woodshed when the process was successful.

The smoking contraption was composed of three, or four, 55-gallon drums with the ends cut out, and stacked perilously atop each other. The bottom drum sat on some large rocks with a gap to allow for building a smoky fire with which to smoke sausages and slabs of bacon. To make the fire smoke, my father regulated the draft by obstructing the gap.

I had no problem eating "natural casing" sausage or hot dogs, until I witnessed firsthand the origin of whence the casings "naturally" came.

My father was rather proud of being able to smoke sausages and bacon so that they would keep without refrigeration, hanging from the woodshed rafters, since we had no refrigerator. The problem lay in the construction and access to the top of the precariously stacked drums. He needed to set up the contraption close to the house so that he could lean a ladder against the porch in order to reach over to hang the sausages and slabs of bacon on S hooks suspended from rods placed across the top of the uppermost drum.

A problem arose during one smoking session when a bacon slab tore through the S hook. The bacon dropped down into the fire, which suddenly was no longer smoking as much as roaring from the hot fat fueling the fire. Smoke, sparks and fire began billowing up out of the top of this towering inferno set perilously close to the porch, raining sparks onto the roof, with flames licking the side of the porch.

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Family comes first at Raycliff's Family Day at the Farm

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

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The event, which grows bigger every year, typically draws attendees from as far away as New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut, is hosted by Ray Hulten and Judy Mijares.

"We do this for the kids," said Hulten. "We know that families are having hard times and have trouble financially. This is a way of letting people come to a free event and have a family day out together. We want this to be a good quality event."

He remarked one thing he didn't see was anybody with a hand held device.

"It's a good place to get away and have a good time," remarked Warden Coffin of Herkimer.

Tina Allen, who attended the event with her family agreed. I enjoy just walking around and seeing all there is to see!"

St. Johnsville residents Shaylene DePiozza and Nova Somma attended the family farm day for the first time.

"It's a lot bigger than we thought!" remarked Shaylene DePiozza of St. Johnsville, who attended for the first time with her 18 month-old daughter, Nova.

This year there were some added attractions including an ice cream maker powered by a hit-and-miss engine.

A wood-fired pizza-making vendor also attracted a lot of attention.

Music provided by Sonny DeLuisi and the New Country Cousins in the indoor arena and Johnny Mastromoro outside had folks dancing and laughing, with even the children joining in.

Hayrides, an antique tractor parade, Chinese auctions, a milkshake contest, face painting and Suzy the clown were a few of the activities enjoyed by families. Pandora the Painted Cow had even the shyest little ones happily reaching out to put their hand prints on her. "This is a great way to teach children about dairy," said Pandora's owner Stephanie Arndt of St. Johnsville. "A lot of kids are afraid to even touch a cow. They just don't have that opportunity."

Herkimer County Dairy Princess Stephanie Treadwell says that the Family Day at the Farm is a perfect time for she and her court to interact with people.

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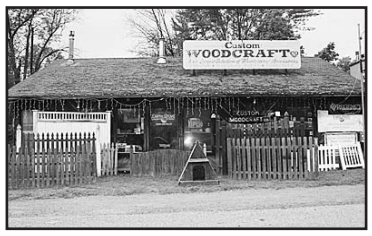

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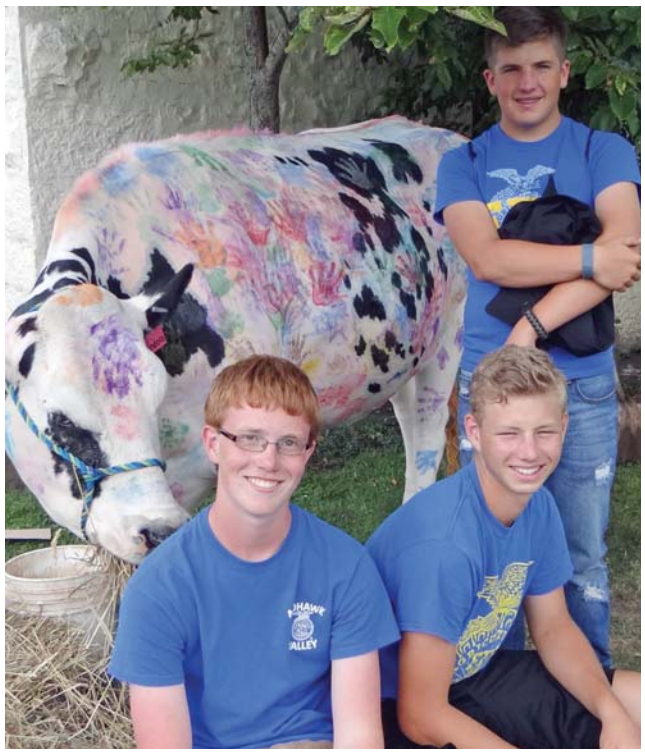
"This is a great event for my court and I to interact with consumers and teach them about the importance of having three servings of dairy every day," said Treadwell. "In addition, we discuss with them how farmers take care of their cows and land." Treadwell and her court served ice cream, yogurt, and milk. "I participated in the milk shake contest where I made a milkshake called, "blueberry twist," she laughed. "Even though I didn't win it still was great fun!"

Hulten gives special thanks to the Dolgeville Volunteer Fire Department. for their help at the event.

"We got lucky with them coming in at the last minute and volunteering to help with the parking — it was a great help!" commented Hulten. "The parking lots were filled! It was wall to wall people. I don't think a couple of thousand people would be overestimating."

Plans for next year are already underway.



Mohawk Valley FFA Treasurer Aidan Eggleston, President Jeff Baker and Secretary Liam Sammons, all OESTJ students, supplied the chicken BBQ for the event.

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Now here's a tip

by JoAnn Derson

• Line junk drawers in the kitchen or bathroom with inexpensive sheets of corkboard. Things don't slide around as much, and you can even use pushpins or finishing nails lightly inserted into the cork to make custom compartments in the drawers so things like pens don't roll around.

• "If your eyeglass screws tend to come loose, just unscrew, brush clear nail polish over the threads and rescrew tightly. As the polish dries (in seconds), it will form a tighter bond." — I.D. in Oregon

• Shaving cream can be used as a spot cleaner for most carpets. Simply dab a bit of the cream into the stained area, scrape off any excess and wipe away dirt with a clean, damp washcloth.

• Ways to remove gum from your child's hair: laundry pretreatment rubbed in with the fingers; ice cubes to harden the gum so that it can be picked out in chunks; and good, old fashioned peanut butter and a comb.

• This one is an oldie, but a preschool goodie, from L.R. in Washington: "Use wide rubber bands around a drinking glass for children. It will provide a little non-slip protection, especially if the glass is filled with a cold drink. The rubber band is reusable, and you can write the child's name on the band with a ballpoint pen in order to identify his or her cup!"

• How do you keep cats away from your plants in the garden? One reader suggests strips of tin foil. Another recommends mothballs (which can be toxic, so use carefully and follow all safety instructions).

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Preserving tomatoes

by Dr. Leonard Perry, Horticulture Professor, University of Vermont

Got tomatoes? Maybe you have too many tomatoes, and wonder how to possibly use them all. Consider making tomato sauce with excess ones from your garden, or buy a bulk box for this purpose from a local grower. Tomatoes and sauce can be canned, or easily frozen. Tomato slices are easily dried to a nice crispy texture. Small grape and cherry tomatoes can be roasted, then frozen. A little time invested in this fun harvest activity now will reward you with healthy and fresh snacks and meals for many months.

For making sauce, the right tools will make the job go quickly and easily and you'll wonder how you can manage otherwise. Traditionally, you need to boil the tomatoes about a half minute, then soak briefly in cold water, so the skins slip off easily. Then mash them with a potato masher, and strain out seeds. Another method calls for cutting into quarters, bringing to a boil in a stainless steel pot, then crushing with a potato masher as you add more chunks and continue boiling.

