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by Molly Sprayregen, Associated Press

Puppies bring unending joy to a home, but they're also a handful. Experts say dog owners are often surprised by just how much time and attention puppies require.

If you're preparing for a puppy, there's so much more to think about than buying a crate, toys and

food. Here are seven things to know:

You need a puppy education plan.

"The best thing people can do is organize the puppy's education," says Andrea Arden Dog Training in New York City. Arden has trained dogs for 24 years, and says owners can become over-

whelmed if they don't have a training plan by the time the puppy arrives. The best course of action, she says, is to hire a trainer you and your puppy can work with in person. Also, seek out reputable books and websites to help you learn the best training practices.

"If you do it right," says Arden, "You're raising a

dog that is going to be a really fun, stress-free part of your life for hopefully 15 years."

Matt Gecht and Allie Gottlieb, who run the Instagram account @otter_doodle for their 7-month-old goldendoodle, Otter, say that before his arrival, they had a friend help them prepare a comprehensive Excel docu-

ment containing everything from toys to budget to training.

Socialization is also an integral part of a puppy's education. Once your puppy is settled in, regularly take it for walks in populated areas to meet other people and dogs. Dog training expert Sarah Wilson of St. Louis notes, however, that until your puppy is vaccinated, avoid taking it anywhere there might be unvaccinated dogs.

Arden says to expect life to change "pretty dramatically" for at least the first six months of your puppy's life, when it will need the most time and attention.

Expect the puppy to be confused.

It's easy to become frustrated when your puppy does something wrong, but remember it's still learning.

"This little being has only been on the planet for 100 days," says Wilson. "If the puppy isn't doing what you want, it's because the puppy doesn't understand. Your puppy is not dominant. It's just a confused baby."

Puppies are overwhelmed when they arrive in a new home, Wilson says. "As far as your puppy's concerned, they've been beamed up by friendly aliens. You took them away from the only home they know and dropped them into another home which is completely different, so be ready to coach them on making the right choices."

You will lose sleep.

"I can't tell you how many phone calls and emails we get that people are shocked they're losing sleep because the puppy is waking them up," Arden says. "For me there is no surprise in that. It's a little baby creature. It's in a brand new environment where the puppy is expected to spend time alone, and they are not prepared for that."

You will need to contain your puppy.

"Get gates," says Wilson. "Supervise the puppy the way you would supervise an 18-month-old child with a pair of scissors in one hand and an indelible marker in the other."

Puppies need constant supervision so they don't swallow something unsafe. It's impossible to keep your eye on them if they're not contained.

And not containing puppies sets them up to fail, says Arden.

"Most people bring puppies home and think the puppy needs to investigate the house in order to become comfortable," she says. "A young puppy wandering a living room is likely to just stop and squat."

It's (really) expensive.

Between vet visits, food, toys and everything else, Gottlieb and Gecht said that even with the budget they prepared, they were not expecting Otter to be so expensive. "We were financially prepared going into it, and we were still surprised at how much we were spending," Gottlieb says.

Don't forget to enjoy the good parts.

Raising a puppy is hard, but there are so many wonderful parts of the journey — especially the unconditional love. "Dolly instantly was a member of our family," says Karger. "You can just hear and see the joy in each one of us."

When feeling exasperated, Gottlieb says, "Remind yourself there's a reason you got a dog and the reason is for that love. While training can be frustrating, once you get through it, it's going to be amazing."

Your life will change more than you think.

Nancy Bear Karger, who along with her husband and kids is raising Dolly, a 1-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, says that needing to be home for the puppy was a big adjustment. When planning trips or even going out for the day, a plan must be in place — and it's more than just stopping in briefly. "We can't just come home, let her out and put her back in her crate," Karger explains. "That's not fair to her."

Calendar of events

Aug 25	Sept 8-9	Oct 13
<p>Herkimer County Family Day at the Farm. Aug. 25 18. 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Raycliff Farm, 795 Snells Bush Road, Little Falls, NY. . For more information, call 315.823-4321.</p>	<p>Fort Klock 46th Annual Craft Fair. Fort Klock is located at 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Spaces \$50 for the two days. For more information contact Joan Kark-Wren at 518-649-2531, find us on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/fortklockhistoricrestoration or stop by the Fort Friday-Monday to pick up an application.</p>	<p>Ames Museum Open to Visitors. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: 518-673-5820, f@amesmesuem or www.amesmeseumweebly.com.</p>
<p>Aug 26 and Sept 9</p>		
<p>Not Just for Kids Storytelling series. 6 p.m. For more information about these events and more, please call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516, email: Schoharie-Crossing@parks.ny.gov, or visit our Facebook page Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site.</p>	<p>Sept 15</p>	<p>Oct 26-27</p>
	<p>Ames Museum Summers End Festival. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: 518-673-5820, f@amesmesuem or www.amesmeseumweebly.com.</p>	<p>"Echoes in the Valley". Oct. 26-27 18. . Candlelight tours, with interpretative vignettes incorporating all of Fort Klock's facilities. . Reservations required. For more information visit www.fortklockhistoric.org, call 518.568.7779 or find us on Facebook!</p>
<p>Aug 28</p>	<p>Rabies Clinic. 9 a.m. - noon. Town of Amsterdam Highway Department. 283 Manny's Corners Road. Amsterdam. For more information call 518.853.3531.</p>	<p>Dec. 2</p>
<p>Music On Mainstreet 2018 presents The Mark May Band. Aug 28 18. . Music On Mainstreet caps off the season with former Dickey Betts & Great Southern member Mark May and his band. A night of high-energy Blues Rock. .</p>		<p>St. Nicholas visits. St. Nicholas visits Fort Klock. For more information visit www.fortklockhistoric.org, call 518.568.7779 or find us on Facebook.</p>
<p>Sept 6</p>	<p>Sept 29-30</p>	<p>Dec. 5</p>
<p>Brook's Chicken Barbeque. 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Marshville Evangelical Church, Rt. 10 South, Marshville, NY. Take-out only. \$7 per half. Pre-paid tickets try to pick up by 5 p.m. New York. For more information call 518.673.2394.</p>	<p>Cycle Adirondacks Introduces Fall Harvester Bicycling Event. Sept. 29-30 18. The two-day family friendly road cycling event will be based at Johnson Hall State Historic Site in Johnstown and feature the pastoral agricultural landscape and rich history of Fulton County and the southern Adirondacks. Registration, now open at CycleAdirondacks.com. New York. Registration, now open at CycleAdirondacks.com.</p>	<p>Christmas Tree Lighting. 6:30 p.m. The Village of Ames will have a tree lighting in front of the Ames Museum. New York. Contact: 518-673-5820, f@amesmesuem or www.amesmeseumweebly.com.</p>
	<p>Interrupted Harvest (1778). The Mohawk Valley's Refugee crisis. For more information visit www.fortklockhistoric.org, call 518.568.7779 or find us on Facebook!</p>	<p>NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com</p>

