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Surprise discovery of well-known artist's work at Hyde Hall

A seemingly normal Monday ended with a thrilling find at Hyde Hall in Cooperstown. In late May, collections staff made the unexpected discovery of two Ellen Emmet Rand (1875-1941) sketches tucked in a Clarke family scrapbook in Hyde Hall's collection.

Collections Manager Larry Smith uncovered the images while digitizing the scrapbook that spans roughly from 1880 to 1910. The Clarke family packed the volume with wedding announcements, personal achievements, newspaper clippings and family photos. While examining the final pages of the scrapbook, Smith found the previously forgotten studies tucked away.

"Having admired the Ellen Emmet Rand sketches for years that we have on display in the mansion, I knew immediately what I had found," said Smith. "I was astounded that a sketch by an important American portrait artist was simply tucked away in an old scrapbook."

In the portraits, Rand depicts the youthful faces of two Clarkes, George and Anne Hyde, in 1896. The children would have been seven and nine years old, respectively, when Rand created their likeness. She sketched the two separate portraits side-by-side on a single piece of paper, taking the time to jot the names of each child and signing the bottom right of the page.

Having studied drawing and painting in Boston and New York, Rand excelled at portraiture and produced hundreds in her remarkable career. She was a close family friend of the Clarkes and visited Hyde Hall often, generating sketches and other portraits during her stays. Hyde Hall houses several Rand portraits of Clarke family members and friends in its collection. Rand is best known, however, as the first female artist to paint a presidential portrait. She painted three portraits of Franklin



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D. Roosevelt, including Roosevelt's first portrait after winning the election to the presidency in 1932 and his official presidential portrait in 1934. She was one of the first successful professional female artists in the U.S.

"We're thrilled to add these wonderful sketches to our collection of

Ellen Emmet Rand artwork," said Jonathan Maney, executive director at Hyde Hall. "She is a significant artist with an international reputation and to have her work on display adds much to our interpretation of 19th century life at Hyde Hall."

After further examination, the scrapbook

will return to the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University, which houses thousands of other documents in the George Hyde Clarke Family Papers.

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Poland golf program successfully re-launches under new coach

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For the first time in two years, Poland students competed in golf this spring, and Poland elementary special education teacher Mark Waters is the new coach. There wasn't a golf season last year due to COVID-19, and Poland didn't have enough students sign up to field a team the year before.

The golf team went 0-10 this season, but Waters and others consider it a successful season because the students had fun and created a foundation for the program's future.

"It went really well this season for the first time having a team in two years," Waters said. "The kids that participated had a good time. It's a good starting block for basically building the program from scratch."

Six students joined the golf team this year: seventh graders Jayden Zwierecki, Trent Hobin and Cooper Karam; ninth grader Mason Salvatore; and 10th graders Owen Bennett and Seth Walther. The season lasted about five weeks beginning in early May. The team's home course is Glass Hill Golf Club in Barneveld.

For the first year back for the program, Waters was happy to get students back out onto golf courses to expose them to golf and let them have fun outside with their classmates.

The students started out as not necessarily avid golfers but wanted to get outside and try it out. One student didn't have a set of golf clubs but knew he wanted something to do after school, so he joined the team, Waters said.

"It was nice to be able to see kids get out on the course during the pandemic," Waters said.

Having six students on the team is as many or more students as Waters remembers ever being on the golf team during his five years at the school, so he thinks it's a good start.

"I'm excited and encouraged," he said. "The hardest part was getting the first student-athletes. Now that the team is established and had a good year, I think it's going to be easier going forward to get other students interested."

Golf is a co-ed sport so all middle school and high school students are eligible to join the team.

Poland Athletic Director Greg Haver agreed that having six students on the team after two years with

no team is a great sign for the program.

"I'm really excited," Haver said. "I'm glad we have enough kids to compete."

The fact that the students on the team are in lower grade levels leaves a lot of room for growth and improvement, and golf is also a sport you can practice on your own, Haver said.

"Mark is a golfer himself, and he has a love for the game," Haver said. "If he can push that to the kids – which he has already – I think we could have a nice program in the years to come."

Waters is currently the golf coach, the boys modified soccer coach and the boys junior varsity basketball coach. This school year was his first year coaching soccer and second coaching basketball. He also coached girls modified soccer for three years at Poland.

"I enjoy it," Waters said of coaching. "It is a big

responsibility to be a three-sport coach. Every single day pretty much from September to June, I have something going on. I enjoy it. It's a way to give back to the community in addition to teaching."

Waters grew up in Clinton, where he said there is a sense of family in the school community much like at Poland. He played a lot of lacrosse, hockey and soccer in school and golfed on his own time.

"I've golfed forever," he said.

During this season, Waters made contacts with other golf coaches in the region and got ideas about how to raise money and further develop the Poland golf program. "My goal would be to continue to grow it," he said.

He sees the team finding and developing a standout golfer who can qualify for sectionals and then through that exposure building up to the whole team making sectionals.

"We've got some work to do," he said.



The Poland Central School District golf team poses for a photo. L-R: ninth-grader Mason Salvatore, seventh-grader Jayden Zwierecki, seventh-grader Cooper Karam, seventh-grader Trent Hobin, 10th-grader Seth Walther, 10th-grader Owen Bennett and coach Mark Waters. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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Strange but true

by Lucie Winborne

• A green cat was born in Denmark in 1995. Some people believe that high levels of copper in the water pipes nearby may have given his fur a verdigris effect.

• Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of the iconic jungle man Tarzan, worked as a pencil-sharpener salesman before trying his hand at fiction. He only started writing at the age of 36 to support his wife and two kids.

• Boanthropy is a psychological disorder in which patients believe they are a cow.

• The infamous crocodile jump by James Bond in "Live and Let Die" was performed with real crocs by the only person willing to attempt it - the owner of the crocodile farm.