For about $25, you can get a stainless steel strainer with pestle to mash the tomatoes. For $50 to $100 you can get a food strainer with a handle. This is the kind I have and highly recommend. Even if you just use it a few times a year, as I do, it will save you countless hours. Simply cut the tomatoes into halves or large chunks, put them in the top funnel, then turn the crank. Out a chute comes the sauce, and the skins and seeds come out the tube.

Bring the raw sauce to a boil in a stainless steel pot, then simmer on medium heat, stirring frequently, to reduce the volume. Reduce by about one-third for a thin sauce, by about half for a thicker sauce. You then can freeze the sauce, or precook it with herbs and additions (such as garlic and onions) so it is ready to thaw and use later. If freezing, use containers made and labeled specially for this purpose. Leave a half inch or so of headspace for the liquid to expand as it freezes.

If you're canning the sauce, don't add oil as it potentially may lead to food sickness. For each pint of sauce, add one tablespoon of bottled lemon juice (or citric acid for canning, as per directions). Then ladle sauce into sterile jars, leaving about one-half inch of headspace. Finger-tighten lids, then boil jars (completely covered in water) in a pressure-canner for 35 minutes (for pint jars, 40 minutes for quarts). You also might consider canning whole or halved tomatoes.

If you have several types of tomatoes in your garden, this will make a rich and uniquely-flavored sauce each year. Figure on about two pints (one quart) of a thin sauce from each five pounds of tomatoes. A thicker sauce will, of course, require more tomatoes.

Other items to consider making are chili sauce, pickled tomatoes, salsa, and ketchup. Ketchup really is just a thick sauce, strained more finely as in a cheesecloth, and with ingredients such as garlic and seasoned vinegar. Vinegar also is a key ingredient for pickled tomatoes. Make sure to use the right proportion of ingredients from tested recipes. Salsa can be made to eat fresh and, to preserve its texture, is best canned. Salsa can be frozen but, when thawed, will be a bit watery for use with chips. Use this instead for cooking. More details on safe canning practices and recipes can be found from the National Center for Home Food Preservation (nchfp.uga.edu).

Tomatoes dry well to a crisp, and easily. Begin by boiling and removing skins. Slice one-half inch thick. Soak for 10 minutes in a solution of one teaspoon citric acid per quart of water. Unlike most other vegetables, tomatoes don't need blanching. Dry in a dehydrator, or in an oven at about 140 to 150 degrees for 6 to 24 hours, until crisp. If using an oven, you may need to prop the door open to make sure the temperature doesn't get too high (monitor with an oven thermometer). You can stack trays with a couple inches space between them.

For roasting tomatoes, line a tray with parchment paper, then add small tomatoes that you've sliced in half lengthwise. Drizzle with olive oil, thyme, rosemary, ground black pepper, or coarse sea salt as desired. You may want to roast slices of garlic with them, or season with minced garlic or garlic powder. Roast at 350 degrees for 40 minutes, then caramelize for another 20 minutes at 400 degrees. You may be able to roast tomatoes while you have another dish in the oven cooking. Tomato skins slide off easily after baking, if you don't want to eat them.

You can store roasted tomatoes in the refrigerator up to 5 days, and 5 months or more in the freezer. Serve as antipasto, on bruschetta, with a soft cheese such as mozarello and basil, add to tomato sauce, top on a pizza, or chop into a risotto. Roasting is a good way to use tomatoes that you may need to pick before they are fully ripe.

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Antiques in Schoharie 39th Annual Fall Show

The 39th Annual Fall Antiques Show will be held at the Schoharie Valley Railroad complex on Depot Lane in the village of Schoharie on Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m and Sunday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Plans are almost finalized for our popular antique show. There will be over 100 dealers inside, outside and under the tents! The entire complex is transformed into a treasure trove laden with antiques and collectibles of all ages. Whatever it is you are searching for will be sure to be there!

And then there's the food... Our famous lunch offerings will be served once again — homemade pies, cakes, brownies and cookies plus Ralph's chili, soup, and sandwiches made to order. Enjoy our outdoor cafe under the big tent.

This year a special exhibit will be presented by the "Always on Wednesday Rug Hookers" who will show the art of rug hooking and will have their works exhibited for all to see.

In addition, the Schoharie Valley Piecemakers' Guild and Peaceable Day Quilters Guild will also show quilting techniques as well as some of their handmade quilts. These will be on exhibit on the second floor of the Depot Lane Creamery Building.

Following in the tradition of Colonial women, the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail (SCQBT) is encouraging residents of the county to air their quilts, displaying them outside on clotheslines, porches, wherever they wish. There will be many quilts aired all day Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Fall Antiques Show (rain date is Sunday, Sept. 20). For more information of the Quilt Trail, visit their website at www.quiltbarntrail.com and like them on Facebook (search SCQBT) to get updates as the date approaches.

This show is run completely by Schoharie Colonial Heritage Volunteers and is one of our largest fund raisers to support our ongoing activities, especially the 1743 Palatine House — the oldest building in Schoharie County — and the Schoharie Valley Railroad Museum. For more information about Colonial Heritage Association, go to SchoharieHeritage.org . Membership is open to all. Call 518-295-7505 (office) or Ruth Anne Wilkinson, Show Manager, 518-231-7241.

Collecting: Depression Glass

by Larry Cox

Q: I have inherited five pieces of Depression Glass, but have no idea of the pattern. My mom thinks the pattern is from the 1930s. I am enclosing some pictures and hope you can help me. — Betty, Sun City West, AZ

A: Your Depression Glass isn't as old as you thought. The pattern is Forest Green and was manufactured by Anchor Hocking Glass Company during the early 1950s. It is a common pattern and typical prices are a goblet, $10; mixing bowl, $11; and a cup, $7.50. The company was located in both Lancaster, Ohio, and Long Island City, New York.

Q: I have more than 1,000 78 rpm records. Everyone tells me they have no value. I've been to all of the antiques shops in my area and have not found anyone interested in them. — Greg, via e-mail

A: I get dozens of letters such as yours each month, and the answer is always the same. Old 78 rpm discs are difficult to sell because it is almost impossible to find turntables with the appropriate speed and needle. I recommend you try your luck on eBay.

Q: I have a small collection of about a dozen fruit jars that are early and unusual. How can I find out how much they are worth? — Sam, Spring Branch, Texas

A: Bill Schroeder is one of the foremost authorities of fruit jars, and his nifty price guide is considered a classic. "1000 Fruit Jars Priced and Illustrated" is user friendly and should be helpful.

Q: I prowl garage and estate sales, and am especially interested in silver and ceramics. Can you recommend a pocket guide to help me identify marks? — Barbara, Santa Fe, New Mexico

A: Judith Miller's "Antique Marks" features more than 6,000 marks to identify silver, ceramics, glass and other assorted treasures.

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An interest from A10

My father seized a stout pole, he'd used in hanging the sausage and bacon, and toppled the whole mess to the ground before the house went up in flames. The hot smoking drums rolled away helter-skelter depositing the sausage and bacon in the dirt driveway. He retrieved the smoked goods when they had cooled, brushed off most of the dirt, and decided they were sufficiently smoked.

The process had rendered the sausage somewhat shriveled and the bacon as black and tough as harness leather. But not to worry, my father said as he whacked off a slice of desiccated bacon by hitting the back of a knife with a hammer.

The knowledge of the origin of "natural casings", as well as trying to eat the smoked bacon, was a deciding factor in my renewed interest in a largely vegetarian diet.