Country Chuckles by Jonny Hawkins



Good Housekeeping

Grilled Lobster Tails

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

- 2 nectarines
- 1 scallion
- Juice of 3 limes
- 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon finely minced, seeded habanero pepper
- 4 lobster tails

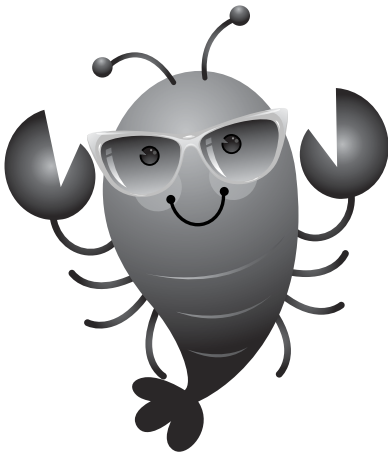
1. In a food processor, puree nectarines, scallion, 2 tablespoons lime juice, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt and habanero pepper. Transfer to a medium bowl and set aside.
2. Heat grill to medium-high. In a small bowl, whisk remaining lime juice, olive oil and salt together.
3. Split lobster tails lengthwise, remove membrane if desired, and brush meat with the lime-oil glaze. Place lobsters on grill, meat side down, and roast for 4 minutes; turn over to shell side and grill until meat is

opaque and cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes more.

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

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is the ideal time to stop and make sure your brakes are working properly before the new school year and colder temperatures arrive.

"When it comes to vehicle safety, the brake system is at the top of the list," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Motorists can put a stop to any potential brake system problems by recognizing the signs and symptoms that their brake system may need maintenance or repair."

Brakes are a normal wear item for any car and eventually they're going to need to be replaced. If your car is pulling to the left or right, or if you hear odd noises when you apply the brakes, you should inspect your brakes. Other warning signs include an illuminated brake warning light, brake grabbing, low pedal feel, vibration, hard pedal feel and squealing.

For routine maintenance, check your vehicle's braking system at least once a year. A thorough inspection should include brake lining wear, brake fluid level, rotor thickness, condition of hoses and brake lines, brake and dash warning lights, as well as taking the car for a test drive to detect other potential brake system problems.

Several factors that affect brake wear include driving habits, operating conditions, vehicle type and the quality of the brake lining material. Never put off routine brake inspections or any needed repair, such as letting the brakes get to the "metal-to-metal" point, which can be potentially dangerous and lead to a more costly repair bill.

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Whatchamacallits



When the Corning Museum of Glass toured its *GlassBarge* up the Hudson River and Erie Canal this summer, the glassmakers on board used a variety of different tools to create their artwork. This week's whatchamacallit features one of those tools, called a block.

Glassblowing is a technique used to make glass objects that involves inflating molten glass into a bubble with the aid of a blowpipe. This method of glass forming began in about the middle of the 1st century BCE, when industrious workers discovered that molten glass is "soft" enough to be blown before it loses heat to gradually harden.

A wide variety of glassblowing techniques were invented very quickly after the beginning of the skilled trade. The two major methods of blowing glass are called mold-blowing and free-blowing. Mold-blowing came after free-blowing, around the middle of the 1st century AD. A blob of molten glass is placed on the end of the blowpipe and is then inflated into a wooden or metal carved mold in that meth-

od. The shape and the texture of the bubble of glass is determined by the design on the interior of the mold rather than the skill of the glassworker

This particular tool, however, was one used by a free-blowing glassmaker. The craftsperson would inflate their molten glass and then use a block to shape it before it cooled. A block is a ladle-like tool carved from water-soaked wood, most often from a fruit tree, and is used to shape the blob of glass into a round, smooth shape. Blocks are used early in the glassmaking process to give the project the beginnings of its final shape.

Today, a glassmaker can hold large pads of water-soaked newspaper in their bare hands to form a similar shape. As long as the tools stay wet, the molten glass - which is often more than 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit - a skilled artist is not in danger of burning themselves.

Today, there are many different institutions around the world that offer glassmaking resources for training.

Meeting
a legend

A few years ago a collector friend dropped by to look at some of my treasures. Finally he said, "I envy you for having a personally autographed picture of Minnie Pearl." I'd like to tell the story of how I got that picture.

Old heads have a tendency to lose track of time. Exactly when my wife Ethel and I met Minnie Pearl in Nashville, TN, I do not remember. Minnie Pearl passed away in 1996 at age 83 and Ethel in 2006, so our meeting was quite a while ago.

My family and Ethel's were not musically inclined but some of us did tune in to the Nashville radio station on Saturday night to hear the "Grand Ole Opry." Minnie Pearl began her career in humor in 1940 when I was 10 years old. She continued in later years on "Hee Haw" until retirement in 1991.

Country and Western music, along with that of the Southern Hills and Minnie Pearl's rural comedy, helped to guide our nation's people in recovering from the Great Depression and World War II. Ethel and I learned more about Minnie Pearl on our visit to Nashville. Minnie Pearl's real name was Sarah Colley. She was born to a well-to-do Tennessee family. Her wish was to become an actress but her down-to-earth comedy brought her to fame.