• In early 2015, Mattel released Hello Barbie, an interactive talking doll that didn't just repeat preprogrammed phrases, but could actually hold a two-way conversation. The doll raised major concerns over privacy, however, since the discussions between it and

child owners were recorded and sent to third-party vendors. Goodbye, Barbie!

• Like casinos, your local shopping mall is intentionally designed to make you lose track of time, with clocks and windows removed to prevent views of the outside world, in a type of "scripted disorientation" known as the Gruen Transfer.

• The original recipe for chocolate contained chili powder instead of sugar.

• As if it weren't cool enough that your DNA encodes the entire blueprint for your body using a set of just four characters (amino acids), you can treat the outside surface of cotton fabric with concentrated genetic material, as the DNA is also flame retardant: Its molecules are similar to those in other fireproofing substances.

Thought for the Day: "I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." - Thomas Jefferson



To your good health

by Keith Roach, M.D.

Dust Mite Allergy Triggers Cough

Dear Dr. Roach: For months, I have had a persistent cough that I have been unable to get help with. I saw an allergist about three years ago and was told I am allergic to dust mites. I was first referred to a lung doctor where X-rays showed that my cheek sinus drains

were completely blocked, and then to an ear, nose and throat doctor, who also confirmed this diagnosis.

This ENT doctor recommended I have surgery to unblock the drains and clear out the sinus area. I understand that sinus drainage can cause coughing and wonder if this would still make me cough. I sometimes

cough until I can cough up something, and this seems to stop my cough for a while. I was using a nasal rinse for a while until about two weeks ago when it caused my nose to bleed. The ENT doctor prescribed antibiotics and oral steroids that did not make any difference. It doesn't seem to make any difference whether I'm home or sitting in the

doctor's office, I'm still coughing. What is the best way to deal with dust mite allergy? - J.S.

Answer: There are many causes of chronic cough, but postnasal drip is at the top of the list. Dust mites are indeed a common allergen, and symptoms may include runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing and cough from postnasal drip. Specific treatment for dust mites should include physical barriers, such as covers for pillows and mattresses, and sometimes for other soft surfaces, like furniture cushions, but

this is only part of an effective strategy. Removing as many fabrics as possible (draperies, carpets, stuffed children's toys) where dust mites can live is essential. Regular cleaning is necessary, and high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters for vacuuming have been shown to reduce dust mites. A low-humidity environment can be very effective in discouraging dust mites, and cooler air - especially at night - can reduce irritation of nasal passages caused by dry air. Many interventions for a prolonged period

are necessary to reduce dust mite infestation and the symptoms associated with them.

This is critical, because the issue of the sinuses is probably secondary to ongoing allergic exposure. Fixing your sinuses will not fix your ongoing symptoms. Without control of the allergens, you will continue to have symptoms and may even develop sinus blockages again, no matter how good a job the surgeon does on your sinuses.

Dear Dr. Roach: I am 90 years old. My husband and I donated blood as often as needed, over 100 times, but last week my doctor said I tested positive for syphilis. I about fell off my chair. I haven't slept for four nights. Have you ever heard of this? - E.

Answer: The screening test for syphilis, called the VDRL or RPR test, is not particularly accurate. About 1-2% of people will have a false positive result. Meaning, the test is positive but they do not have syphilis. There are many possible causes, such as infection and autoimmune disease, like lupus, but some people, particularly older people, will have a positive test for no identifiable reason.

In your case, I am sure it is a false positive, but your doctor may do a more specific test, such as an FTA-ABS, to be 100% sure. You shouldn't let it keep you awake at night.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.



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Three finalists selected for the NY AEM-Leopold Conservation Award

State Ag Commissioner Richard A. Ball recently announced the three finalists who have been selected for New York's Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM)-Leopold Conservation Award. Last year, NY's longstanding AEM Award joined forces with the nationally recognized Leopold Conservation Award® program to honor one farm, and its nominating Soil & Water Conservation District, for its outstanding efforts to promote and protect the environment through the preservation of soil and water quality while helping to ensure farm viability for future generations.

Ball said, "Congratulations to our three finalists in 2021, who are shining the spotlight on the environmental Best Management Practices (BMP) that are taking place on farms across the state every day. These family farms have long been dedicated to conservation practices that protect our precious natural resources, such as our land and our water, on their own farms and in their communities. I thank them for their leadership in this area; they are an inspiration to other landowners."

Kevin McAleese, Sand County Foundation president and CEO, said, "Recipients of this award are real life examples of conservation-minded agriculture. These hard-working families are essential to our environment, food system and rural economy."

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The finalists for the 2021 NY AEM-Leopold Conservation Award are:

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Earlier this year, NYS Soil & Water Conservation Districts were encouraged to identify and nominate the best examples of conservation success in their district. Applications were reviewed by an independent panel of ag and conservation leaders.

Sand County Foundation, a national nonprofit conservation organization, will present the \$10,000 cash

award with the support of NYS Department of Ag & Markets, AFT, CCE, the Ida and Robert Gordon Family Foundation, Farm Credit East, the NYS Agribusiness Association and USDA-NRCS.

The annual award will be presented later this summer. The farm honored will also be featured in a video promoting their award-winning conservation practices.

The first recipient of the NY AEM-Leopold Conservation Award was Sang Lee Farms of Peconic in Suffolk County in 2020.

For more information, visit leopoldconservation-award.org.



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Prevent pets from wandering

Wandering is a common complaint among pet parents. Cats, dogs and animals in the wild naturally wander to claim new territory, find greater comfort and even seek out mates. However, companion animals that wander can land themselves in hot water. Some may scuffle with feral animals, while others may be permanently lost or suffer severe injuries.