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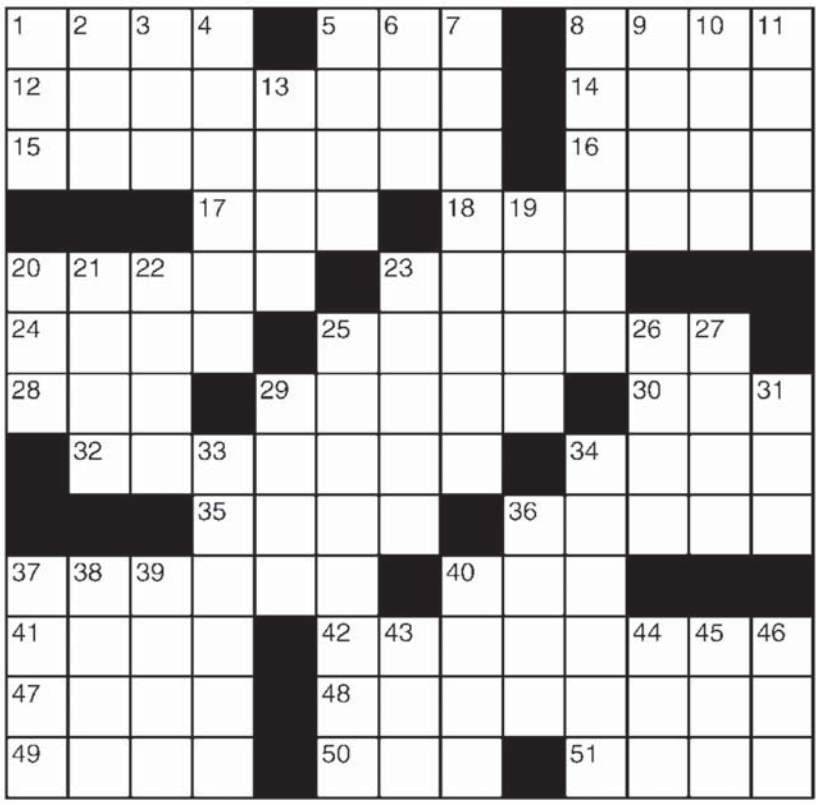

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8 Apple's center
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14 By word of mouth
15 Drunk, in slang
16 "Darn!"
17 Brewery product
18 They're read on a Kindle
20 Braid
23 Bruin
24 Antler
25 Pet rodent, often
28 "Rocks"
29 Sensitive spots
30 Midafternoon social
32 Darrell of "SNL"
34 Catches some rays
35 Arctic diving birds
36 Jones' "Men in Black" co-star
37 Hurts
40 Devoured
41 TV legend Griffin
42 First Treasury Secretary
47 Great Lake
48 Secondary quality
49 Well-being
50 Bill with a portrait of 42-Across
51 Leftovers recipe

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1 "Phooey!"
2 Historic period
3 Upper limb
4 Realm
5 Bus rider's expense
7 Cashed in
8 Companion
9 Sandwich cookie
10 — and pinion
11 BPOE members
13 Hanukkah gift
19 Low voice
20 — Beta Kappa
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25 Basketball tactic
26 Needle case
27 Landlord's due
29 Pornography
31 Fire residue
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36 Use a teaspoon
37 Old World duck
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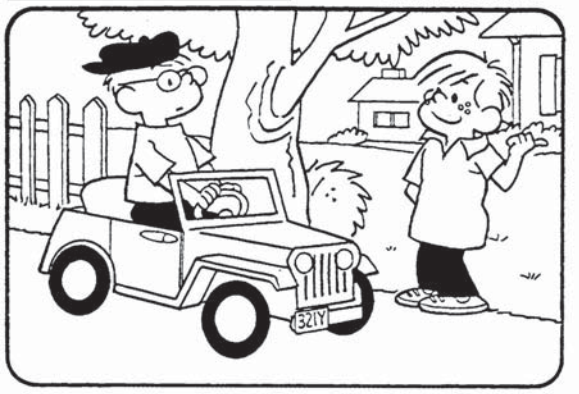

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Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Cap is reversed. 3. Car door is missing. 4. House is missing. 5. License plate is missing. 6. Shirt is different.

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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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Mega Maze

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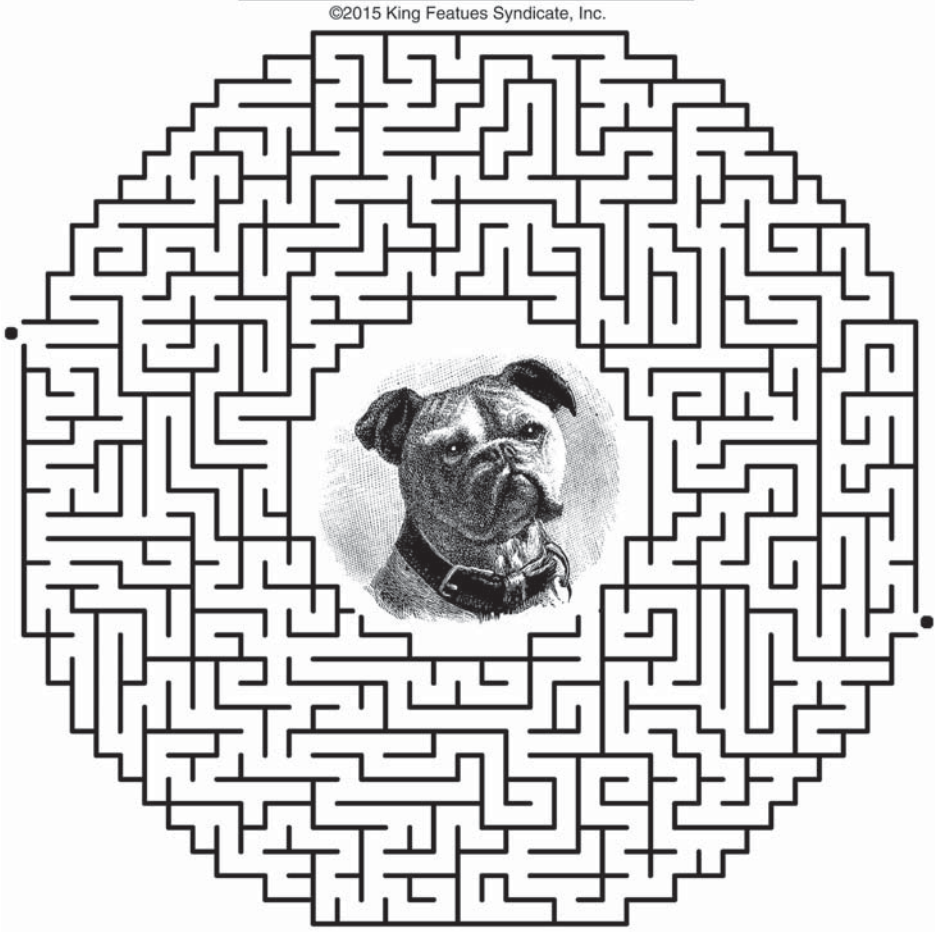

"You can't blame gravity for falling in love."
— Albert Einstein

ANSWERS

— King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

— Weekly SUDOKU —
Answer

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Sunday, Sept. 13th
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Monday, Sept. 14th
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- Cheeseburger Wrap w/FF

Tuesday, Sept. 15th
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Wednesday, Sept. 16th
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GAVIN - White and black male American Bulldog. Found in a culvert on N. Bush Road, Johnstown. Came to the shelter on May 30th. Fine with kids.

CHI CHI - 2 1/2 year old female Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. Fine with cats and ok with older kids. Lived with another dog.

BARRY - Male Beagle, 10 plus years old. Found on Brower Road, Palatine on August 12, 2015. He's a doll. Stands up and begs for a treat!