When we visited Nashville we wanted to meet Minnie Pearl. I asked how we might find her and was told to watch for a large, very fine old auto and a lot of cars around it. It did come to pass and there was Minnie Pearl and her husband Henry Cannon. Minnie signed her photo for me. Her husband asked where I came from. My reply was New York State, Mohawk Valley – "a place you probably never visited."

How wrong I was. He told me they had played here and he had another connection to the Mohawk Valley. He was a lumber dealer and sold quantities of ash lumber to the Union Fork & Hoe Co. at Frankfort, NY, to make into tool handles.

A tour guide pointed out the fine house where Minnie Pearl and her husband lived. Next door lived the governor of Tennessee. He stressed that the governor lived next to Minnie Pearl and not the other way around. That is as it should be, since many of us still remember Minnie Pearl and cannot say who that governor was.

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Cherry Tomato Confit

4 pints cherry tomatoes
6 cloves garlic, smashed and peeled
6 sprigs fresh thyme
1/4 cup olive oil

1. On large rimmed baking sheet, toss cherry tomatoes, garlic and thyme with olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper.

2. Bake at 350 F until tomatoes are wrinkled and fragrant, about 45 to 50 minutes, shaking pan halfway through. Let cool.

3. Use confit on bruschetta, in salads

or over pasta, grilled meat or fish. To store, transfer to a jar, top with olive oil and refrigerate up to 1 week. Makes 4 cups.

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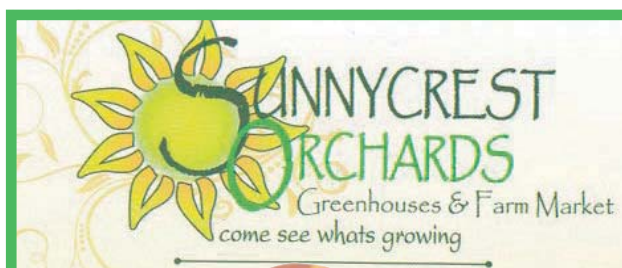
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How to employ staging to impress buyers

Homeowners must consider a variety of factors when putting their homes on the market. One of the more important things to remember is the benefit of making a strong first impression on prospective

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Staging requires more than just clearing out clutter or baking a batch of cookies to create a wel-

coming aroma. Staging helps potential buyers visualize the potential of a home and see themselves owning and living in the property.

While homeowners can effectively stage their own

homes, sometimes it is well worth the investment to call in a professional designer or stager. Stagers often work their magic on vacant properties or those that have been sitting on the market awhile. A stager conducts careful research into the market of a particular area and learns about the neighborhood before deciding how to appeal to likely buyers. For example, when staging a coastal home, a stager may go with nautical themes and create the impression of a relaxing and laid-back property for entertaining by the beach.

Certain rules should be

followed when staging a home. Furniture, decor and other amenities in the home should not detract from the house itself. Instead, such items should complement the architecture and feel of the space. Here are some additional staging suggestions.

- Remove personal effects. Homeowners are urged to replace personal photographs with neutral artwork and remove other decorative items that reflect their personalities. As an example, an avid outdoorsman probably will want to remove hunting trophies. The goal is to help buyers see themselves in the home, and that can be difficult if existing residents' personal effects are everywhere.

• Put away nonessential items. Staging helps homeowners create dream spaces. Coffee makers, backpacks hanging on the wall and dishes in the drainboard may be part of daily living, but they can make it hard for buyers to see a home's potential. Store such items before holding an open house.

- Maximize lighting. Whenever possible, take down or open window treatments to display architectural moldings and let in as much natural light as possible.

- Opt for neutral colors and furnishings. Use neutral taupe and gray paint to keep homes prime for buyers. Homeowners who have more eclectic or colorful tastes can put their items in storage and rent neutral furnishings until the home sells.

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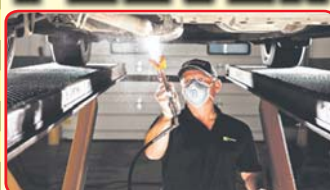
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First Sand Slam volleyball tournament a success

by Courtney Llewellyn

CANAJOHARIE – More than spikes were raining down on the volleyball courts on Erie Boulevard on Saturday, Aug. 11, but the wet weather did not deter the 15 teams participating in the first Canjo 4s Sand Slam.

The volleyball tournament took place as a fundraiser by the Canajoharie-Palatine Bridge Chamber of Commerce, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Ainsley Schoff, a local five-year-old girl battling cancer. There were 10 teams in the competitive division and five teams playing recreationally.

“We received an overwhelming positive response from participants whom did not let a little rain deter their love of the game and support of the cause,” Matt Stanley, one of the organizers of the event, said. “Many have said they can’t wait till next year!”

The team dubbed the Plump Booty Gang (captain Tyler Dick, Junior O’Hara, Alayna Fredenburgh and Jacob Wayman) won the competitive division, which played on two sand courts, while That’s What She Set (captain Caitlin Hammecker, Abby Desormeau, Viki Passono and Jason Birzzee) dominated the grass court recreational division. That’s

What She Set also earned the most votes for best team name.

Chamber of Commerce President Janet Lee Stanley said the event raised about \$1,100 for the chamber and for Schoff.

Richardson Brands allowed their land, volleyball courts and parking lot to be used for the tournament, and the organizers thank the business for their assistance.

“We have already spoken to Richardson Brands and have permission to add a third sand net, so onward and upward!” Janet Lee Stanley said. “Next year we will have three sand nets so we can handle 15 competitive-level teams and we can add a second grass net to get to 10 recreational-level teams.”

Matt Stanley also thanked Mike and Diane Houghton for their consultation and time in preparing the courts and equipment. He added he would also like to thank the local volleyball community for supporting this new event. It is scheduled to return next year on Aug. 10, 2019.

To see more pictures from the Canjo 4s Sand Slam tournament, see www.facebook.com/OVpennysaver.