In 2012, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals surveyed 1,015 households that had cared for a dog or cat within the past five years. 15% of participants had lost a dog or cat in the past five years. Pet owners can employ various strategies to keep their pets safe at home.

Fencing

Physical fences can provide barriers from egress, but they aren't foolproof. Some pets can get under or over fences, which means additional precautions may be needed. Pet owners can try burying chicken wire under the ground at the base of the fence or install a tall

or smooth-faced fence that cannot be jumped or scaled.

Wireless pet containment system

Wireless systems use sensors on pet collars that are triggered when pets breach the perimeter barrier set on the fences. Certain systems use an audible correction on the collar, while others may employ a static correction that is startling but not harmful.

Spaying and neutering

Avoid pets wandering to find a mate by having pets spayed and neutered. This will greatly reduce the urge to roam and also may cut down on other nuisance behaviors such as urine marking or baying. Generally, vets recommend desexing animals before they are able to breed, which also reduces overpopulation.

Designate a safe room

Pets may attempt to escape when they hear loud noises or become confused. This may occur during a house party, when fireworks are going off or even during thunderstorms. During storms or celebrations, keep a skittish

pet in a dark, quiet room with comforting bedding and toys.

These strategies can reduce instances of pets wandering away from home.



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The dos and don'ts of fire pits

Many homeowners relish any opportunity to retreat to their back yards, where they can put up their feet and relax in the great outdoors. That retreat-like escape is made even more relaxing when sitting around a fire pit.

Fire pits can be found in millions of suburban backyards across the globe. Fire pits have become so popular that a 2016 survey of landscape architects conducted by the American Society of Landscape Architects revealed they were the most sought after outdoor design element. Fire pits remain wildly popular a half decade after that survey. Homeowners who are only now joining the fire pit revolution can keep these dos and don'ts in mind as they plan their summer s'mores sessions.

DO keep the fire pit a safe distance away from the home. Fire pits should be located a safe distance from the home at all times, but especially when they're in use. Home design experts recommend keeping fire pits a minimum of 10 to 20 feet away from a house or other structure, such as a shed or a detached garage. The further away the fire is from houses and other structures, the less likely those structures are to catch on fire.

DON'T place the fire pit beneath trees or next to shrubs. Though fire pits should be kept safe distances away from a house and other structures, it's important that they're not placed beneath trees or next to shrubs. Shrubs and low hanging branches can easily catch embers and be lit ablaze, so make sure fire pits

are not placed in locations that increase that risk.

DO clean out seasonal debris. It can be tempting to let seasonal debris resting inside the fire pit burn away during the season's first s'mores session. But burning debris poses a serious safety risk, as embers can easily be blown out of the fire pit and catch nearby trees or shrubs or even a home on fire. The National Fire Protection Association advises homeowners that embers blowing from a backyard fire pose the same threat to homes as if they are from a wildfire.

DON'T let fire pits burn near flammable materials. Store firewood piles a safe distance away from the fire pit while it's in operation. It may be convenient to keep firewood right next to the fire pit while the fire is burning, but that increases the risk that embers will land on firewood and start a fire outside of the pit.

DO check the weather report prior to starting the fire. Windy weather increases the risk of embers blowing around and potentially landing on the house, other structures around the property or trees. If the weather report is calling for gusting winds, burn a fire on another night.

DON'T leave a fire pit fire burning. Unattended recreational fires are illegal and incredibly dangerous. Homeowners should never leave fire pit fires burning unattended or allow fires to slowly die out overnight. Always extinguish the fire before going inside and stop adding wood to the fire roughly one hour before you plan to go inside. Water or sand can be poured on ashes to extinguish the fire. Once homeowners are confident a fire has been extinguished, ashes can be spread around to ensure there are no hot spots still burning. If there are, start the extinguishing process over again.

A night around the fire pit is a summertime tradition in many households. Safety must be as much a part of such traditions as s'mores.



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- Fill a 2-liter soda bottle with water, then plunge the top upside down into a potted plant for self-watering while you are on vacation. Use smaller bottles for



Enjoy a safe and happy Independence Day

Independence Day is a celebration of the United States of America. The holiday is marked by fanfare and large parties, complete with barbecues, fireworks and parades.

As fun as July 4th festivities typically are, injuries, particularly those involving fireworks, are a concern that celebrants should not take lightly. An estimated 11,000 people visited the emergency room for fireworks-related injuries in 2016, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. However, fireworks aren't the only danger this time of year. In order to remain safe, individuals can heed these tips.

- Do not drink and drive. Alcohol consumption may accompany Independence Day festivities. For those planning on using a car to get to and from parties, it is essential to designate a driver who will not imbibe. Otherwise, utilize any number of ridesharing services or available taxis.
- Swim smartly. Always swim with a buddy, and consider hiring a lifeguard if you'll be hosting a pool party and cannot keep a watchful eye on guests in the pool. Adults also should not swim intoxicated, as it can impede the ability to stay afloat and may lead to risky behaviors.
- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Watch a public fireworks display instead of lighting fireworks on the street or in the backyard.
- Exercise caution with sparklers. Kids running around with sparklers in hand could be a recipe for disaster, as sparklers burn extremely hot. Make sure children do not wave them around or others can get burned. Keep a bucket of water handy to properly extinguish the sparklers.
- Review safe boating practices. If July 4th festivities find you out on the water, be sure that life jackets are worn and set boating and water safety rules for the family.
- Check in with a vet. The Fourth of July can be traumatic for pets not accustomed to fireworks and other loud noises or crowds. Behavior therapy, medication and ensuring that pets do not run away from home and get lost may be necessary.
- Watch food temperatures. Do not leave food out in the hot sun for too long; otherwise, harmful bacteria can grow and potentially cause foodborne illnesses. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service says to never leave food out of refrigeration for more than two hours. If the temperature is above 90 F, food should not be left out for more than one hour.