SAMMY - Wonderful 2 year old male Border Collie mix. Knows "sit". Leash trained. Lived with another dog.

DAISY - Sweet female Beagle, about 3 years old. Awesome with kids.

FAY - 1 - 2 year old female brindle and white Boxer mix. Found in Rockwood State Forest. Friendly temperament. Not good with cats.

MARGO - Female Beagle, about 6 years old. Found on Gould Road, Minden. She's a lover with a beautiful expressive face.

HEIDI - 2 year old female small English Coonhound mix. Great looking dog, friendly and athletic.

ELECTRA - Loving 5 year old female Tortie. Very outgoing, playful and gives love bites. Fine with other cats but not dogs. Definitely an indoor cat.

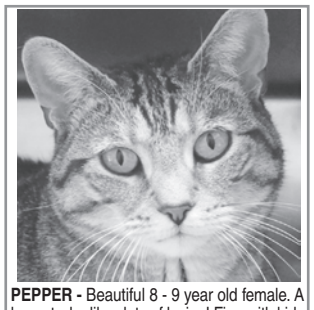
AVALON - 4 month old gray female. Found on Hilltop Road, Sprakers. Irresistible and very playful.

MALLORY - 10 week old female Calico kitten. Found on Center St., Fort Plain in July. She has star quality!

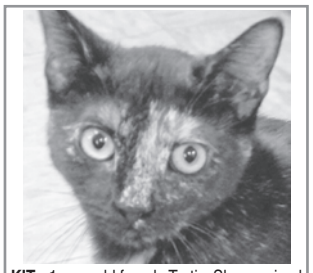
GEORGIA - Very sweet 1 year old female Tortie. Found with her kittens under a porch in Fort Plain on May 24, 2015.

WARREN - Wonderful 5 month old orange and white male. Came to the shelter on June 14, 2015.

OLLIE - 3 month old black male kitten. Very playful and fascinating to watch!



PEPPER - Beautiful 8 - 9 year old female. A lap cat who likes lots of loving! Fine with kids and dogs. Tolerates other cats.



KIT - 1 year old female Tortie. She survived a house fire and her owners were no longer able to care for her. Help her find a new loving home!

MYLES - Black male, 12 plus years old. Found on Hilltop Road, Sprakers on July 30, 2015. Affectionate and playful. Fine with other cats. Loves catnip!

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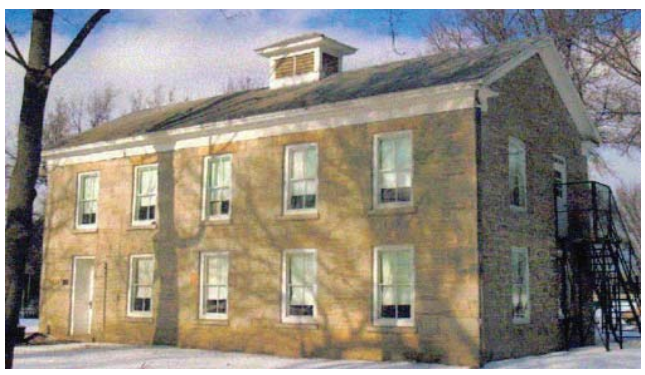
Ames has a what?

by Dr. Sandra Malcolm

The secret is out of the bag. Ames, NY, the smallest incorporated village in the state has a museum. The museum is not a tiny corner in a remote building, but rather a two-floor stone building with a history of its own. The building was built in 1835 for the purpose of education. Ames Academy was a private, tuition-based educational institution focusing on history, literature, philosophy, geography, and mathematics. In 1871 it became a public school known as the Ames Union Free Academy. It remained a public school until 1957. Artifacts from the original academy and the public school are on display at the museum.

In 1988 the building was dedicated as the Village of Ames Museum. This occurred after the new Ames Volunteer Fire Department building was built. The stone building was no longer needed as a village meeting hall and election site. The trustees voted to establish a village museum for the purpose of preserving the rich history of the area. Mrs. Maude Van Arsdale was assigned the role of the first village historian and undertook the task of collecting, preserving, and displaying artifacts for public viewing. The building was later added to the register of historic sites.



The secret is out — Ames, NY, has a museum.
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Many articles about the Ames Volunteer Fire Department can be viewed along with posters from Old Home Days parades and celebrations, and examples of clothing and equipment used by the firemen.

There are displays of village documents, including wedding announcements, births, deaths, bookkeeping records from various businesses, and newspaper articles of village importance. Postal records are housed in a cabinet with the last cancellation stamp used on the day the post office closed. The stamp is available for visitors to stamp their own souvenir. If it happened here, it is more than likely documented here.

There are examples of household items and farm implements from days past and books and school materials used by academy students. The original chalkboard, teacher's desk, hand bells, and ink well are displayed, allowing visitors to relive their school experience and compare it to the past. Products from industries in the village include baskets, nails, a Jump pump, and pictures and sales records of the saw mill and grain mill can be viewed. A wedding dress, hats, and other clothing dating back in history are on display.

There is an extensive collection of Beech-Nut memorabilia since numerous village residents were employed there.

Military items include a 1773 powder horn from Ticonderoga, U.S. flags from various eras, medals, a WWII Honor Role, and documentation of village residents who served in the military from the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan.

Histories of the Baptist Church and the Methodist Church are available, as well as a collection of bibles and hymnals.

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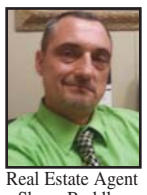

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005: **NEW LISTING!!! PALATINE:** This home is priced to sell and you can't go wrong with this price, so don't miss out on this opportunity. If you are into country living, this home is located on a dead-end road in the country. There is 30 acres of land with a small barn. Great for a small vegetable farm or horse farm. The home is in very good condition, with many improvements. If you are looking for peace and quiet and a nice setting, this is it!!! **Asking $118,000**

104: **NEW LISTING!!! NELLISTON:** Don't miss out on this home!!! The house has been well maintained and is in very good condition. The roof is 9 years old, new furnace and hot water tank, 200 amp service. There is an enclosed fenced-in private yard for kids and pets. The inside of the home is nicely decorated... It is move in ready!!! **Asking $60,000**

504: **NEW LISTING!!! CANAJOHARIE:** This split level house plan features 3 levels of living space. A dead-end street with a view and a beautiful backyard meticulously landscaped and a relaxing patio-perfect for entertaining. Open concept, hardwood floors, new roof, and a paved driveway leading to a 2-stall garage w/carpet. **Asking $129,900**

517: **ST. JOHNSVILLE:** Beautiful setting comes with this home. Enjoy your view of the creek from your sunken living room w/hardwood floors and cozy fireplace. Enclosed sun room w/hot tub viewing the beautiful creek. Open kitchen, living room and dining area. Laundry on 1st floor. Attached/det. Garage and barn. MUST SEE HOME!!! Excluded from sale--coal stove in living room. **Asking $135,000**

821: **REDUCED!!! BROOME:** A private country home with a rustic feel. A lot of wildlife AND GREAT VIEWS OF THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS. CONNECTS TO STATE LANDS WITH GREAT SNOWMOBILE AND FOUR WHEELER TRAILS. 25 miles to Cobleskill and Catskill - 35-40 minutes to Albany. **Asking $94,900**

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603: **CANAJOHARIE:** This Craftsman Style home has been lovingly restored by the current owners. The architectural details are all intact and in outstanding condition. Hardwood floors, moldings, doors with glass knobs and French doors are all here. The kitchen and bathroom have been newly updated while saving some original details. Come view this special home and we'll show you the difference between renovation and great restoration!!! **Asking $99,000**