Press That Set



The competitive bracket wasn’t the only one with fierce competition. At right, Steve Pelosi of the Sand Pandas prepares to block a hit.

Photos by Joan Kark-Wren

Family Farm Days aim to highlight local producers

by Courtney Llewellyn

It's that time of year again. Local, county and state fairs are starting to open their gates, crops and gardens are ripening and once again, on Saturday, Aug. 25, those wanting to learn more about local producers and growers are invited to participate in Family Farm Day in Upstate New York.

Officially taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Family Farm Day is organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension in collaboration with the chambers of commerce, the tourism boards and the farm bureaus of Schoharie, Otsego and Delaware counties and a total of 55 farms in Otsego, Schoharie and Delaware counties.

In order to help potential visitors navigate

the diverse farming landscape in the area, an online farm guide is available. It includes detailed maps of the farms in each county, including GPS coordinates, and road signs will be posted to assist travelers as well. Each farm has a brief description in the guide, along with symbols that describe what services will be offered: available samples, a kid-friendly environment, tours, demonstrations or U-pick produce.

Additionally, a Family Farm Day Passport is in the guide. Each farm has a sticker to give out when a family visits and the sticker can be placed on the passport page. By collecting three or more stickers and completing the visitor survey in the guide, participants can win a Family Farm

Day tote bag.

"This is the second year that we have participated and it was a very successful Farm Day last year," Cindy Powers of Poplar Hedge Farm in West Winfield said. "We had over 100 visitors ... and we even had visitors that specifically came to visit because they wanted to see how a small goat farm operated. This is a chance for people to visit and see our operation since we don't encourage visitors on a regular basis. It also allows us to showcase our cheese plant and the animals that we raise. It is important to educate consumers on where their food comes from and how a farm operates."

With 17 farms in Otsego County, 19 in Schoharie County and 19 more in Delaware County, visitors from the region will not need to travel very far to discover a wide variety of producers, from fish farming, beekeeping and maple syrup making to cheese making, milk bottling, orchard harvesting and wool processing. Organizers recommend bringing an insulated grocery bag or cooler to keep purchases fresh while out and about.

"Participating in Family Farm Day is a tradition. We enjoy welcoming city and country families alike; they truly appreciate seeing how and where things – here, it's maple syrup and more – are grown and produced," Anne Putnam of Maple Hill Farm in Cobleskill said. "They always have lots of questions, and it's fun to see their surprise and exclamations to some of the answers!" On Family Farm Day, Maple Hill Farm offers samples of their maple prod-

ucts "because everyone loves to eat and try new things," according to Putnam.

Herkimer County will be participating in a slightly different fashion, hosting its Family Day at the Farm at the Raycliff Quarter Horse Farm at 795 Snell's Bush Rd., Little Falls, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event is cohosted by the Town of Manheim, the Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District, the county's farm bureau and dairy promotion board and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County.

Hay rides, games and crafts, live music, agricultural displays and demonstrations are all featured, along with the Dairy Princess and her court serving Stewart's ice cream. Vendors will be selling their made or grown in Herkimer County products, including alpaca knitwear, fresh fruits and vegetables, maple syrup and preserved goods.

These are not the only options to learn more about farming. Old Sturbridge Village, located in Sturbridge, MA, hosts a Family Farm Fest in April. The spring event coincides with the arrival of baby animals and focuses on the preparation of farm fields for planting. While the historical education site allows visitors to experience what it was like to work in agriculture in the 19th century, some of the practices and tools from the past are still applicable to farmers and gardeners working today. A similar event, called Homesteaders of New England Farm Day, takes place in May in Plympton, MA, south of Boston.

The New York Family Farm Day Farm Guide and more information are available at www.familyfarmday.org.



During the 2017 Family Farm Day, visitors to Poplar Hedge Farm could interact with some of the kids.

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Donna's Day: Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson
Mormor's homemade hot fudge sauce

What's in your refrigerator right now? Mine is in a bit of disarray with the basics — milk, eggs, yogurt, condiments, a few nondescript leftovers, half a watermelon and wilting arugula. Now, if you open Nancy Nyberg's fridge door in Naperville, IL, you eye her delectable

homemade fudge sauce in neatly stacked jars in the back corner. Any day, month or year. No wonder her four grandkids think she is the sweetest grandmother ever. Her signature "Heavenly Hot Fudge Sauce," which she has been making for 20 years, is now affectionately renamed "Mormor's Hot Fudge" ("mormor" is Swedish for "grandmother").

Granddaughter Paige, 9, makes it with Nancy to sell annually at a country fair by their summer place in Bethany Beach, MI. "She learns how to measure, pour and stir until the sauce is 'just right,'" says Nancy.

There's a bit of finance that goes into the mix, too. "We shop together and figure out how much each jar should sell for to cover costs, with enough left over to give to a non-profit project. We have fun learning and cooking together. It's really more about the relationship-building with my granddaughter than the fudge sauce," she says.

Here's the recipe to make 1 quart of hot fudge sauce with steps to involve school-age kids.

Hot Fudge Sauce

4 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate bar (in the baking section of your market)

1/2 cup unsalted butter

3 cups sugar

1/4 teaspoon salt
1 12-fluid-ounce can evaporated milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

1. Let kids break up chocolate and place in the top of a double boiler with the butter. Stir until melted together. Add salt.

2. Stir in sugar gradually, making sure it is completely blended before making another addition. Mixture will become very

thick and dry.

Stir in evaporated milk, a little at a time. (Shake the can well before adding.) Continue to cook about 10 minutes to blend the flavors and dissolve the sugar.

3. An adult should remove from the heat and set on a trivet. Add vanilla and stir. Serve warm over ice cream.

Tip: To store in contain-

ers: Pour into a quart-size measuring cup with spout and pour into storage containers such as Mason jars. Keep refrigerated.

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Biking cross country for brain injury awareness

by Courtney Llewellyn

PALATINE BRIDGE – William Galloway did not set out on his journey intending to imitate Forrest Gump, but that's just sort of the way things hap-

pened.