These are some of the safety strategies that can keep Independence Day celebrations both safe and enjoyable.

Now here's a tip

smaller pots.

- Going to the beach for your vacation? Here's a handy hint to take great care of your swimsuit. (They get more expensive all the time.) Pack at least two suits and bring a box of baking soda. Soak the suit for 15 minutes in a baking soda and water solution, then lay flat on a towel. Roll the towel up and wring lightly. Unroll and hang to dry. Rotate suits. – JoAnn
- Help for a sunburn: Take two non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (aspirin, ibuprofen) right away. Soak a cloth in cold milk and drape over the burn until it warms to room temperature. Repeat if necessary and apply a light moisturizer.
- Use your Christmas light timers to set different

lights to go on or off at certain times of the day while you are away on vacation. You can even use a timer on a radio, so it comes on sometimes too. The variation will make people think you are home.

- To ease the ache of a brain freeze, simply cup your hands over your mouth and nose. Blow out hot air and it will recirculate to warm your palate in seconds. Works like a charm.
- Always keep a couple bottles of water and a roll of duct tape in your trunk. You never know when you'll need these items, and they seem to be pretty handy when traveling.

Send your tips to *Now Here's a Tip*, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Calendar of events

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

June 27

Salisbury Historical Society Museum 1 to 3 p.m. This year's new exhibit is "Influential Citizens of Salisbury". Located at 1805 Frisbie House, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center.

July 4

Join us at the Fort for our **Annual Strawberry Festival** the reading of the Declaration of Independence 12-4 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

July 8

Rabies Clinic 5:30-7 p.m. at East Herkimer Fire Department, 193 Main Road, East Herkimer. Visit tinyurl.com/479hnd33 to view a complete listing of the county's rabies clinics. All clinics are by appointment and pre-registration only.

July 11

"Influential Citizens of Salisbury" exhibit 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center.

July 12

Rabies clinic at Susquehanna SPCA 4-7 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

July 13

Regular meeting of the Salisbury Historical Society at 6:30 p.m. at 1805 Frisbie House, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Program: "A Chat with Authors Brenda and Brittney Barton".

July 17

Bottle and Can Drive for Troop/Pack 25. Drop off your bottles and cans at: The Mohawk American Legion Parking Lot, 43 West Main St., Mohawk from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

July 18

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Salisbury Historical Society presents a new exhibit "Influential Citizens of Salisbury" from 1 to 3 p.m. at the 1805 Frisbie House, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center.

July 21

Third Wednesday Night Dinners Pulled pork dinners at Ilion First Baptist Church, 8 Second St., 4 - 6 p.m. or until sold out. Takeout or delivery only. For more info call 315.894.9041.

July 23 and 24

Stone Arabia Preservation Society Quilt and Artisan Show. Friday 4-9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. At the Stone Church, 5414 State Hwy. 10, Palatine Bridge. For more info or questions call 518.774.1998 or 518.993.4983.

July 24

Moses Quinby Beekeeping Conference and Public Field Day Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

July 25

"Influential Citizens of Salisbury" exhibit sponsored by the Salisbury Historical Society, 109 Route 29A, Salisbury Center. Other standing exhibits include the making of cheese and furniture made in Salisbury. Hours: 1-3 p.m.

July 26-30

Herkimer Vacation Bible School: "Jesus: Man of Mystery" Explore the "I AM" statements of Jesus online or in-person with our multi-church collaboration! Pre-register at www.HerkVBS.weebly.com.

July 30

Stone Soup Concert 7 p.m. Fort

Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

August 3-5

Young Pioneers Program. This day program offers youth ages 9-13 an opportunity to experience a bit of colonial life first hand. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

August 7

22nd annual Utica Zoo Brewfest 6-9 p.m. To stay up to date on all things Brewfest, visit UticaZoo.org/Brew.

August 16

Rabies clinic at Susquehanna SPCA 2 - 5 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

September 11-12

47th Annual Fort Klock Craft Fair 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fort Klock, 7214 State Route 5, St. Johnsville. Call 518.568.7779.

September 13

Rabies clinic at Susquehanna SPCA 2 - 5 p.m. Register at 607.547.8111 ext 111.

September 18

Evening at the Tavern 4-7 p.m. at 1747 Nellis Tavern, St. Johnsville. Reservations only 518.568.2997.

Craft Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cullen Pumpkin Farm, 587 Cullen Road, just outside Richfield Springs. Fair is coordinated by the Church of Christ Uniting of Richfield Springs and benefits their annual fundraising efforts. Visit www.rschurchofchristuniting.com.

Herkimer BOCES welding students build rocket stoves

Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES welding program students learned during the class's culminating project how to weld metals together to build rocket stoves, how to set the price for the product, how to market it and how to speak about it to others.

Herkimer BOCES welding student Chad Tucker, a senior of Mount Markham Central School District, named his

product "Chad's Rocket Stove" and developed a slogan of "You fill it and light it, we build it." He said the project was challenging in ways including how to make the rocket stove look good, how to market it and how to price it.

"It was definitely a learning process," he said, noting that it was helpful to have this experience. "If you

start a business, now you have an idea of what to do."

Seniors in welding program instructor Mason Fisher's class participated in the project. After students built the rocket stoves, priced them and planned the marketing, they presented to judges on Friday, June 4, for a welding trade show in the lobby of the Herkimer BOCES William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer.

The following welding students won the trade show competition and earned Stewart's Shops gift cards:

- First place – Sierra Miles, Little Falls City School District

- Second place – Christian Stollach, Mount Markham Central School District

- Third place – Joseph Reed, West Canada Central School District

Miles named her project "Miles Rocket Stove," and her marketing slogan was "For all your camping needs." She said the project was "cool," and one challenge was figuring out how to get just the right amount of airflow in the rocket stove. "It was fun," she said. "Definitely something new."