664: **CANAJOHARIE:** This stunning village home has been updated throughout. Newer hardwood flooring, kitchen, wiring, heating, electric, sheet rock, and spray foam insulation. Nothing left to do but move in to a maintenance free life style. The landscaping is beautiful and the garage can also be used as a heated, insulated rec room. Conveniently located near the Canajoharie School adds to its allure. Centrally located to Cooperstown, Saratoga and the Southern Adirondacks. **Asking $137,500**

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970: **FORT PLAIN:** A quaint Ranch home located in the Historic Mohawk Valley. Updates include vinyl siding 1 yr old, new roof 2 yrs old, ceramic tile at the front door, kitchen, shower, and counter tops. New windows except the front bay window and two in the front. Updated laundry room, radiant heat in the bathroom under the new tile floor and a 30 x 10 deck. **Asking $119,900**

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Sat., September 12th
1-3pm

11 Lafayette St, Palatine Bridge

5 BR home has finished 3rd floor. Updated bath with Jacuzzi tub. Original finished woodwork and hardwood floors. 16x36 deck to above ground pool. Deep lot is 242 feet. Canajoharie School. **$119,000**

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OPEN HOUSE
Sun., September 13th
10am - 4pm

7 High St, Fort Plain

3 BR home has had many updates including peaked roof, windows, Kitchen, Bath, furnace and appliances. This is an attractive home near the school. It is in very nice condition. Cozy up to the gas fireplace in the LR. Half bath and laundry on the first floor. The full bath upstairs has a Jacuzzi tub. The backyard is fenced in. There is even a utility shed for the lawn mower. Owner has reduced the price to "move it".... **Now $105,000**

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"Peckulating" chickens

by Terry Berkson

The hens I finally found in late spring have been laying prolifically. I was feeding them mash but they were scattering it around the coop and yard so I switched to pellets that for the most part stay in the feed pail. Good egg production continued but I noticed that feathers were missing from the necks, breasts and rear ends of some of the birds. It wasn't Romeo the rooster. He's been a gentle sweetheart. The girls seemed to be pulling each others feathers out — not all of them, just a few. One in particular was missing more feathers than the others. I assumed she was at the bottom of the proverbial pecking order. I didn't think the feather pulling was due to a lack of protein because the feed I was using had a high protein content. Also, allowed to free range, the birds had access to worms, bugs and greens that aid in providing them with a well balanced diet.

The author applies a concoction of coffee grounds and petroleum jelly to a balding chicken.
Photo courtesy of Terry Berkson

The feather pulling continued and I began to think that maybe it had something to do with the pecking instinct. When feeding them mash my chickens were doing a lot more pecking. I would guess that it takes at least 10 pecks of laying mash to consume the equivalent of one laying pellet. The birds were eating the same amount of food but doing a lot less pecking to satisfy their hunger. My theory was that they were taking excess pecking energy out on each other. When I bounced the idea off of my wife Alice, she looked at me sideways. I tried using mash again but the result wasn't dramatic enough to confirm my theory.

I took a look on Youtube where there was an English lady holding a half bald chicken and touting some blue liquid in a spray bottle that she warned "Don't be down wind of the spray when you use it." I was sure that she meant that the stuff stinks. The use of pine tar applied to the plucked area was also recommended but I couldn't find it in town or even at stores down in the Mohawk Valley. A smell that chickens don't like was possibly the answer.

So, what foul smelling chemical did I have around the farm to use? Everyone knows that smell is a skunk's main defense. Sometimes when we pass a flattened skunk on the road Alice says that the remains smell like coffee. I have to agree. So, it follows that most animals would be repelled by something that smelled like coffee.

There was can of extra strong demitasse coffee that I pictured sitting in the kitchen closet. Alice loves the jet black brew, sipped out of these little doll house cups, after an Italian meal. Whenever she goes down to the city she brings back a can of her special coffee — that she rarely offers to me. No problem, I don't often drink the stuff because the strong caffeine keeps me up at night. I didn't think she'd notice if I borrowed a few scoops but unfortunately the can was almost empty. Pressured by the pecking problem I mixed most of the remaining black grounds into a small jar of petroleum jelly so that when applied it would stick to my chickens. Then I went out to the coop and one by one caught the birds that had feathers missing and covered the bald spots with my caffeinated concoction. The mixture seemed to work because for the next few days I didn't notice any newly plucked areas. When my repellent wore off and I had to catch the birds for another application, the round-up proved to be much more difficult than I expected. Before I greased them, the girls would be waltzing around the yard. Now they were doing a jitterbug and it was much more difficult to bag them. When Alice saw me chasing after one she commented, "You're

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A pig tale

by Kelly Gallagher

Some Schoharie County, New York residents have inquired about the screaming they've heard emanating from the home of Brianna and Steve Guckemus during the colder months — but they needn't worry. No one is in danger. It's just Juno, the couple's Vietnamese pot-bellied pig.

"She hates winter," explains Brianna. "She'll scream and squeal at the top of her lungs in protest to avoid going outside to use the bathroom. It's funny to have to explain to your neighbors that no, no one is in trouble... it's just our pig!"

Pigs and other large animals certainly aren't a strange sight in this rural area, but Juno isn't a farm commodity. She's a member of the family, and has been since 2010, when Steve saw an online advertisement offering tiny six-week-old piglets. Now, five years later, Juno has grown to about 150 pounds, a number that can be partially attributed to the large apple tree on the family's five-acre property.

Juno may tip the scales, but she certainly pulls her weight around the house. One afternoon, Brianna forgot about a pot of boiling water on the stove. The pot began to burn. "Juno smelled it, and ran into the bedroom, grunting at me," Brianna said.

Soon after adopting Juno, they welcomed a daughter, Maiya, into their household, and from then on, the baby and the piglet grew up together.

"The best thing about having a pig and a toddler together is that she cleans up all of my daughter's food messes off the ground."

In many ways, pigs are similar to dogs. Juno likes to give kisses and do tricks, such as spinning around on command. She has also gotten dressed up for Halloween and loves good, old-fashioned belly rubs. "She is a peaceful animal and loves to lay in the yard and sunbathe," says Brianna. The pig also has her own "happy dance."

The Guckemus family didn't just wake up one morning and decide that it would be fun to have an unusual pet — Brianna had grown up with a pig, and had long planned to own one when she became a homeowner. Having lived with a pig before, she understood that with the allure of having an unusual animal comes many responsibilities. Those who are interested in keeping a pet pig must be willing to make a serious investment in the long-term health and wellbeing of a large animal. It pays to do research on how to care for your desired breed of pig, and to carefully consider all the ways in which inviting a pig into the fold could effect a family's time, finances and property.

"Don't plan on having your pet pig stay small forever," warns Brianna. "The 'tea cup' pig craze is a scam. They will get big, and often they end up in a sanctuary because families aren't prepared to handle a 75-pound plus animal in their home."

Indoor pigs will require owners to "pig-proof" their home similar to the way in which one would prepare a home to be safe for a toddler. This can entail child locks on your kitchen drawers and cabinets and a lock on the refrigerator. It is also important to keep small objects off the floor, as the animal will eat them. It is

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Juno poses with her buddy Maiya.
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Juno braving the dreaded winter.

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Concealed Shoe

In researching the history of this week's Whatchamacallit — a turn of the century soft leather shoe for children — I uncovered some old information that might shed some light on this lone, leather shoe.

It was customary during the late 1800s and early 1900s for some people to often hide old boots and shoes in chimneys or behind walls in an effort to bring them some good luck and to ward off evil spirits.

There's really no way of telling if this week's Whatchamacallit was one such shoe, however it does have some of the hallmarks of a "concealed shoe".

Concealed shoes are always worn out and very often there is only one shoe hidden. Also, many of the shoes found are for children. These concealed shoes were often hidden when building work or construction was being done to the house.