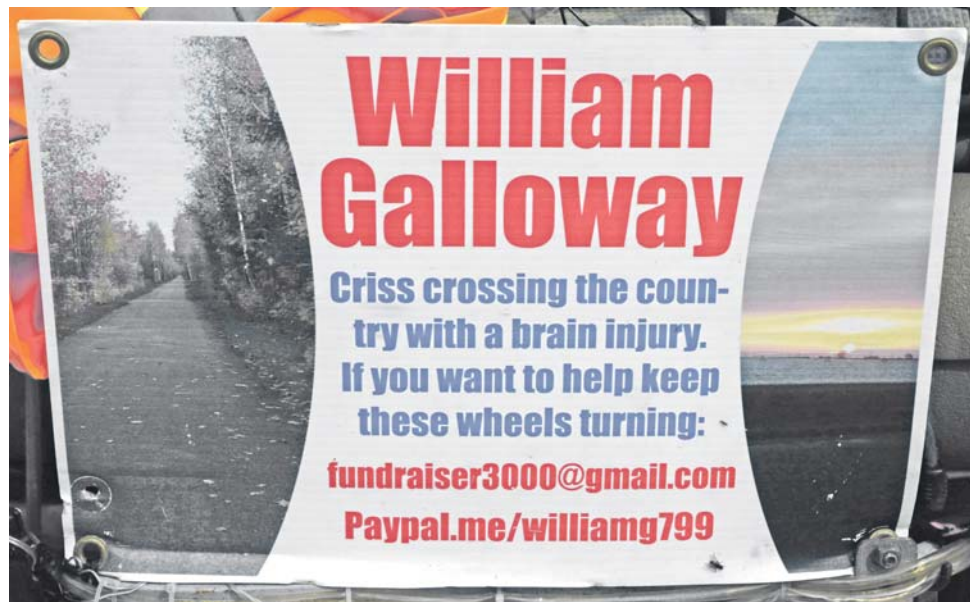
Country Editor spoke with Galloway at a brief pit stop at the McDonald's off Route 5 in Palatine Bridge this week as he continued his cross-country trek. His

bike ride, which has now covered multiple thousands of miles, is serving as both catharsis for Galloway and as a way to bring attention to those who also live their lives



Country Editor spoke with Galloway at a brief pit stop at the McDonald's off Route 5 in Palatine Bridge this week as he continued his cross-country trek.

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with traumatic brain injuries.

Ten years ago, Galloway, now 56, was hit by a driver operating under the influence in a crosswalk while biking. The resulting injury left him missing a portion of his skull, and he still deals with severe headaches, dizziness and vision issues because of it. Prior to the injury, he was a truck driving, but afterward he couldn't pass a DOT physical to drive again. He said he had a job at a factory for a while after that, but couldn't get the support he needed to help him with his issues, and he ended up on disability.

He didn't like living his life that way, so he made a dramatic decision.

"Everything was negative, so I decided to take off," Galloway said. "I got rid of everything I had and headed out. The ride started out of anger and frustration, and I was not in great shape, but I thought it was something I had to do."

The epic road trip began in New Jersey in October 2017, with the plan simply to head west. Galloway said his mission was to try to find better help at the Amen Clinic in Costa Mesa, CA, while also raising awareness for those with brain injuries.

"I made it to the West Coast and on to the news," he said. "I didn't know what I would get when I arrived at the clinic in California. It turned out it wasn't what I was really looking for, and I didn't have a place to stay, so I got back on the bike and headed north."

If the weather cooperates, Galloway can average about 60 miles a day on his recumbent bicycle with its small trailer being towed behind. Physically, he's dealt with all kinds of challenges while crossing the country – out west, he had to traverse nine mountains more than 7,000 feet tall, and he's had some crashes, some injuries (which even included trips to hospitals), winds blowing more than 50 miles per hour and snow. "But I stuck with it," he grinned.

He's been grateful for the good folks that have helped him along the way, whether they give him some money for food, some new clothes or a truck ride

up and over a particularly daunting peak.

Galloway has to budget everything carefully, since he gave up his government support when he headed out on the road. "Occasionally people have put me up in motels, but usually I just sleep under pavilions in public parks," he said. "I worry about safety."

After California, Galloway decided to head back east and up to Maine, starting to talk to more people along the way. "Why not make my story and my cause famous? That keeps me going," he said. He's been interviewed in Colorado, Arizona, and Batavia, NY, but hopes to talk to more media outlets to spread his message even further.

"I want to get people's attention and bring support to others with similar injuries," he said. "It's about respect and advocacy and people who care."

He added that donations and sponsors are always welcome, and can be made online at paypal.me/williamg799. This past week, the good folks at the Bike Works in Johnstown were very helpful getting Galloway some much-needed bike maintenance.

"I'm going slow," he said. "I do smell the roses."

Galloway is now backtracking toward the Midwest, with a plan of heading west back through New York and then south toward Erie, PA.

"I will miss this when I do eventually stop," Galloway said. "Right now, I just want to see how far I can go and how much I can do."

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Dog owners may want to let their pets roam free in their yards. But homeowners about to put their properties up for sale may want to confine their four-legged friends to certain areas. That's be-

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Common beneficial insects

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

Although we focus on the insects that destroy our landscape plants and crops, these undesirable insects give a bad name to virtually all insect species, most of which are beneficial. These either do no harm, provide food for desirable species such as birds, or attack and kill the pests we don't want. Here are 10 common beneficial insects that we should be aware of in our yards and gardens.

Lady beetles, also known as ladybugs and ladybird beetles, are perhaps the most well-known beneficial insect. The brightly colored, rounded beetles are often orange, but can be red, pink or yellow, and with or without spots. If you see an insect that is black and orange, with an alligator-like shape, leave it. This is probably the larva (caterpillar stage) of this beneficial beetle. Both the larvae and the adults can eat hundreds of aphids in their lifetimes. They also eat insect eggs, mites, and soft-bodied insects such as mealybugs.