The project was helpful for the future because it involved welding, pricing, marketing and presenting to others, Miles said.

"It teaches you some good life skills that



Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Welding program students pose with their rocket stove projects in their classroom. From left, welding instructor Mason Fisher with welding seniors Josh White of Central Valley Central School District; Matthew Clark of Central Valley Central School District; Justin Tero of Herkimer Central School District; Sierra Miles of Little Falls City School District; Chad Tucker of Mount Markham Central School District; Peyton Lynch of West Canada Valley Central School District and Jadyn Lowe of Poland Central School District.

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Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Welding program seniors built rocket stoves and participated in a Herkimer BOCES welding trade show at the William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer. The winners of the competition are pictured (L-R): first-place winner Sierra Miles of Little Falls City School District, second-place winner Christian Stollach of Mount Markham Central School District and third-place winner Joseph Reed of West Canada Valley Central School District.

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you're going to need to know," she said. "You're definitely going to use these skills. BOCES definitely teaches you public speaking."

A Culminating Event

Rocket stoves are made out of metal with mesh at the bottom and can be filled with flammable items such as sticks, cardboard, sawdust and pellets. Air flows in from the side and helps create a flame that goes out of the top. They can be used in various ways such as for staying warm or cooking, and they're fuel efficient, Fisher said. When testing the rocket stoves, the class had 10 of them going for a few hours with just a small bundle of sticks.

"They had a great time setting these off," he said. "If you do it right, you get a really hot flame off of these."

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Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES Welding program senior Sierra Miles of Little Falls City School District poses with her rocket stove at the William E. Busacker Complex in Herkimer. Miles won first place in the Herkimer BOCES welding trade show.

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Fisher started a version of the rocket stove project two years ago, but wasn't able to continue it last year because schools moved to virtual learning due to COVID-19. This year, he brought the project back starting in early May and expanded it by collaborating with Career and Technical Education academic teachers.

CTE English teacher Sarah Crowe helped students with their marketing and presentation preparation, and CTE mathematics teacher Dennis Hooks taught students how to set a price for

their projects.

From a welding standpoint, students used blueprints, had to design and draw to scale and worked on proper heat transfer during the welding process – including incorporating dissimilar metals, Fisher said. Students also were able to use a computer numerical control (CNC) plasma table from the Advanced Manufacturing program to cut custom parts or logos for their rocket stoves, he said.

"It's a fun project, but it combines a lot of different things," Fisher said. "It's kind of a culminating event."

Setting the right price for the products involves factoring in the cost of

materials and the value of your skills and time, the teachers said.

"A lot of students want to become their own welder-operators," Fisher said. "Hopefully, this can help with that financial part. You have to get paid for your product."

Crowe talked to the students about marketing, coming up with slogans and how to explain to potential customers why their product is worth buying.

"Part of marketing the product is explaining to your customer what they can do with it," Crowe said.

A Lot of Experience

The judges for the recent welding trade show were School to Careers liaison and work-based learning coordinator MaryBeth Napolitano, STC school counselor Rebecca Roberts, outdoor power equipment instructor Jesse Marosek, conservation instructor William Carpenter, CTE science teacher Holly White and CTE special education teacher Kelly Cave. At the end of the event, the judges gave the students feedback on their products.

"The students did an excellent job with their sales pitch," Crowe said.

"All of the judges commented on how great the students were with their public-speaking skills."

Welding student Josh White of Central Valley Central School District named his product "White Heating Core" and had a slogan of "We'll weld your next product because nobody wants to send it."

"The project was very valuable," he said. "It gives you a lot of experience for the real world."

Welding student Jadyn Lowe of Poland Central School District named her product, which included a custom-designed skull logo, "Cranial Bone Rocket Stove." Her slogan was "You ask, we heat."

"I liked the project overall," she said. "It was very interesting. It was a nice learning experience."

When setting the price, you not only have to consider your time and the obvious materials, but also less obvious parts such as the cost of paint and electricity, Lowe said.

"It's very helpful because if you're going to open your own business, then you're going to have to figure it out at some point," she said.

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Home Country

by Slim Randles



There's something about the freedom of a motorcycle ride ... the wind blowing through your hair, passing mere cars at light speed, mosquitoes splattered against your grin. I guess that was why.

But why would ol' Dingle let Dewey Decker take his motorcycle out for a spin?

"Hey, I was right there," Dingle said later. "I told him not to go past the neighbor's mailbox, and I'd shown him how to run the thing. It's not like he wasn't supervised."

But Dewey?

The problem is, Dewey has ... occurrences. A Dewey Occurrence (and the capital letters are on purpose here) normally consists of something so out of the ordinary happening to him that it would be virtually impossible to happen to someone else. Like the time he got his father's pickup truck stuck in the mud. During a drought. In the only mud puddle in the county. If Dewey drove

a car in the Indianapolis 500, it would be hit ... by a meteor. If Dewey took the podium to conduct the high school band on the football field at half time, the podium would disappear into quicksand. If Dewey had been a soldier in World War II, we'd all be speaking German.

So allowing Dewey to ride a motorcycle ... even as far as the neighbor's mailbox ... comes perilously close to being a crime against humanity.

You don't really think of accidents happening at less than five miles an hour. Not usually. But I understand Dingle's motorcycle can be fixed, Dewey only has to wear the cast for six weeks, and the neighbor was tired of that mailbox, anyway. The nurse down at the emergency room said she calls them "donorcycles."