A shoe is the only item of clothing which takes on the shape of the person wearing it and it's believed the single worn shoe was hidden so that a malevolent spirit could not steal it and take away the protection the shoe gave.

It's harvest time! The world-famous Sharon Springs Harvest Festival is scheduled for September 19 & 20th. If you loved our previous Harvest Festivals, you're going to really be excited about the new things we have in store this year. Two big new developments:

1. A Main Stage will be set up under the Chalybeate Park Pavillion with amazing presentations, demos & events scheduled all day and evening on Saturday and Sunday. (See schedule below.)

2. Etsy is back! We've been big fans of Etsy's for many years. They've helped thousands of craftspersons earn a living doing what they love.

For the second year in a row, we are partnering with Etsy to create the "Etsy Makers Village" right here in Sharon Springs!

Here's the schedule of events as it currently stands.

Friday 9/18

Harvest Feast at the American Hotel

A 4 course dinner with pairings of NYS wines and beers. Call 518.284.2105 for reservations.

Saturday 9/19

All Day – world debut of the new book Beekman 1802 Style: the attraction of opposites. Brent and Josh will be in the second floor showroom of the Mercantile all day signing copies of their new decor book

All Day – Beekman 1802 Farm Tours.

All Day – Kids Creative Garden Cobbler & Co Gift Shop will create a safe and supervised place for kids to play right in the village square with games and prizes from world-famous toy makers Melissa & Doug

All Day – (while supplies last) The American Hotel will be serving fresh-from-the-Cape Lobstah Rolls and Clam Chowder on the lawn of the hotel

7AM-12PM – French Toast Breakfast at the Firehouse

10AM – Over 100 Vendors will open their booths scattered throughout the village.

10AM – "Etsy's Makers Village" opens. (South Street) Etsy takes over one of the streets in town to highlight the wares of some of their very best regional craftspersons.

11:00AM-11:30PM – History of Sharon Springs. Is this your first time in Sharon Springs? Here's your chance to learn about it's incredible past lives! Town Historian Nancy Pfau has written a book on the history of Sharon Springs. She'll host a Q & A and book signing.

Noon – Become an Official Sharon Springs Honorary Citizen. (Main Stage) Show up to take the Oath of Honorary Citizenship, (and get spritzed by Mayor Doug,) to become an official, card-carrying, honorary Sharon Springs Citizen. (Super Secret ID Card included.)

12:30-1:30PM – Crafting Panel (Main Stage) Join some of Etsy's most talented craftspersons to learn some fabulous new crafting tips and techniques.

1:00PM – Tractor Parade! (Main Street) Line up to celebrate our farmers as they parade their new and antique models down Main Street (from Sharon Springs School to Sunnycrest Orchards.)

2PM – The Sharon Springs Community Cookbook. Remember those times when a community could come together and put on things like a festival (!) and a community cookbook? Three of our neighbors got together and collected stories and recipes from the community (and some of our most frequent visitors) and created the Sharon Springs Community Cookbook – with over 500 recipes and stories and fabulous artwork by local artist Wendy Costa. Sample some of the community favorites, learn how the book came about and perhaps be inspired to do something similar in your own community! Books will be on sale at the discussion, and the profits from the sale of the book go to support the Sharon Springs Community Food Pantry.

5PM – 7PM – Etsy Vendor Appreciation. (Chalybeate Park & Main Stage) Etsy-sponsored snacks for all Festival Vendors, plus a fantastic informal presentation of how to leverage Etsy to earn even more money from your passions. Note: Only Registered Harvest Festival Vendors are invited for snacks, but everyone is welcome for the presentation.

EVENING EVENTS:

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Drinks, Dancing and Dinner at Claussen Farm:

Finally, a chance to experience the magic of Clausen Farm–a sit down, family style, multi-course dinner, prepared by celebrity Chef Stuart O'Keefe. That same evening we will be sampling "Spirits in the Barn" sponsored by Tuthilltown Distillery, a local Craft Brewery, and Winery.

The meal will be prepared by world-famous Chef Stuart O'Keeffe. Follow him on Facebook for a sneak peek at his journey and prep for the event!

Clausen Farm beckons you to come eat, drink, and dance!

Thinking about your dinner plans? Check out our amazing local restaurants (be sure to call ahead for reservations): 204 Main Bar & Bistro, or Sharon Tavern.

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8:00AM – Noon: One of the best caterers around, MOSDelicious, is cooking up a Sunday country breakfast featuring local products – bacon, sausage, eggs, syrup, etc. and showcasing local farms. The farmers from Hessian Hill Farm, Parsons Vegetable Farm, The Farm at Cotton Hill, Stonehouse Sap House, and MuMu Muesli will also be on-hand. (Vendors will receive a 10% discount.)

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Other area attractions to visit during the weekend:

Cooperstown Farmers Museum, Fenimore Art Museum, Howe Caverns, Arkell Museum

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There are free shuttles that run between the village and the school throughout the day. Signs will be posted throughout the village with the locations of pick up and drop off points.

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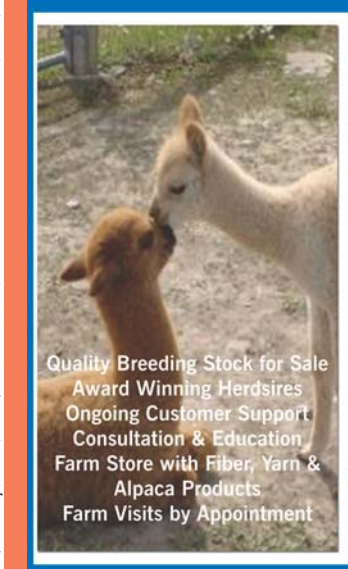
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Chickens from B2

slowing down. You did a lot better rounding them up the first time."

I couldn't tell her what I was thinking but I was pretty sure the birds had absorbed the strong caffeine from her beloved coffee that I had mixed into the repellent. Now, the chickens seemed supercharged on high test — especially the hen with the most feathers missing which revealed more exposed skin. She was scooting around like The Road Runner with me in hot pursuit. I finally had to give up on catching her. By the time I caught and greased all the others I was exhausted. At night, when she was roosting in the coop was when I got hold of the one that got away. I was just about out of the stimulating salve but I wasn't about to pilfer any more of Alice's after-a-good-meal demitasse. One thing I knew, the coffee for my next mixture would definitely be decaf.

When I entered the kitchen the other night Alice was just turning away from the closet that held the nearly empty can of her coveted coffee. "What are you making for supper?" I asked.

She thought for a moment and then to my alarm answered, "I think I'll make some chicken cacciatore!"

Ames from B1

Information on the role that Ames played in the Underground Railroad is documented. Recently this information was sought by an individual for a research project.

If you visit Ames you can eat at Sunset Corners, a village restaurant with a history going back two centuries. It has had numerous owners and a variety of businesses including an Opera House, a roller rink, an undertaker's office, a Post Office, a butcher shop and a grocery store. Information on all of these can be found in the museum.

Ames can boast of having one of the first female doctors, Dr. Caroline Garlock. Pictures and articles of Dr. Garloch are on display.

E.B. White based the writing of chapter 13, titled "Ames Crossing", in his famous children's book *Stuart Little* on the village of Ames.

A display of photos of art pictures by Fritz G. Vogt depicting village houses in the mid-1800's can be viewed.

After the passing of Mrs. Van Arsdale the role of village Historian passed to Dennis Malcolm. As historian Dennis has secured funding for exterior maintenance and to convert an out-building into an Antique Tool Shed. He has been working with a former local resident, Dale Smith, to digitize all artifacts and written items as an inventory of the museum contents. Mr. Smith created a program that allows an individual to locate information about a family member if it is available in the museum.