One of these, known as the multi-colored, Asian, or Halloween lady beetle, enters homes in large numbers in the fall. They often then appear in spring in huge numbers in warm indoor areas, on light-colored surfaces, and on windows seeking to get out. Proper screening, patching cracks in exterior walls, and just vacuuming them up are simple controls.

While lady beetles arguably are the most known predator, spiders are the most abundant on landscape plants. They're actually not an insect, having eight legs and two body parts (insects have six legs and three body parts), similar to mites and ticks. They are a diverse group, with over 3,000 species in North America, most not biting humans.

Ground beetles range in size from a quarter inch to over one inch long, and are shiny brown, black, or bluish-black. They have long legs and antennae. Most feed at night on caterpillars such as armyworms, cutworms, and grubs. They may even eat small snails and slugs. A pair of adult ground beetles can eat over 300 gypsy moth caterpillars per year.

Praying mantids also are known by many, being up to three inches long, with their enlarged front legs held out in front as if praying. They are not protected by state laws as some believe. In fact, they may do more harm than good, eating anything they can including honey bees, other beneficials, and even each other!

Lacewings, both green and brown, are about three-fourths of an inch long as adults, with lacey wings. They are attracted to lights at night, and give off an odor when handled. Larvae are like small alligators, with sickle-shaped mouth parts ("mandibles"). Green lacewing larvae are called "aphid lions" from their large consumption of aphids, as well as mites and other small insects.

Hover flies, also known as syrphid or flower flies, closely resemble wasps and bees yet they don't



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Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Help fire evacuees and their pets

Dear Paw's Corner: The ongoing wildfires in California are heartbreaking. I have seen a few news reports about pets being lost to the fires, though some people had time to evacuate with their pets. How can I help these families and their pets? — Janine G., Texas

Dear Janine: This year's record wildfires, much like last year's tragic fires in California, have seen residents escaping with not much more than what they can carry. And many people chose to carry their pets above all else.

Most evacuation facilities do not accept pets, leaving some evacuees outside in 100°F heat. Many owners have had to drop off their cat or dog at pet shelters and stay elsewhere. However, at least one improvised shelter has opened in Shasta County, California, specifically so pets can stay with their owners.

Nonprofit shelters in California are working as fast as possible to get pet crates and supplies to the affected areas, setting up communication lines with shelters in fire-ravaged areas like Redding and Shasta County so the supplies can be distributed. These groups are putting out the call for donations of specific items like pet food, cleaning supplies, food and water bowls, bedding and more. Check the websites of area Humane Society organizations for ways to donate either supplies or money.

These direct donations can have the most immediate impact. Haven Humane Society in Redding, for example, has seen a huge influx of evacuees and has set up an additional shelter in an empty strip mall to take in hundreds of pets. The organization also is treating pets rescued from the wildfires and expects to receive many more injured pets that ran away from owners during hectic evacuations.

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sting. One key difference is that they have only two wings. Larvae resemble tiny slugs, and often are found feeding in aphid colonies. Each larva can eat over 400 aphids. Attract adults with flowers that provide lots of nectar and pollen.

Predatory bugs feed on nectar and pollen too. They include several species. Big-eyed bugs are black and white with silvery wings and bulging eyes. They feed on most insects they can catch, including chinch bugs, small caterpillars, mites, and insect eggs. Minute pirate bugs are similar, with similar feeding. Damsel bugs are under a half-inch long, longer than wide, and with long legs. They spike on each shoulder. They feed on over 100 types of insects.

Predatory wasps include ones that can sting us, and so we usually kill them on sight. Bald-faced hornet, yellow jackets, and paper wasps though, are important predators of caterpillars and similar soft-bodied insects. For this reason try and coexist with them, only destroying nests (using proper precautions) if they threaten people and pets.

Parasitic wasps are a large group of many species, most tiny (under an eighth inch long, so often overlooked) to an inch and a half long. They lay eggs inside hosts such as aphids and caterpillars. Once the larvae hatch, they consume the insect hosts. Swollen aphids, and caterpillars with white eggs on their back, are examples of this beneficial insect at work.

Parasitic flies, also known as tachinid flies, are a diverse group of over 1,300 species. They often resemble, so can be mistaken for, houseflies, bees, and wasps. Many lay eggs on hosts, the hatching maggots boring into the hosts and killing them through feeding. Hosts include caterpillars such as of the gypsy moth, beetles such as the Japanese sawfly larvae, true bugs, and grasshoppers among others.

You can find diagrams of these insects, more information on them, methods to help and not harm them, and plants to attract them, in the online Extension bulletin 7150 from the University of Maine (extension.umaine.edu/publications/7150e).



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Young Pioneers experience colonial life at Fort Klock



This year's group of Young Pioneers at Fort Klock learned a variety of colonial-era skills, from spinning and weaving to metal piercing to candlemaking. Fort Klock hosts the three-day camp every summer.

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by Courtney Llewellyn

ST. JOHNSVILLE – "No cell phones" can be a daunting proposition for the youth of today, but an even bigger challenge would be "no electricity." Those ideas didn't frighten off the more than a dozen children who attended this year's Young Pioneer program at Fort Klock, though.

The three-day summer camp, which took place at the pre-Revolutionary War site on present day Route 5, first started decades ago. A group of 13 attendees this year made it one of its smaller camps, but the numbers have fluctuated through the years, according to Bob Metzger, one of the camp's instructors and the chairman of the Board of Trustees for Fort Klock.

Other instructors included Tinker Cross, Lisa Emden, Les Stewart, Chrissie and Chris Eberhardt, Skip Barshied, Victor Fernandez, Brian Votee, Jim Sparks, Kathy Sprague, Wade Wells and Glenn Bentz.

"The purpose of the Young Pioneer program is to get young people interested in the fort and its history and give them an

idea of what life was like in the 18th century," Metzger explained. "This is an educational facility, and teaching is an important part of our charter."