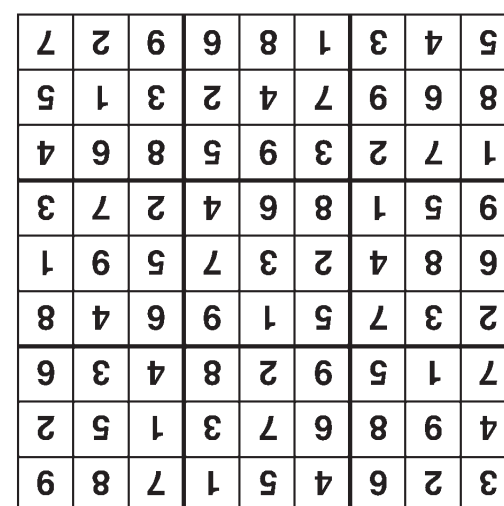
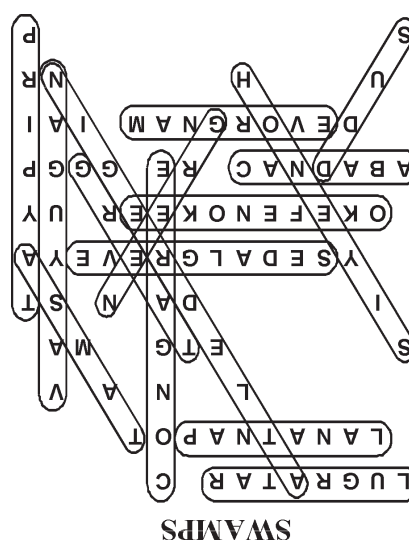
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by Linda Thistle

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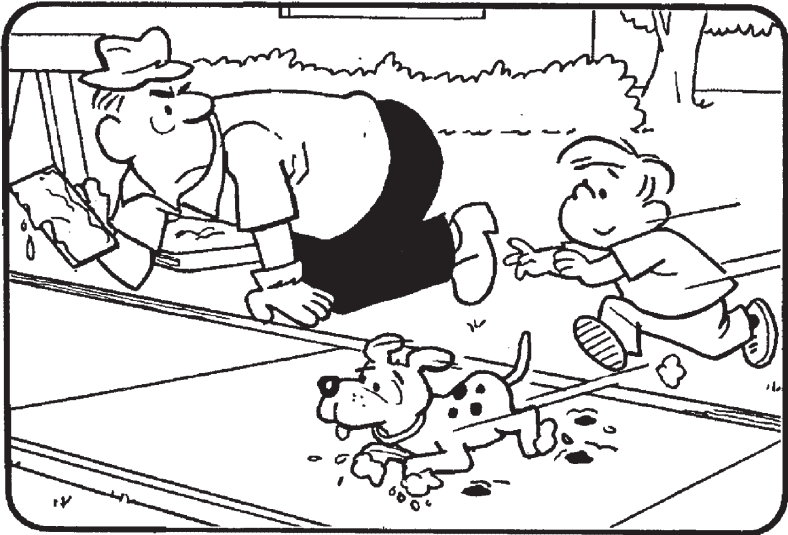
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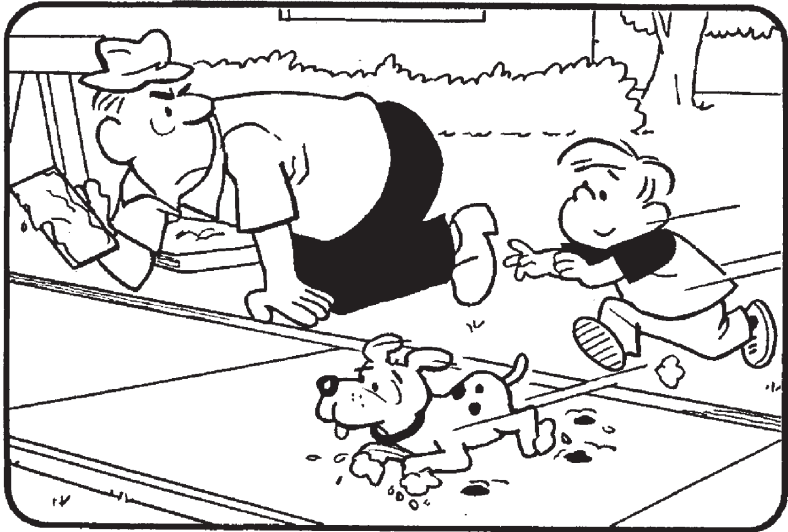
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Kefir is a nutrient-dense dairy product

Dairy offers a bevy of nutritional benefits that have been well documented throughout the years. Dairy is a great source of calcium, which bodies need to develop and maintain strong bones and teeth. Milk, cheese and yogurt are popular sources of dairy, but kefir is another dairy product you may want to explore.

Kefir is a cultured milk beverage that is formed by fermenting milk with a starter culture of key bacteria and yeasts. While North Americans may not be entirely familiar with kefir, it has been popular in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and parts of the Mediterranean for centuries. Kefir is formed by mixing a culture of yeasts and bacteria, called kefir grains, with milk. The kefir grains, which form a substance that looks something like cauliflower, will ferment the milk. As the milk ferments, it froths and thickens. The beverage will take on a sour flavor and sometimes it can be left to ferment longer and turn into an alcoholic beverage. Often kefir is mixed with other ingredients to make it sweeter and more palatable.

Kefir was traditionally made with camel, sheep, goat, or cow milk. Kefir grains would be added to the milk stored inside a skin bag that would be hung by a doorway. The bag would be shaken by anyone coming through the doorway to constantly mix the milk and kefir grains together. It could take up to 18 hours for the kefir beverage to fully mature at room temperature.

Although both kefir and yogurt are cultured milk products, they do have some differences. Kefir contains several major strains of body-friendly bacteria that are not commonly found in

yogurt. These include *Lactobacillus* Caucasus, *Leuconostoc*, *Acetobacter*, and *Streptococcus*. Some research indicates that kefir can actually colonize the intestinal tract, creating beneficial probiotics that are efficient at resisting intestinal parasites and pathogens, such as *E. coli*. Kefir also contains highly beneficial yeasts. Some have touted kefir as being one of the most potent probiotic foods available.