There are many new and exciting things happening at the Ames Museum. It would make an excellent local field trip for school classes and home school families. There are picnic tables, a playground, and a ball field available to make it a day. Any residents of the surrounding area who would like to view the photo albums we would appreciate being able to identify people. You may recognize Aunt Millie or Uncle Ralph.

The museum is hosting a Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is a free event and is open to anyone desiring to bring a table to display information, crafts, or food. It is NOT a garage sale. If you are interested in setting up a table, contact Dennis Malcolm at 518-673-5820. To tour the museum you can also call that number. Visit our website at www.amesmuseum.weebly.com .

A Pig Tale from B3

also important to check with your local laws and codes to see if pigs are permitted in your municipality.

Some pigs, like dogs, can be territorial. An angry pig will attempt to bite or push with their tusks. Be prepared to trim your animals' tusks and hooves, and treat their skin, which tends to get itchy and dry. Also you must have your pig spayed or neutered at a young age.

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The digital revolution has transformed the auto industry and given the consumer far more choices than anyone ever thought possible.

(BPT) — Not that long ago a typewriter was the best tool for recording data and libraries kept track of books with index cards packed into wooden drawers. Obviously computers have improved productivity by letting people manipulate data faster. But have you ever considered all the physical, hold-in-your-hands things that would not exist today without computers? Engineering and manufacturing would certainly be slower and harder, but there would simply have to be fewer things if people were still using index cards to keep track of them.

The auto parts industry is a great example. In the early 1900s, traveling auto parts salesmen could take trains to visit customers because the parts they were selling fit in suitcases. But by the 1930s, some auto parts retailers had paper catalogs with over 100 pages!

By the 1950s, the auto industry was creaking under the weight of too many car models and parts and was badly in need of computers. "If computers had come along sooner, we might still have Packards and Studebakers," says Rock-Auto.com vice president Tom Taylor. "The complexity of building low volume cars with low volume parts was just too expensive back then."

Every year the auto parts industry has to make new parts for new cars while still making parts for older cars. There is an ever-growing inventory of parts to keep track of, and a growing record of which cars the parts fit. Compared to now, the data in the 1960s was still relatively simple. "A handful of shock absorber part numbers took care of most American brand cars of that era," says Taylor. "A 6,000 square foot independent auto parts store on Main Street would have had adequate inventory to help most customers."

In the late 1970s and 1980s, computers helped car and parts manufacturing diversify and proliferate. Parts retailers moved away from flipping through thick paper catalogs. They could risk stocking parts for new foreign brands and models because computers helped track inventory and sales.

Today, parts for newer cars might only fit one car brand and a few model years. Major auto parts retailers have more than 400,000 part numbers in their warehouses. Those parts fit millions of different vehicles.

Fitting today's 30-plus car brands, dozens of models and 400,000-plus parts into a giant paper catalog is impossible. The digital revolution has transformed the auto industry and given the consumer far more choices than anyone ever thought possible.

Five simple tips for safe towing

(BPT) — With the summer months ahead, people will be towing boats, jet skis, campers, landscaping equipment, ATVs and more.

Towing can be tricky so it's important to plan ahead and emphasize safety. Operating a vehicle becomes a whole new task when another set of wheels is hitched to the back. Neglecting small details may result in a bumpy ride or even cause damage to the load being

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Stay safe and keep your towing loads secure.

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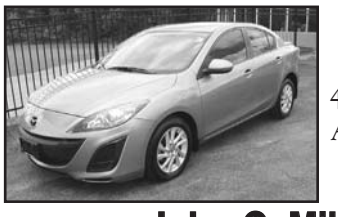
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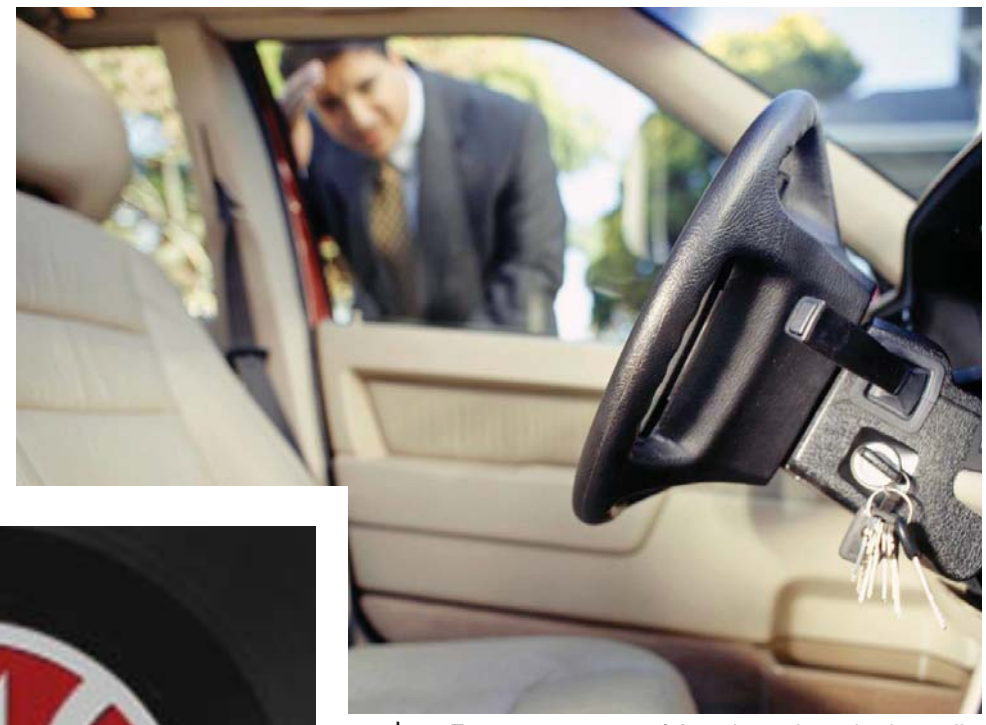
Forget something? Drivers forget where they park and more

(BPT) — Although our everyday routines can be simple and second nature, there's only so much we can remember. And when it comes to cars and car maintenance, many Americans frequently forget routine tasks according to the latest Gauge Index from Hankook Tire.

When running errands, we park our cars, walk into the store, check our lists, pay for what we need, get back in our cars and drive to the next stop. But most Americans have found themselves wandering around a parking lot because they can't find their car, according to Hankook Tire's Seasonal Gauge Index. In fact, the Gauge revealed that 55 percent of Americans have forgotten where they parked at least once.

Hankook also found that a significant number of drivers have gotten into trouble after parking by locking their keys in the car. Forty-one percent of Americans have had to call a locksmith or find a spare set of keys to get back on the road.

When you are in the thick of daily errands, there is likely a need for a fuel stop. The stress that can come with the overwhelming daily list of things to do can distract you from the little things you need to do, like closing the gas cap. One third of Americans have forgotten to put the gas cap back on after fueling up, according to the Gauge Index. Further, more than a quarter of Americans have a tendency to drive off with items on the top of their cars such as groceries, a cup of coffee or even a purse.



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For those who forget how to get where they need to go, the Gauge Index revealed that 40 percent of drivers use a GPS device to get them headed in the right direction.

All of this is a reminder to slow down and remember the little, albeit important details of driving, and make sure that your car is in proper working condition. Hankook Tire wants you to pay attention to car care responsibilities.

Keep your tires cool and properly filled. Heat can take its toll on tires, so try to park in the shade as often as possible. Filling tires with the correct air pressure also will help keep the temperature down within the serviceable range. Remember to check tire pressure monthly.

Rotate your tires. Each tire can wear unevenly, and tires on the front axle tend to wear differently than tires on the rear axle. Regular tire rotation ensures more even wear. Tires should be rotated about every 5,000 miles.