The Young Pioneers camp, which always takes place the second

full week of August, features a mix of local history lessons and learning hands-on skills for its attendees. Running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, the children in the camp

YOUNG 22



Using a needle and a leather thong, Alex Gyurik, 11, of Canajoharie, stitches together a small leather pouch. "I love doing this," she said.

Photo by Courtney Llewellyn

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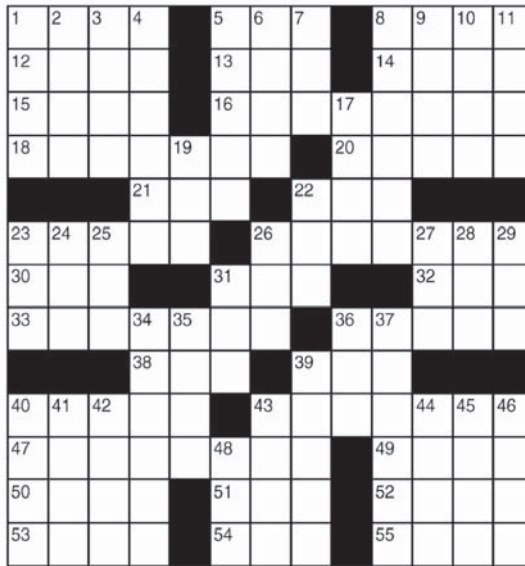


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- 12 Curved molding
- 13 Expert
- 14 Sandwich cookie
- 15 Sheltered, at sea
- 16 1991 Sally Field/Kevin Kline movie
- 18 Sink accessory
- 20 Fuzzy collections
- 21 Be unwell
- 22 Lamb's cry
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- 26 Flapjack
- 30 "— Impossible"
- 31 Bliss
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- 49 Visa alternative, for short
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- 28 Family
- 29 Conclude
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- 36 Repair
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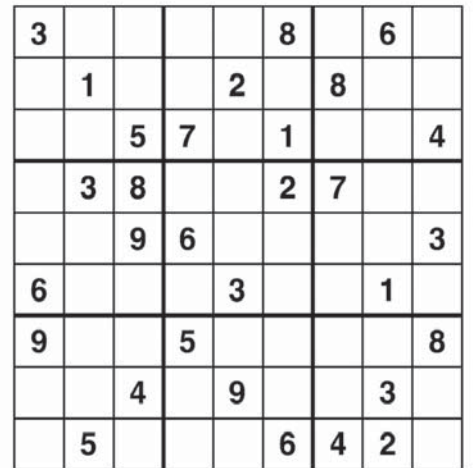
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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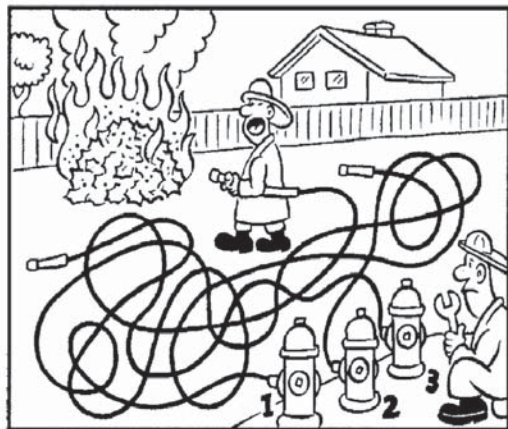
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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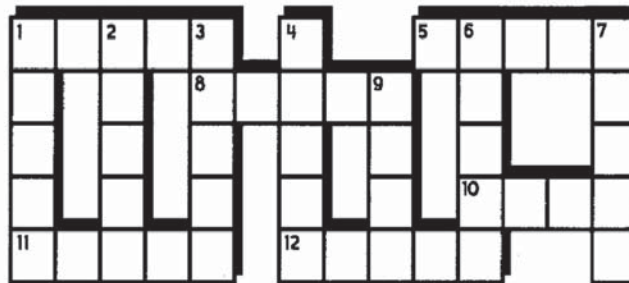
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Answer: Hydrant No. 3.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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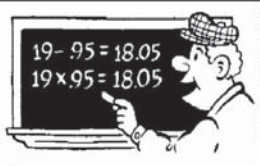
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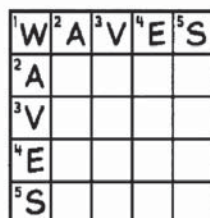
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3. Rhymed composition.
4. An upright frame.
5. What a bad deal does.



Answers: 1. Waves. 2. Abeam. 3. Verse. 4. Easel. 5. Smell.

Answers: (Across) 1. Cards. 5. Sleep. 8. Hiker. 10. Knit. 11. Books. 12. Treks. (Down) 1. Climb. 2. Rodeo. 3. Shows. 4. Skeet. 6. Links. 7. Party. 9. Ride.



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Herkimer County Family Day at the Farm 2018 will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. (rain or shine). Location hosted at beautiful Raycliff Quarter Horse Farm, 795 Snell's Bush Rd., Little Falls, NY.

This event is co-hosted by Town of Manheim, Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District, Herkimer County Dairy Promotion, Herkimer County Farm Bureau and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Herkimer County.

The vendor booths and games will be set up both inside and outside but if the weather is rainy, then all will set up and take place inside the large riding arena and other barns. Some of the attractions include: Horse drawn hay rides, kids' games and crafts, live music, the dairy princess and her court serving Stewart's ice cream, Horizon Organic milk, and locally-made Fage yogurt, a parade of antique and modern tractors,

agricultural displays, wool spinning demonstration and a horseback riding equipment demonstration. Kids can join in the fun of pedal tractor races, sack races, bale toss, pin the tail on the donkey contests and the tug-o-war that is open to kids of all ages.

A wide variety of delicious food is available for modest prices. Many vendors will be set up selling their "made or grown in Herkimer County" products such as soft spun scarves, Amish baked goods and canned food, alpaca knitwear, bulk and preserved food, maple syrup, fresh fruits and vegetables, crafts, flavored popcorn and face painting. Our animal friends are returning and many people look forward to seeing and petting the alpacas, horses, mini horses, rabbits, chickens and cows. County displays from Farm Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dairy Promotion, 4-H and Soil and Water will offer news and interesting facts about the local farming industry. Town of Manheim will show its fire prevention and safety display. Join

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Herkimer County Connie Dairy Princess Connie Louise Frasier and her court will be at the upcoming Family Day at the Farm 2018.