According to a 2011 article in the *Journal of Dairy Science*, the healthy bacteria in kefir can improve digestive issues and also may help in treating colitis by regulating the inflammatory response of cells in the intestines. Furthermore, components in kefir may play other roles in allergic response and inflammation as they relate to immune system disorders.

Many stores now stock kefir in their dairy departments alongside milk, cheese and yogurt. Those who cannot find kefir can make their own quite easily. Kefir grains can be purchased online and then mixed with dairy products of one's choosing. Kefir also can be made from "alternative" milk sources for those who have lactose intolerance. Soy, almond and coconut milks also can be used to provide many of the probiotic benefits found in dairy kefir.

Kefir can be added to smoothies, cereals or consumed as-is. It also can be made into kefir cheese. Many people find it easy to substitute kefir for yogurt, sour cream and even buttermilk in some recipes.

A good source of vitamins, minerals, probiotics, and other compounds that can improve intestinal and overall health, kefir may be a dairy product worth considering.

Dairy Month celebrated by fourth-generation farmer



Natalie Fredericks

"My name is Natalie Fredericks, and I am the fourth generation of my family to be a part of the ever-changing dairy industry right here in Herkimer County. From my late great-grandfather Ed, my grandfather Allen, my father Chris and now myself, I am proud to say we share a love for the dairy industry, agriculture and all that it has to offer."

Fredericks is a senior at Little Falls High School and is attending BOCES for the cosmetology program. She is active in 4-H, OHM Junior Holstein Club and New York Junior Holstein Association, holding the position of the Education Chair. She has been recognized as a finalist for the National Holstein Association USA as a Distinguished Junior Member.

On her family farm, Insight Dairy LLC, she can be found feeding calves, taking care of the fresh cows and operating various farm equipment. She enjoys showing her registered Holsteins during the summer.

She loves being able to promote the dairy industry and knows she is fortunate to be able to grow up on a farm.

If you have an event that you would like to have the Herkimer County Dairy Princess and her Court attend, contact Jessica Hula-Fredericks at 315.868.5690.



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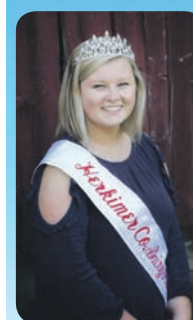
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PCS retirees soon to see transportation memories in rearview mirror

Two Poland Central School District bus drivers who have been with the district for about 20 years each are retiring this school year and are leaving with many fond memories of transporting students to and from school.

Bus driver Karen Smith's last day was on May 27, and bus driver Michael Miller's last day is June 30.

"We are so fortunate to have drivers that are dedicated to students and safe transportation," Poland Superintendent Laura Dutton said. "Collectively, we wish Mrs. Smith and Mr. Miller retirements that bring many happy and fulfilling experiences."

Both Smith and Miller started their bus-driving careers in Poland in 2001. They are now retiring in 2021.

Smith began with a bus run for pre-K stu-

dents and then moved to various bus runs for special needs students.

"It was a great experience – getting to know the kids and getting comfortable with them," Smith said.

When Smith started, she figured it would be a job she would stick with for a long time. "I just wish I would have started sooner," she said.

On her last day of work, Smith received a plaque from the Poland Board of Education thanking her for her service.

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Poland Central School District bus driver Karen Smith holds a plaque she received from the Poland Board of Education for her years of service on her last day of work on May 27. She is retiring after about 20 years as a bus driver for the district.



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"That was very nice," she said. "That was unexpected. I was very happy with that."

Both retiring bus drivers were also recently honored with a retirement celebration in the bus garage put on by their union.

Shortly after her last day, Smith said she expects to enjoy her retirement. "It's only been a few days," she said. "I think it will be good."

Her plans include taking day trips and going fishing. "I want to learn to fish," she said. "My daughter said no, but I love trout, and there's nobody to get it, so I said 'Well, I'm going to have to go fishing.'"

Smith also is looking forward to enjoying more time with her great grandson, who is about 15 months old. "He keeps me busy when I watch him," she said.

Miller's first day as a bus driver was on Sept. 11, 2001, and he was picking up students in the morning when the World Trade Center terrorist attacks started in New York City.

"That was the first time I drove a bus," he said. "We didn't know about it until we got back to the bus garage."

Miller still remembers the shock of everything going on that day, and of course, he still brought students home from school at the end of the day.

He was a part-time driver and became full-time in January 2002. He had retired from Remington Arms after 28 years, and he and wife were working nights, but he wanted to be able to spend evenings with his daughter, so he became a bus driver.

"It's a good job for anybody who wants to be able to spend time with their family and doesn't mind driving around a busload of kids," he said. "I'm going to miss my other drivers and friends and all the kids, but it's time."



Poland Central School District bus driver Michael Miller poses next to a school bus on June 4. Miller's last day of work before retirement is June 30, after about 20 years as a bus driver for the district. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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Miller said he enjoys the responsibility of transporting students and seeing them grow up. Some of them have been coming up to him and talking to him about

his upcoming retirement.

"I have a lot of good memories because of the kids," he said. "I've had the same route for about 15 years. I've seen the kids go from Pre-K to graduation, and now some of their kids are riding the bus. That's time to retire."

Miller said recognition for his years of service isn't what he most cares about.

"I'm just kind of one who does my job," he said. "I think the kids are more important than any kind of accolade because that's what you do the job for."

Bus drivers have an important role for helping students get to and from school that not everybody might think about, Miller said.

"Even on the worst days, we always bring them home," he said. "That's one thing about the job – if you take them to school, no matter what the weather is, you have to take them home."