Choose the right tire. While we can forget where we parked, we can also forget what kind of tires are on our car. Make sure your car is running on the right, season-appropriate tires.

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High tech can make driving safer

(NAPSA) — More than 420,000 people are injured each year in motor vehicle accidents involving distracted drivers-but technology can help reduce your risk by improving your awareness behind the wheel, no matter how old your vehicle may be.

Safe solutions

Safe driving starts with smart decisions. The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) firmly believes safety is paramount in a moving vehicle, and a driver's highest priority must be maintaining safe control at all times. That's why CEA supports legislation that bans texting while driving and places strict limits on the use of electronics by novice drivers. CEA also developed the Innovating Safety campaign to help consumers and improve awareness and understanding of the broad spectrum of safety-enhancing technologies available today.

Distraction behind the wheel

All kinds of things can distract you when you're driving-using your phone, daydreaming, talking to your passengers or paying attention to anything other than the road ahead. Statistically speaking, newer drivers are over-represented in fatality and injury crash statistics, and studies have found that teens are more prone to dangerous distractions while driving.

Innovation can improve drive safety

For parents wondering what they can do to improve their teenagers' driving habits, there are all kinds of products available to help. Some products limit cell phone usage and texting abilities and create incentives for good driving behavior. Other devices connect you to your car, even when you're not in it, letting parents access information on their teens' driving habits, set "safety zones" and monitor vehicle location.

More advanced driver-monitoring solutions track the driver's eye movements and whether the driver's hands are on the wheel. This technology can then initiate corrective action when the driver's behavior appears to match that of a distracted person. Other high-tech safety products include blind spot indicators, backup cameras and crash avoidance systems that help drivers increase their awareness of other cars, pedestrians and dangerous obstructions. Additionally, voice-activated GPS navigational systems enhance situational awareness.

New-car tech for your old-tech car

The primary vehicles for most American drivers are more than 11 years old. Fortunately, many technology companies are developing a broad range of aftermarket devices that can be installed seamlessly in most cars to enhance the safety.

Discover more safe solutions and find out how to get involved in this issue at www.CE.org/InnovatingSafety.

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Back to Basics: The ABCs of car care

Back-to-school season is the ideal time to review your ABCs; the ABCs of car care, that is. The Car Care Council recommends that motorists brush up on their auto care knowledge to make sure their vehicle is operating at its most efficient level before the school year carpool crunch and the onset of fall and winter weather.

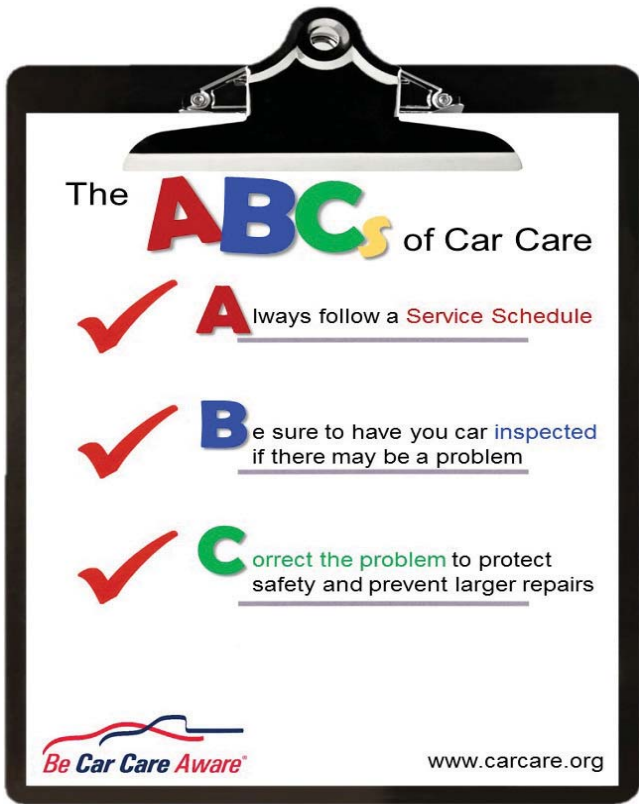
The ABCs of basic car care include:

- A – Always follow a vehicle service schedule.
- B – Be sure to have your car inspected when you suspect there is a problem.
- C – Correct the problem to help avoid the inconvenience and potential safety hazards of breaking down away from home.

"Many people simply don't take the time to care for their vehicle properly," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "By following these three simple steps, motorists will not only protect their second largest investment, but they will be able to address minor repairs before they become more complicated, expensive repairs."

To make it easier for motorists to follow a preventative vehicle maintenance plan, the non-profit Car Care Council recommends that drivers sign up for the council's free personalized service schedule and email reminder service and keep a copy of its popular Car Care Guide in the glove box. The 80-page guide is a valuable tool that can be ordered free of charge at www.carcare.org/car-care-guide.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For a free copy of the council's popular Car Care Guide or for more information, visit www.carcare.org.



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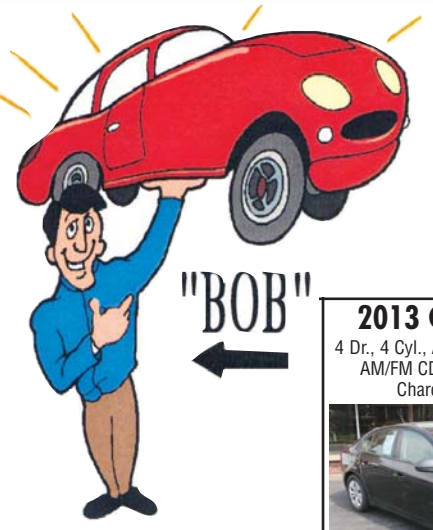
towed, and overlooking the bigger issues could cause accidents.

Take steps to stay safe and keep your towing loads secure by using these tips as a checklist before hitting the road.

- **Determine a vehicle's towing capacity.** Be aware of your vehicle's towing capacity. No matter how powerful the engine, there's always a limit on how much it can tow. Reference the vehicle's owner's manual to learn how much weight can be attached.
- **Choose the right hitch and ball mount.** Matching the trailer and tow vehicle to a hitch class is critical for safe towing. There are five classes of trailer hitches, each designated for the combined total weight of the load and trailer. When selecting a hitch you also need to choose the correct ball mount to match the receiver tube and to raise or lower the hitch ball as needed.
- **Plan pit stops.** Variables can change quickly when towing. On the way to your destination, plan to stop every 50-60 miles to check the lights, brakes and tires on the trailer. It is also important to make sure the load has remained evenly distributed.
- **Inspect and maintain.** Towing a heavy load puts tremendous stress on any vehicle, no matter how powerful it is. Routine maintenance is especially important in this situation. Make sure your vehicle is in good condition as towing stress can quickly make small issues larger.
- **Exaggerate margin for error.** Driving too fast increases the sway of the trailer and makes it more difficult to stop quickly. It's important to have enough room between other vehicles, take wide turns and know the trailer's tunnel clearance.

Benjamin Franklin said that, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This logic certainly applies to towing. Taking common sense measures will greatly decrease the chance of towing mishaps that quickly derail the best-laid plans.



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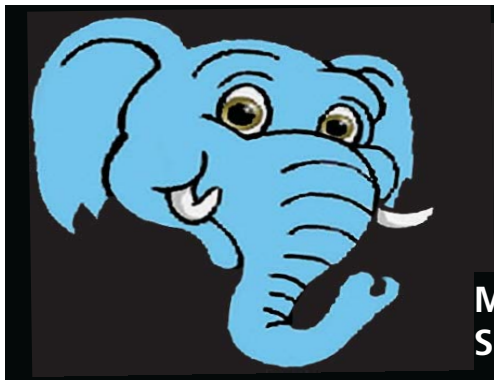

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