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Strange but True

by Samantha Weaver

• It was British Prime Minister Winston Churchill who made the following sage observation: "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

• There are lots of sports fans out there, and

a lot of sports to enjoy: football, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey ... olive oil wrestling? Okay, maybe there aren't a lot of oiled wrestling events here in America, but in Turkey it's the national sport. Kirkpinar, as it's known there, has been popular since the Ot-

toman Empire. The Turkish town of Edirne has been hosting the annual tournament since 1361.

• If you do much printing, you might not be surprised to learn that if you figure out the cost by volume, printer ink costs far more than Dom Perignon champagne or Chanel No. 5 perfume.

• The name of Alcatraz Island — famed location of a high-security prison that's now a tourist attraction — comes from the Spanish "Isla de los Alcatrazes," or "Island of Pelicans."

• The murre, a bird found in the Arctic, actually dives into the water and swims to catch the small fish that comprise

its diet. Interestingly, its eggs aren't like those of any other bird in the world: The whites are blue, not white, and the yolks are bright red.

• Those who study such things claim that the oceans eventually will dry up — in about a billion years or so.

• The Transportation Security Administration banned cigarette lighters on carry-on luggage between 2005 and 2007. During that time, TSA screeners confiscated 22,978 lighters [SET "every day". Safe disposal of those lighters cost the taxpayers approximately \$4 million every year.

Thought for the Day: "In this world there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it. The last is much the worst." — Oscar Wilde

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Kovels:
Antiques and Collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel
Tin Candy Pail

An attractive box can help sell a product, especially if it can be reused in a new way. Since the 19th century, candy containers have been made to attract buyers. Figural glass bottles were first made in the shape of the Liberty Bell in 1876. Papier-mache animals with removable heads and hollow stomachs, and lithographed tin boxes, pails and even figural tins were used later. All of these are collected today, and some sell for hundreds of dollars.

Canco is the name found on a series of lithographed tin pails that held candy by Lovell & Covell, a candy company in Fulton, MA. The pails are decorated with nursery-rhyme figures. The Queen of Hearts, Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and Peter Cottontail are the easiest to find in the series. In excellent condition, they retail for over \$100. The Canco mark was used from 1910 to 1921 by the American Can Company, a 1901 firm.

If vintage candy containers are not modern

enough to be of interest, consider the most popular candy container collected now, the container and dispenser for Pez. The first ones were made in 1949 and thousands of different heads have been used on other Pez dispensers.

G: I have a lovely gutta-percha hand mirror and am looking for information as to how to care for it. I can see a change in color (turning to a beige) in areas and think it might be drying out. I don't know if that's correct, but it needs help and I would like to preserve it. Should I be using some kind of oil to nourish it?

A: Gutta-percha is made from sap from trees found primarily in Malaysia. It was molded and used to make toilet articles, canes, golf balls, knife handles, picture frames and other items in the 19th century. Daguerreotypes often were framed in molded black cases that were mistakenly called gutta-percha. The cases were made of a black mixture of wood and shellac. Today gutta-percha is used by dentists, who use it to fill root

canals. Gutta-percha deteriorates when exposed to sunlight and can change color. Don't use oil to "nourish" it. Some oils will dissolve gutta-percha.

Current prices

- Pince-Nez eyeglasses, rimless, plastic spectacle case, womens, Estonia, 1930s, 4 inches, \$55.
- Barber-shop razor strop, brown leather, brass medallion handle with crisscross design, round base, mounting holes, c. 1900, 29 inches, \$195.
- Candy jar, "Lolly Pops For Little Boys & Girls," Disney, Ludwig Von Drake, Mickey and Donald, ceramic, conical lid, 1961, 9 inches, \$345.
- Spinning wheel, flax, wood with red stain, weaver's bobbin and leather strap, turned supports, spindle legs, c. 1850, 38 x 31 inches, \$580.

Tip: For every 24 inches of shelf, use about 20 books. Too many books make it hard to take a book off the shelf.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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Little Red Riding Hood is outsmarting the Big Bad Wolf by giving him some candy from a pail and rescuing Grandma. Not the original story but a great way to sell candy. The Lovell & Covell lithographed tin pail sold for \$115 several years ago at a Hakes auction.

Country Chuckles by Jonny Hawkins



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"Back-to-school time is hectic for most families but scheduling a complete vehicle inspection is time well spent," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Our new video provides some valuable maintenance and safety tips that will help keep your vehicle running safely and efficiently all through the school year."

Produced in conjunc-

tion with AutoNetTV Media (ANTV), the new video discusses the "Five Point Check-Up" that should be performed by vehicle owners before the start of the school year:

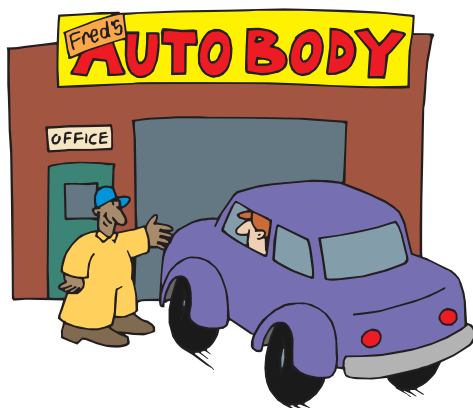
1. Check lights and wipers for better visibility
2. Perform a complete brake inspection
3. Check tires for under inflation or excessive wear

4. Make sure seat belts and car seats are fitted and positioned properly
5. Consider installing a back-up detection device

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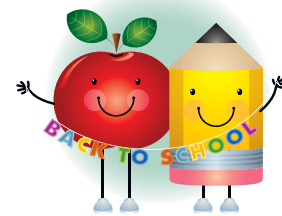
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