Miller said his retirement would include some traveling and spending time with his five-year-old grandson he watches every afternoon and his two-year-old grandson.

"Just enjoying myself and not having to get up early in the morning to drive the bus – especially in the winter," he said. "I'm looking forward to it."

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Golf tournament to raise money for local scholarships

The 18th annual Herkimer Region College & Career Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament will raise money to provide scholarships to students attending college following a vocational education in high school.

This year's golf tournament will also help support a new Career Award the Scholarship Foundation is offering for students who gain employment in a career and technical education field prior to or soon after graduation and incur expenses as a result of that employment. Students can apply for this award, which allows the reimbursement of up to \$750 for trade-specific expenses such as employment clothing, personal protective equipment, tools, supplies, certifications, credentials and/or licenses.

The golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 9 at the Cedar Lake Club in Clayville. Registration is at 9 a.m., and there will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Interested sponsors and teams for this fundraiser, which will benefit students in the Herkimer BOCES region, are asked to contact Herkimer BOCES District Clerk Shawn Maxson at 315.867.2023 or smaxson@herkimer-boces.org.

To date, the Herkimer Region College & Career Scholarship Foundation has provided more than 340 scholarships totaling over \$194,000.

The Herkimer Region College & Career Scholarship Foundation is a nonprofit community scholarship foundation. A group of local citizens from many professions works voluntarily to generate scholarship funds for graduates of technical programs in the region.

These technical programs may be those in place at Herkimer BOCES or the technical programs of the 10 component school districts: Central Valley, Dolgeville, Frankfort-Schuyler, Herkimer, Little Falls, Mount Markham, Owen D. Young, Poland, Richfield Springs and West Canada Valley.

The 18th annual Herkimer Region College and Career Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament takes place on Aug. 9 at the Cedar Lake Club in Clayville. At the 17th annual tournament in 2019 the Team Dangle won the Men's Division and the Overall championship. There was no tournament in 2020 due to COVID-19. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES



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Every dog and cat needs two rabies vaccinations one year apart, then one every three years. Ferrets must be

vaccinated every year.

Bring the pet's rabies vaccination history to receive a three-year certificate.

Dogs should be on a leash. Cats and ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase.

No vet exams will be given.

A \$5 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.

Visit tinyurl.com/479hnd33 to view a complete listing of the county's rabies clinics.

All clinics are by appointment and pre-registration only.

Note: Pre-registration will end at noon the day before for this clinic. To schedule an appointment and pre-register your animals, call 315.867.1176.

Herkimer High boys track team Section III Class C1 co-champs



(L-R) Coach Clarke, Peter Mosny, Ethan Austin, Aidan Ploss, Brian Reile, Jesse Richard, Melia Couchman, Gaven Miller and Coach Richard.

Photo courtesy of Herkimer High School

The Herkimer High School track team recently ended their season and they had much to celebrate. The boys team were co-champions at the Section III Class C1 Championships in South Lewis. This is the first time in over 30 years that the HHS track team has won this title.

Coaches Jason Richard, Scott Clarke and Darryl Krutz couldn't be happier for the success of their team. "This is a great group of athletes who worked hard this season. They outperformed and their determination paid off," said Richard.

Senior Gaven Miller placed first in the long

jump, triple jump and 4x400 while also placing second in the 200m. Senior Jesse Richard placed first in the 400m hurdles and 4x400 and placed second in the 110 hurdles. Senior Aidan Ploss placed first in the shot put and second in the discus. Senior Ethan Austin placed first in the discus and fourth place in shot put.

Other first place finishers include junior Brian Reile in the 110 hurdles and freshman Peter Mosny in the 4x400. For the girls team, sophomore Melia Couchman placed first in the pole vault. For a complete list of results, visit leonetiming.com.



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Herkimer County HealthNet receives grant for transportation

Herkimer County HealthNet has received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield in their effort to increase access to healthcare through providing transportation resources in the northern and southern sectors of Herkimer County. In recent years, Herkimer County HealthNet has identified access

to healthcare as a barrier to better health.

"Through various needs assessments that we've conducted over the last 10 years, the need for transportation to medical appointments and specialized care has grown and continues to grow," said Elyse Enea, executive director of Herkimer County HealthNet. "We have a relationship with

transportation providers such as Community Transportation Services in Old Forge and the Catholic Charities RIDE Program in the Mohawk Valley."

Through a competitive application process, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield's Community Health Awards help fund programs that improve the health or healthcare of a

specific population, programs that aim to improve the health status of the community, close the gaps in health disparities, reduce the incidence of specific diseases, promote health education and assist our communities in

dealing with COVID.

"The company's Community Health Awards demonstrate a corporate commitment to support local organizations that share our mission as a nonprofit health plan," said Eve Van de Wal,

Utica regional president of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. "These awards complement our existing grants and sponsorships with agencies that work to enhance quality of life, including health status, in upstate New York."



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Herkimer County HealthNet received a \$5,000 grant from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield in their effort to increase access to healthcare through providing transportation resources. Pictured are Elyse Enea (L) of HealthNet and Eve Van de Wal of Excellus BCBS at the presentation of the grant check.

Photo courtesy of Herkimer County HealthNet



Bible trivia

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Habakkuk in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From 2 Samuel, who asked, "How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished?"? Saul, Simeon, David, Peter
 3. Who said, "I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are ye all?" Samson, Goliath, Devil, Job
 4. From the Beatitudes, who shall be called the sons of God? Hungry, Peacemakers, Merciful, Lonely
 5. What Jewish lady became queen of Persia? Abigail, Sarah, Esther, Ruth
 6. Who's biblical name means "God is judge"? Titus, Festus, David, Daniel
- Answers: 1) Old; 2) David; 3) Job; 4) Peacemakers; 5) Esther; 6) Daniel
- "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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